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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 30, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. NORMAN E. BARTH

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL TO ALLOW  
IRAQ TO SELL SOME OF ITS OIL TO BUY NEEDED  
FOOD AND MEDICINE

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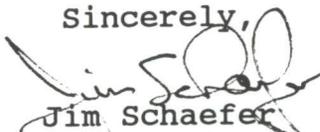
Norman E. Barth  
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Dear Mr. Barth,

On behalf of President Bush, I would like to thank you for your recent letter supporting the president's proposal to allow Iraq to sell some of its oil to buy needed food and medicine. Please be rest assured that your comments have been shared with the appropriate individuals and will be given the greatest review and consideration.

Again, let me thank you on behalf of the President for sharing your thoughts with us on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Jim Schaefer  
Assistant Director  
Office of Public Liaison

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# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

July 24, 1991

President George Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to support your move to consider allowing Iraq to sell some of its oil to buy desperately needed food and medicine.

The goal of the United States during and after the Gulf War has not been to impose suffering upon Iraqi civilians. Unfortunately, such suffering has resulted from the United Nations sanctions on Iraq, as documented in the Ahtisaari report, and more recently the Harvard University medical team. That report stated that at least 170,000 children under five will die from disease and hunger, consequences of war. If the Iraqi government were allowed to provide the means to care for these children, this suffering could be prevented.

Your indication that the United States might consider limited sales of Iraqi oil to ease human suffering is most welcome. I encourage you, Mr. President, to take the steps necessary to achieve that end. This humane decision would go far in easing the suffering of millions of Iraqi civilians.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Norman E. Barth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Norman E. Barth  
Executive Director

