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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 29, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE AL GORE

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING ATROCITIES AGAINST THE
KURDISH PEOPLE IN IRAQ

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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*I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC*                               *           OUTGOING   *
*R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY *                               *                       *
*S-FOR-SIGNATURE       *                               *                       *
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TO: GORE JR, ALBERT

FROM: SCOWCROFT

DOC DATE: 18 DEC 91
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: IRAQ
CO

MIDDLE EAST

PERSONS: HUSSEIN, SADDAM

SUBJECT: LTR TO GORE FM SCOWCROFT RE IRAQUI DOCUMENTS HELD BY KURDS

ACTION: SCOWCROFT SGD LTR

DUE DATE: 16 DEC 91

STATUS: C

STAFF OFFICER: HAASS

LOGREF:

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CAO ASSIGNED ACTION REQUIRED

001 HAASS
002 SCOWCROFT
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Z 91121617 FOR SIGNATURE
X 91121817 SCOWCROFT SGD LTR

**National Security Council
The White House**

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TO: PRESIDENT

FROM: GORE JR, ALBERT

DOC DATE: 25 NOV 91
SOURCE REF: 289711

KEYWORDS: IRAQ
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MIDDLE EAST

PERSONS: HUSSEIN, SADDAM

SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM SEN GORE RE EFFORTS BY KURDISH FORCES TO DOCUMENT
ATROCITIES COMMITTED AGAINST THEM BY IRAQI GOVT

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR SCOWCROFT DUE DATE: 16 DEC 91 STATUS: S

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THE WHITE HOUSE


WASHINGTON

December 18, 1991

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Dear Senator Gore:

I am writing in response to your November 5 letter to the President regarding Iraqi documents held by the Kurds. We are deeply interested in this issue, and are willing to assist in transporting the documents out of Iraq. As your letter states, the significance of these documents could be enormous. In particular, they could make a major contribution to efforts by the U.N. to document human rights abuses by the Iraqi regime. The State Department and the Defense Department are working with Kurdish elements to secure all the documents. Your staff may wish to contact State's Iraq desk for progress reports.

Sincerely,



Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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December 2, 1991

Dear Al:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding efforts by Kurdish forces to document the atrocities committed against them by the Iraqi government.

We appreciate being advised of your support for efforts to translate and share these documents with the international community. Please know that I have shared your comments with President Bush. In addition, I have provided copies of your letter to the President's national security and foreign policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your recommendations.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

FDM:JHH:

bcc: w/ copy of inc to NSC - for direct response
bcc: w/ copy of inc to Dept. of State - FYI

AL GORE
TENNESSEE



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 25, 1991

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

Dear Mr. President:

It appears that Kurdish forces are in possession of extensive documentation of atrocities committed against Kurds by Iraqi security forces. Specifically, there are detailed logs itemizing methods of torture and of ultimate disposition of the victims, prepared by the torturers. And there are videotapes, made by the torturers.

Kurdish representatives here have approached the administration at lower levels seeking agreement to help evacuate these documents from Iraq while the opportunity is ripe. They would be turned over to an American university for translation on an urgent basis, collation, and release. I have been told that discussions are underway with Harvard to this effect, and I have written to the President of that university urging him to embrace the project.

Saddam Hussein is attempting to strangle the Kurds by slow degrees, operating just under the threshold that might force a response from us -- calculating, I am certain, on the odds that you may feel politically inhibited by the state of play in Middle East peace talks, or even by domestic considerations. If we cannot destroy his regime, we can destroy his image and nothing would more powerfully assist in that than release of information in massive detail, documenting the systematic and monumental crimes against humanity for which he, and his lieutenants are responsible.

I urge you to satisfy yourself on an urgent basis as to the bonafides of the situation, and to act with dispatch to retrieve these records, so that they may be available to world opinion.

Sincerely,



Al Gore

cc: James Baker, Secretary of State
Richard Cheney, Secretary of Defense
Brent Scowcroft, National Security Advisor

Name	Date
<i>J Gardner</i>	<i>7/10/92</i>