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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 30, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. TIMOTHY A. MCELWEE

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY PETITIONS EXPRESSING SUPPORT
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1991

Dear Mr. McElwee:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your letter of July 19, outlining the Church of Brethren's concerns about the humanitarian situation in Iraq. I regret the delay in responding; unfortunately your letter was misdirected in the White House. The Administration has taken note of the strong support expressed by your members for Congressman Penny's House Concurrent Resolution 168.

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Again, thank you for your letter presenting the Church of the Brethren's views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Battaglia
Special Assistant
Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Timothy A. McElwee
Director
Church of the Brethren, Washington D.C. Office
110 Maryland Avenue, N.W.
P.O. Box 50
Washington, D.C. 20002
FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Mr. Timothy A. McElwee

Date: July 29, 1991

Subject: Church groups call for removal of economic sanctions against Iraq

WH Referral Dated: 
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The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

X A draft reply is attached.

A draft reply will be forwarded.

A translation is attached.

An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.

The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.

Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

Director
Secretariat Staff
MEMORANDUM FOR SHIRLEY GREEN

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

SUBJECT: Reply to Timothy McElwee, Director, Church of the Brethren Washington Office

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

THROUGH:  RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM:  BRUCE RIEDEL

SUBJECT:  Reply to Timothy McElwee, Director, Church of the Brethren Washington Office

Attached at Tab I is a memo to Shirley Green forwarding a proposed response (Tab A) to Timothy McElwee, Director, Church of the Brethren Washington Office, expressing his concern about the humanitarian situation in Iraq.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

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**Comments**

**Dispatch Instructions:**
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Thank you again for your thoughts and insights regarding this problem.

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Director
Church of the Brethren Washington Office
110 Maryland Avenue, N.W.
Box 50
Washington, D.C.

Enclosures
U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 706 AND 712

Fact Sheet

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KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

Sale of Iraqi Oil

- Iraq will be permitted to export petroleum and petroleum products up to a value of $1.6 billion over a six-month period beginning September 19, 1991.

- Oil will be marketed and sold by the Iraqi state oil company, SOMO, under the control of the U.N. Sanctions Committee. Each contract will be reviewed by U.N. inspection agents, and approved by the Sanctions Committee under a 24-hour "no objection" procedure.

- The full amount of each purchase price will be deposited by the purchaser into an escrow account set up and administered by the United Nations.

- All oil will be exported via the Kirkuk-Yumurtalik pipeline which runs through Turkey. U.N. inspectors, reporting regularly to the Sanctions Committee, will be posted at points of Iraqi access to the pipeline, at the loading terminal in Turkey, and at the Iraq-Turkey border to monitor the flow of oil and to ensure compliance with the resolution.
Iraq will compensate Turkey for use of the pipeline at a negotiated price. Iraq will be permitted to export an additional quantity of oil to pay Turkey in kind for this service.

Disbursements from the U.N. Escrow Account

Disbursements will be made from the escrow account for the following purposes (Secretary-General's cost estimates in parentheses):

--30 pct deduction as a contribution to the Compensation Fund, towards settlement of claims arising from Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait ($480 million);

--deductions to help pay for the activities of the Special Commission and IAEA, boundary demarkation, and the return of Kuwaiti property ($96 million);

--U.N. administrative costs in implementing the resolution ($25.3 million);

--assistance to be provided by the U.N. directly to vulnerable groups in Iraq outside the reach of the official government distribution system ($65 million);

--purchase and transportation of food, medical supplies, and other essential civilian needs for the Iraqi people to be distributed through normal Iraqi channels ($933.7 million).

The amount of $1.6 billion in the escrow account will be released by successive decisions of the U.N. Sanctions Committee in three equal tranches. Release of the first tranche was authorized on September 19, 1991, subject to controls over actual disbursements as described below.

Purchase and Deliveries of Humanitarian Goods

The Government of Iraq will prepare a list of its specific needs in the way of foodstuffs, medical supplies, and other essential civilian goods. This list will be reviewed by the Executive Delegate of the Secretary-General, revised as necessary, and submitted to the U.N. Sanctions Committee for approval under a "no objection" procedure.
After the list has been approved, the Iraqi Government (under U.N. supervision) will arrange for the purchase and delivery of humanitarian goods. In accordance with Resolution 687, goods other than food and medical supplies must be approved individually by the Sanctions Committee, under the "no objection" procedure, upon the request of the exporting country's government.

