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Executive Secretary  
National Security Council Staff  
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Congressman Timothy J. Penny

Date: October 3, 1991

Subject: Dying Iraqi Children

WH Referral Dated: October 18, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 9107647

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
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