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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 27, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. TALAL JALABI

SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING SADDAM HUSSEIN'S POLICY OF  
DECEPTION TOWARDS THE UNITED NATIONS  
RESOLUTIONS

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COMMENTS: SEE ID 239231 (LAST NAME SPELLED JALABY IN THIS CASE)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

**TRANSMITTAL FORM**

S/S 9117824

Date October 7, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Mr. Talal Jalabi

Date: September 22, 1991

Subject: Views regarding Saddam Hussein's policy of deception  
towards the United Nations Resolutions

WH Referral Dated: October 2, 1991  
NSCS ID# (if any): 274023

       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.

XX 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:

*John H. ...*  
Director  
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 3, 1991

Mr. Talal Jalaby  
Coordinator  
American Iraqis for Democracy  
and Justice  
P.O. Box 614  
Cerritos, CA. 90702

Dear Mr. Jalaby:

The White House has asked the Department to respond to your letter of September 22 suggesting that Saddam Hussein be tried as a war criminal. We fully agree that the Iraqi leadership is accountable for its unlawful actions during the recent armed conflict.

The Department of Defense (through an Army Unit called the War Crimes Documentation Center) has been collecting information since last August on the Iraqi destruction of property, torture and killing to which your letter referred. At the same time this Administration has been consulting with our coalition allies on this issue and we are exchanging information as appropriate.

Ultimately, Iraqi leaders accused of war crimes could be tried in a number of fora. An international tribunal established by the coalition or by the United Nations is one possibility. Certain war crimes also fall within the jurisdiction of domestic courts or military courts-martial.

We do not, however, favor in absentia trials or the convening of an international tribunal before there are persons in custody suitable for trial by such a tribunal. We believe that the rule of law is best advanced through proceedings where the defendant is present and represented by counsel.

We share your concern for the conditions the Iraqi people face today. The President emphasized from the beginning of the Gulf crisis last fall that we had no quarrel with the Iraqi

people, and this remains U.S. policy. Therefore, in consultation with coalition partners and other members of the United Nations Security Council we co-sponsored United Nations resolutions 706 and 712 that authorized the Iraqi government to sell, under international supervision, \$1.6 billion of its oil and purchase food and medicine. These resolutions require equitable distribution of food and humanitarian supplies throughout the country under close international monitoring.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Neumann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ronald E. Neumann  
Director  
Office of Northern Gulf Affairs

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REFERRAL

OCTOBER 2, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 274023

MEDIA: FAX DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. TALAL JALABI  
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SALLY KELLEY  
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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September 22, 1991

Mr. George Bush  
The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington D.C. 20500  
FAX (202) 456-2461

RE : RELATIONS WITH IRAQ

Dear Sir,

We share your frustration about Saddam's policy of deception towards the U.N. resolutions. Saddam's record extends beyond the U.N. The first victims of Saddam's careless policy are the Iraqi people who suffered and continue to suffer under his brutal dictatorship regime. The U.N. is merely just another victim.

The root of the problem is yet to be addressed, that is the totalitarian regime and it's dictator Saddam. The world community needs to charge Saddam Hussein with war crimes and genocide based on his horrendous record of human abuse, torture, summary execution and crimes against the environment. The United States will be right in pursuing this objective. The world community will lend support to this position. Moreover, the majority of Iraqis will be the first to celebrate the removal of Saddam Hussein and his regime.

We would like to take this opportunity to reflect the harsh conditions inside Iraq as we receive detail descriptions from Iraqis who managed to leave their country in recent weeks. The coming days will only make todays appalling conditions worst. Saddam has again proved his lack of concern for the lives of the Iraqi people. And definitely the majority of Iraqis are not expecting any good coming from Saddam.

The Iraqis have done their fair share in search for a better future back in March 1991. It is high time that the world community punish the aggressor not the victim.

Yours truly,

*Mahmud Eshak*

for/ Talal Jalabi JALABY  
Coordinator