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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 12, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. SARGON DADSHO

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES VIEWS REGARDING THE IRAQI PEOPLE  
(ARABS, KURDS AND ASSYRIANS)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9115922

Date **OCT 11 1991**

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann  
Acting Executive Secretary  
National Security Council Staff  
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush  
From: Dr. Sargon Dadesho, Chairman, Assyrian Nat'l Congress  
Date: August 4, 1991  
Subject: Expresses views regarding the Iraqi people  
(Arabs, Kurds and Assyrians)

WH Referral Dated: September 4, 1991  
NSCS ID# (if any): 261715

       The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.  
       A draft reply will be forwarded.  
       A translation is attached.  
  X   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:

*W. J. Gillespie*  
Director  
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 9, 1991

Dr. Sargon Dadesho  
Chairman  
The Assyrian National Congress  
P.O. Box 3539  
Modesto, CA 95352

Dear Dr. Dadesho,

The White House has asked the Department to respond to your August 4 letter to the President outlining the viewpoint of the Assyrian National Congress, in particular, and Iraqis, in general, on the current scene in Iraq.

The points in your letter are well taken. As we discussed with your group recently, the United States supports Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity, but the Iraqi people deserve a new leadership. One which is responsive to the needs of the Iraqi people and willing to live in peace with its neighbors.

Because of the invasion and occupation of Kuwait and the brutal repression of his own people, Saddam Hussein has much to answer for. He is discredited and cannot be redeemed. The world community will never accept his leadership and must demand nothing less than Saddam's full compliance with all UN-mandated obligations. As the President emphasized from the beginning of the Gulf crisis last fall, we have no quarrel with the Iraqi people, and this remains U.S. policy. We are ready to work with a successor government in Baghdad if the Iraqi people change their government.

In the meantime, the United States' Government and the American people have provided liberal assistance to the Iraqi people, especially the Assyrians and the Kurds in northern Iraq. Through the mechanism of UN Security Council resolutions 706 and 712, we will support UN monitored sales of Iraqi oil and purchases of food and medicine to ensure that the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people are met.

We appreciate hearing the views of the Assyrian National Congress and those of other Assyrian and Iraqi groups.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David E. Reuther". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "R".

David E. Reuther  
Deputy Director  
Office of Northern Gulf Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 4, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:  
DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:  
WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 261715  
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 4, 1991  
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH  
FROM: DR. SARGON DADESHO  
CHAIRMAN  
THE ASSYRIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS  
POST OFFICE BOX 3539  
MODESTO CA 95352

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES VIEWS REGARDING THE IRAQI PEOPLE  
(ARABS, KURDS AND ASSYRIANS)

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SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



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# THE ASSYRIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

"LET US UNITE AND GATHER THE FRAGMENTS THAT NOTHING BE LOST"  
(P.O. BOX 3539 MODESTO, CALIFORNIA 95352 USA)

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

August 4, 1991

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Dear Mr. President:

Please accept my heartfelt salutations and those of the officials and members of the Assyrian National Congress, the Assyrian People's Parliament. We thank your administration, especially the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for a job well done in apprehending an Iraqi agent at the John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York on Tuesday July 30th. This individual, who fled the country in April 1990, is linked, by a federal indictment issued in Sacramento, to an Iraqi government-backed assassination-plot against the Chairman of the Assyrian National Congress. We are certain that the would-be assassin will get a fair trial under the civilized laws of the United States and once again the criminal regime of Saddam Hussein will be exposed for what it is, MURDER, INC.

Dear Mr. President, on behalf of the Assyrian National Congress, I urge you and your administration to consider the following points which are of utmost importance to our people and the Iraqis in general:

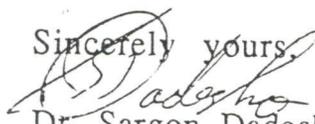
1. To Put an end to the regime of Saddam Hussein as soon as possible, using what ever means available to you in order to give the Iraqi people (Arabs, Kurds and Assyrians) a brighter future.
2. Help create a new coalition government for Iraq based on principles of democracy and respect the human rights of all Iraqis, regardless of their ethnic or religious background.
3. Since the Iraqi people are innocent of Saddam Hussein crimes, the new government must be given a chance to redeem the past and build a new Iraq. Therefore, the ANC request your excellency to consider:
  - a. Help in the re-construction of Iraq.
  - b. Canellation of all the United Nations' resolutions regarding economic blockade, payment of war reparations, and other similar resolutions.

c. The establishment of United Nations' centers throughout Iraq to help provide the Iraqi people food and medical services.

4. Grant the representatives of Iraqi opposition groups, including the Assyrian National Congress, a chance to meet with you in order to discuss with you the post Saddam Hussein era in Iraq.

The Assyrian National Congress is looking forward to cooperate with your administration, and other international agencies, in your efforts to bring total peace and harmony in Iraq, this is a fitting destiny to a land which was the cradle of civilization.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sargon Dadesho  
Chairman, ANC

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