The Secretary-General will approve disbursements from the escrow account for approved purchases to the extent that funds are available in the current authorized tranche.

U.N. inspection agents will be stationed at the relevant ports of unloading and at the border entry points into Iraq. U.N. personnel will monitor the arrival of the supplies at border entry points, and their transportation to designated distribution centers.

U.N. personnel in Iraq, assisted to the extent possible by non-governmental organizations (NGOs), will continue to monitor the movement and impact of these supplies as they are distributed, through normal Iraqi channels, to all segments of the Iraqi population.

September 20, 1991
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FROM: SITTMANN

KEYWORDS: IRAQ ECONOMICS MP UN SANCTIONS

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July 29, 1991

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

During the week of July 2-7, 1991, the Church of the Brethren held
its Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon. During that week,
members of our church had the opportunity to consider endorsing
Congressman Timothy J. Penny’s House Concurrent Resolution 168, a
copy of which is enclosed for your reference. H.C.R. 168 proposes
to release some frozen Iraqi assets to appropriate United Nation
crises afflicting the civilian population of Iraq.

As you can see from the enclosed photocopy of the petition, nearly
three hundred members of our Church made the effort to read through
H.C.R. 168 and sign their names and addresses as a statement of
their support.

I am certain that you are well aware of the deteriorating medical
and sanitary conditions in Iraq. We have appreciated your
conviction and public statements indicating that the United States
has no quarrel with the people of Iraq. As I am sure you are
aware, both from reports from various officials of the United Nations,
as well as medical delegations from this and other
countries, the need for humanitarian assistance for the people of
Iraq is indeed quite urgent. Estimates are that by the end of
summer, over 170,000 Iraqi children will have died from the
worsening malnutrition and medical epidemics in Iraq.

As indicated by the petition, many members of the Church of the
Brethren believe that Congressman Penny’s legislation offers a
positive response to this tragic situation and provides an
effective means of response through the use of appropriate UN
agencies.
The President
July 29, 1991

We will continue to follow H.C.R. 168 in hopes that it receives a favorable review from the House Foreign Affairs Committee and finds its way to your desk. If so, we would greatly appreciate your serious consideration of Congressman Penny's legislation when it comes before you. At that time, we would also appreciate your remembering the endorsement of many members of the Church of the Brethren regarding this important piece of legislation.

With best wishes for your service to our country and the peoples of the world community, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Timothy A. McElwee
Director

Enc: H.C.R. 168 and Church of the Brethren Petition regarding H.C.R. 168

TAM:1c
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a portion of Iraq’s frozen assets be released to UNICEF for the sole purpose of providing medical and humanitarian assistance to Iraqi citizens.

Whereas medical teams from the United States have reported conditions in Iraq to be a “public health catastrophe”;

Whereas widespread and severe malnutrition currently exist in Iraq due to an acute food shortage that, if not relieved, could become a famine;

Whereas infant and child mortality are expected to double, and if conditions remain unchanged, at least another 170,000 Iraqi children under age five will die this year in addition to the 55,000 who have already died;
Whereas cholera, dysentery, typhoid and gastroenteritis are at epidemic proportions and incidence of all forms of water-borne diseases will increase during the summer months;

Whereas the Iraqi health care system is operating at a fraction of its former capacity;

Whereas basic infrastructure necessary to meet public health needs—water purification, sewage treatment and electrical power—has been substantially reduced; and

Whereas the condition of the children of Iraq are an international humanitarian concern that must be addressed immediately: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the United States should ask the United Nations to release through UNICEF a portion of Iraq's frozen assets for the sole purpose of providing medical and humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people, particularly children, with release of the funds contingent on Iraqi government acceptance of United Nations' oversight and control.
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The Honorable Timothy J. Penny
436 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Penny:

We, the undersigned members of the Church of the Brethren, meeting in Portland, Oregon for our Annual Conference July 2-7, 1991, endorse your effort, through House Resolution 168, to respond positively to the worsening health and sanitation conditions in Iraq.

