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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: HIS HOLINESS KHANANIA MARDINKHA IV

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO LIFT THE EMBARGO
AGAINST THE CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

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| *F-FURNISH FACT SHEET | *S-SUSPENDED | *COMPLETED = DATE OF | * |
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27 December 1991

The Honorable George Bush
The President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20000

We convey warm and blessed greetings to the Honorable President of the United States George Bush, in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, during this blessed season of the Holy Nativity:

We are the Catholicos Patriarch of The Assyrian Church of the East, whose primary population and communicants reside within the the Republic of Iraq. Our Assyian people, together with other Christian communities are a minority within that republic. We are grieved and terribly distressed at the present embargo established against Iraq. It is affecting our people, the simple Christian believer, together with their respective families. It is indeed affecting the whole of the citizenry of Iraq.

These Iraqi people are being denied their basic, simple, human-rights. The old and young are perishing from hunger. The ill are dying from a lack of proper medicines, and infants are dying for they have no milk to sustain them.

As a civilized people, and as Christians, it is our duty as a people of God to demonstrate kindness, gentleness, helpfulness, and caring to those who are suffering. If we do not so honor our Lord, Jesus said: ". . . in as much as ye did it **not** to the least of these, ye did it **not** to me . . ." (St. Matthew 25:45) We seek to please Him, and encourage The Honorable President Bush to do likewise.

We are appealing in behalf of these suffering people to do the "humane thing," to encourage the whole free world to lift the embargo against the citizenry of the Republic of Iraq. And, that the United States of America, who leads the world in its concern for human-rights, would be the first to lift the embargo.

We plead for the citizens of Iraq to be granted their human-rights so that they can enjoy the gift of life which has been given them by God. We beseech our merciful and worshipful Lord to look with favor upon our appeal, so that the embargo will be lifted without further delay.

We commend the Honorable President George Bush of the United States to a blessed Holy Nativity, and to a good and prosperous New Year, 1992. May love, peace, joy, good-health, and long life by yours, always: Amen

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