

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 21, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. RASHED AL-AJMI

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENT
OF IRAQ TO COMPLY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS
RESOLUTION REGARDING PRISONERS OF WAR

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9212054
Date July 10, 1992

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

REFERENCE:

To: The President
From: Mr. Rashed Al-Ajmi
Date: April 15, 1992
Subj: Kuwaiti POW's and sanctions against Iraq

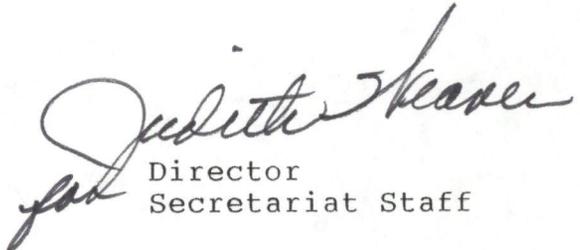
WH Referral Dated: 6/8/92
NSCS ID# (if any): 323179

 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.
 X 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.

REMARKS:


for Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 8, 1992

Mr. Rashed Al-Ajmi
National Union of Kuwaiti Students
3500 International Drive, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Al-Ajmi:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter of April 15 regarding the Kuwaiti prisoners of war being held in Iraq.

I understand that you met recently with officers from the State Department on this issue. As they indicated, the U.S. Government shares your deep concern over the fate of those still missing more than a year after the liberation of Kuwait. Iraq is required under the terms of U.N. Security Council Resolution 687 to cooperate fully with International Committee of the Red Cross in the return of detainees. We have worked closely with the Government of Kuwait and other friendly countries to bring pressure on Iraq to live up to its obligations under UNSCR 687.

In concert with other concerned countries, we have outlined to Iraqi officials the steps that Iraq should take to provide a full accounting of the missing. In this connection, we have strongly supported ICRC efforts to obtain authorization from Iraqi authorities to make a full, complete search of Iraqi detention facilities to look for the missing. We have also urged the Kuwaiti Government to establish case files to help the ICRC in its investigation of the detainees.

The Iraqi record to date, unfortunately, is one of obfuscation and denial. We have made clear to the Government of Iraq that we will accept nothing less than full cooperation on this important humanitarian issue.

I hope that, with the continuing support of our allies, these efforts will soon result in a full accounting and repatriation of the Kuwaiti citizens being detained in Iraq.

Sincerely,

Richard McKee
Director of Arabian
Peninsula Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 323179

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 15, 1992

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. RASHED AL-AJMI
PRESIDENT
NATIONAL UNION OF KUWAITI STUDENTS
3500 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE, N.W.
WASHINGTON DC 20008

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENT
OF IRAQ TO COMPLY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS
RESOLUTION REGARDING PRISONERS OF WAR

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

National Union of Kuwaiti Students

United States Branch



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April 15, 1992

Date

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Mr. George Bush, President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The National Union of Kuwaiti Students wishes to bring to your attention the plight of the Kuwaiti prisoners of war. It has been more than a year since the liberation of Kuwait, yet there are still more than 2,000 Kuwaiti prisoners of war imprisoned by the Iraqi government to delay the repatriation of these prisoners of war, and ask you to intercede in their behalf.

You, Mr. President, took a very just and determined step to liberate Kuwait from the aggression of Iraq. You were supported in this by the people of the United States, who have always fought against oppression and aggression. We urge you, Mr. President, to demonstrate the same spirit you showed in the Persian Gulf War to force Iraq to comply with the United Nations resolution regarding prisoners of war. We, and all citizens of Kuwait, feel that the liberation of our country cannot be complete until every Kuwaiti in Iraqi prison is freed.

Mr. President, you were instrumental in liberating our country. We believe that you can exert the same force to release Kuwaiti prisoners of war from Iraq. We have faith in the power of the United States, and that of the United Nations, to alleviate the emotional distress Kuwaiti families, who have family members imprisoned in Iraq, are undergoing.

The National Union of Kuwaiti Students wishes to thank you for the support you gave to our country during the Persian Gulf War. We also wish to express our thanks for your concern in resolving problems facing the world community. We have high hopes that your dedicated leadership will be successful.

Mr. President, we wish you the best in the presidential election, as we feel that you will do your utmost for Kuwaitis, and all nations striving for a humanitarian resolution to their problems.

Sincerely,

Rashed Al-Ajmi,
President of National Union of Kuwaiti Students