As testified by numerous recent visits by international medical personnel to Iraq, among the devastating effects of continued economic sanctions on the civilian population of Iraq, estimate are that over 170,000 Iraqi children will die of gastrointestinal disease by this summer's end.

We support your effort to release a portion of Iraq's frozen financial assets to UNICEF for the sole purpose of providing medical and humanitarian assistance to Iraqi citizens.

We look forward to working with you, as well as our own representatives in Congress, to meet the immediate crisis for Iraq's children and to working toward long-range resolutions of these concerns.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUGGESTED DRAFT REPLY

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Enclosure

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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
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Sale of Iraqi Oil

- Iraq will be permitted to export petroleum and petroleum products up to a value of $1.6 billion over a six-month period beginning September 19, 1991.

- Oil will be marketed and sold by the Iraqi state oil company, SOMO, under the control of the U.N. Sanctions Committee. Each contract will be reviewed by U.N. inspection agents, and approved by the Sanctions Committee under a 24-hour "no objection" procedure.

- The full amount of each purchase price will be deposited by the purchaser into an escrow account set up and administered by the United Nations.

- All oil will be exported via the Kirkuk-Yumurtalik pipeline which runs through Turkey. U.N. inspectors, reporting regularly to the Sanctions Committee, will be posted at points of Iraqi access to the pipeline, at the loading terminal in Turkey, and at the Iraq-Turkey border to monitor the flow of oil and to ensure compliance with the resolution.
Iraq will compensate Turkey for use of the pipeline at a negotiated price. Iraq will be permitted to export an additional quantity of oil to pay Turkey in kind for this service.

Disbursements from the U.N. Escrow Account

Disbursements will be made from the escrow account for the following purposes (Secretary-General's cost estimates in parentheses):

--30 pct deduction as a contribution to the Compensation Fund, towards settlement of claims arising from Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait ($480 million);

--deductions to help pay for the activities of the Special Commission and IAEA, boundary demarkation, and the return of Kuwaiti property ($96 million);

--U.N. administrative costs in implementing the resolution ($25.3 million);

--assistance to be provided by the U.N. directly to vulnerable groups in Iraq outside the reach of the official government distribution system ($65 million);

--purchase and transportation of food, medical supplies, and other essential civilian needs for the Iraqi people to be distributed through normal Iraqi channels ($933.7 million).

The amount of $1.6 billion in the escrow account will be released by successive decisions of the U.N. Sanctions Committee in three equal tranches. Release of the first tranche was authorized on September 19, 1991, subject to controls over actual disbursements as described below.

Purchase and Deliveries of Humanitarian Goods

The Government of Iraq will prepare a list of its specific needs in the way of foodstuffs, medical supplies, and other essential civilian goods. This list will be reviewed by the Executive Delegate of the Secretary-General, revised as necessary, and submitted to the U.N. Sanctions Committee for approval under a "no objection" procedure.
After the list has been approved, the Iraqi Government (under U.N. supervision) will arrange for the purchase and delivery of humanitarian goods. In accordance with Resolution 687, goods other than food and medical supplies must be approved individually by the Sanctions Committee, under the "no objection" procedure, upon the request of the exporting country's government.

The Secretary-General will approve disbursements from the escrow account for approved purchases to the extent that funds are available in the current authorized tranche.

U.N. inspection agents will be stationed at the relevant ports of unloading and at the border entry points into Iraq. U.N. personnel will monitor the arrival of the supplies at border entry points, and their transportation to designated distribution centers.

U.N. personnel in Iraq, assisted to the extent possible by non-governmental organizations (NGOs), will continue to monitor the movement and impact of these supplies as they are distributed, through normal Iraqi channels, to all segments of the Iraqi population.

September 20, 1991
July 29, 1991

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

During the week of July 2-7, 1991, the Church of the Brethren held its Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon. During that week, members of our church had the opportunity to consider endorsing Congressman Timothy J. Penny’s House Concurrent Resolution 168, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference. H.C.R. 168 proposes to release some frozen Iraqi assets to appropriate United Nation agencies for the purpose of responding to the worsening medical crises afflicting the civilian population of Iraq.

