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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 30, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO

SUBJECT: FORWARDS LETTER FROM WILLIAM J. RUP REGARDING
U.S. - IRAQI RELATIONS BEFORE IRAQ'S INVASION
OF KUWAIT

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9207526

Date April 28, 1992

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: William J. Rup
Date: 3/20/92
Subj: U.S. - Iraq Relations before Iraq's invasion
of Kuwait

WH Referral Dated: 4/7/92
NSCS ID# (if any): 318425

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.
- 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



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Lagomarsino:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of March 20, 1992, addressed to President Bush on behalf of your constituent, William Rup, regarding allegations the US supported Iraq before the invasion of Kuwait.

The U.S. has not provided aid to Iraq since the Baath Party came to power in 1958. To assist U.S. trade with Iraq, the U.S. Government provided credit guarantees to U.S. exporters for short-term bank financing of American foodstuffs through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and for American manufactured goods through the Export-Import Bank (EXIM). Neither CCC nor EXIM are aid programs. Up to the invasion of Kuwait, Iraq made full and timely payments on its CCC obligations.

With regard to proliferation, we worked with our allies to obstruct Iraq's efforts to develop nonconventional weapons and missile systems capable of delivering them. The U.S. Government did not license technology of significance for Iraq's nonconventional weapons and missile programs for export to Iraq. We encouraged our allies to do likewise. License applications were carefully reviewed by the Department of Commerce and, when necessary, interagency groups for possible applicability to Iraq's attempts to develop nonconventional weapons. As a result, coalition forces did not face US weapons.

In the weeks preceding the August 2 invasion, the United States government made clear, both privately to the Iraqi authorities and publicly, that it rejected Iraq's threats against Kuwait and was committed to defending U.S. vital interests in the Gulf. On July 18, the State Department spokesman stated the following:

We remain determined to ensure the free flow of oil through the Strait of Hormuz and to defend the principle of freedom of navigation. We also remain strongly committed to supporting the individual and collective self-defense of our friends in the Gulf with whom we have deep and longstanding ties.

The Honorable
Robert Lagomarsino,
House of Representatives.

The spokesman reiterated this exact position on July 24, adding: "Iraq and others know that there is no place for coercion and intimidation in a civilized world. All disputes should be handled through peaceful means." Ambassador Glaspie personally conveyed that message to President Saddam Hussein, and it was repeatedly given, in both verbal and written form, to other senior Iraqi officials.

In addition to its public and private statements, the United States scheduled and held joint military exercises with the United Arab Emirates from July 23 to July 28 to demonstrate its capability to work effectively with its friends in the area.

On the basis of U.S. actions and statements, the Iraqis could not have been ignorant of America's commitment to protect its vital interests in the Gulf.

Sincerely,

Janet G. Mullins
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Attachment:

1. Constituent Correspondence returned
2. Iraq Human Rights Report

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

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APRIL 7, 1992

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 318425

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 20, 1992

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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With best wishes,

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