As you can see from the enclosed photocopy of the petition, nearly three hundred members of our Church made the effort to read through H.C.R. 168 and sign their names and addresses as a statement of their support.

I am certain that you are well aware of the deteriorating medical and sanitary conditions in Iraq. We have appreciated your conviction and public statements indicating that the United States has no quarrel with the people of Iraq. As I am sure you are aware, both from reports from various officials of the United Nations, as well as medical delegations from this and other countries, the need for humanitarian assistance for the people of Iraq is indeed quite urgent. Estimates are that by the end of the summer, over 170,000 Iraqi children will have died from the worsening malnutrition and medical epidemics in Iraq.

As indicated by the petition, many members of the Church of the Brethren believe that Congressman Penny’s legislation offers a positive response to this tragic situation and provides an effective means of response through the use of appropriate UN agencies.
We will continue to follow H.C.R. 168 in hopes that it receives a favorable review from the House Foreign Affairs Committee and finds its way to your desk. If so, we would greatly appreciate your serious consideration of Congressman Penny's legislation when it comes before you. At that time, we would also appreciate your remembering the endorsement of many members of the Church of the Brethren regarding this important piece of legislation.

With best wishes for your service to our country and the peoples of the world community, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Timothy A. McElwee
Director

Enc: H.C.R. 168 and Church of the Brethren Petition regarding H.C.R. 168
Expressing the sense of the Congress that a portion of Iraq’s frozen assets be released to UNICEF for the sole purpose of providing medical and humanitarian assistance to Iraqi citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JUNE 18, 1991

Mr. PENNY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
Expressing the sense of the Congress that a portion of Iraq’s frozen assets be released to UNICEF for the sole purpose of providing medical and humanitarian assistance to Iraqi citizens.

Whereas medical teams from the United States have reported conditions in Iraq to be a “public health catastrophe”;

Whereas widespread and severe malnutrition currently exist in Iraq due to an acute food shortage that, if not relieved, could become a famine;

Whereas infant and child mortality are expected to double, and if conditions remain unchanged, at least another 170,000 Iraqi children under age five will die this year in addition to the 55,000 who have already died;
Whereas cholera, dysentery, typhoid and gastroenteritis are at epidemic proportions and incidence of all forms of water-borne diseases will increase during the summer months;

Whereas the Iraqi health care system is operating at a fraction of its former capacity;

Whereas basic infrastructure necessary to meet public health needs—water purification, sewage treatment and electrical power—has been substantially reduced; and

Whereas the condition of the children of Iraq are an international humanitarian concern that must be addressed immediately: Now, therefore, be it

1. **Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),** That it is the sense of the Congress that the United States should ask the United Nations to release through UNICEF a portion of Iraq’s frozen assets for the sole purpose of providing medical and humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people, particularly children, with release of the funds contingent on Iraqi government acceptance of United Nations’ oversight and control.
Butch Weaver, Dayton, Ohio

Jim Sanders, Chicago, Ill.
Dale Klein, York, Pa.

Cecil H. W. 

Norma Jean

Frank Moon

Beauchey Hawkins

P.H. and Aurelia Tate

Jovina B. Reinem

Charles E. Down

Panta H. Schreiber

Irene M. Wagen

Johanna J. Schreiber

Ludwig T. Sturm

Gallie A. Sturm

Tina E. Sturm

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The Honorable Timothy J. Penny:
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Dear Congressman Penny:

We, the abovesigned members of the Church of the Brethren, meeting in Portland, Oregon for our Annual Conference July 2-7, 1991, endorse your effort, through House Resolution 168, to respond positively to the worsening health and sanitation conditions in Iraq.

As testified by numerous recent visits by international medical personnel to Iraq, among the devastating effects of continued economic sanctions on the civilian population of Iraq, estimate are that over 170,000 Iraqi children will die of gastrointestinal disease by this summer’s end.

We support your effort to release a portion of Iraq’s frozen financial assets to UNICEF for the sole purpose of providing medical and humanitarian assistance to Iraqi citizens.

We look forward to working with you, as well as our own representatives in Congress, to meet the immediate crisis for Iraq’s children and to working toward long-range resolutions of these concerns.