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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. PETER C. MAFFITT

SUBJECT: QUESTIONS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN IRAQ AND
LATIN AMERICA AND POSSIBLE MILITARY
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 21, 1992

Dear Mr. Maffitt,

Thank you for your letter of 26 July, in which you requested answers to questions about Iraq's military connections with Latin America. I have been asked to respond to your letter on behalf of President Bush.

Please let me assure you that the U.S. Government gives the highest priority to preventing the spread of nuclear weapons. We have had success in encouraging Latin American countries not to develop nuclear weapons. Argentina and Brazil have signed bilateral safeguards agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency. Both have also taken steps to join the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which is meant to make Latin America a nuclear free zone. These are positive developments.

You also express concern about a Cuban-Iraqi relationship. UN inspections in Iraq have uncovered an extensive Iraqi effort to acquire high technology, but no evidence that Iraq has tried to purchase military items from Cuba. Nor is there evidence that Iraq has sent nuclear technology to Cuba.

I agree that we must concentrate on preventing Iraq from rebuilding its military, especially weapons of mass destruction. We wholeheartedly support the UN's mission: preventing Iraq from ever again threatening the peace of the Persian Gulf region.

We have asked the international community to refuse to sell Iraq the items it would need to rebuild its arsenal. Cooperation has been impressive. We remain alert to Iraqi attempts to circumvent the UN embargo, and work to prevent Iraq from once again developing weapons of mass destruction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.A.", written over the word "Sincerely".

Steven Aoki
Director, Office of
Nuclear Proliferation
Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs
U.S. Department of State

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9216593

Date August 25, 1992

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

REFERENCE:

To: The President

From: Peter C. Maffitt

Date: July 25, 1992

Subject: ANSWER TO LETTER FROM PETER C. MAFFITT WITH QUESTIONS
ABOUT IRAQ/LATIN AMERICA MILITARY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS.

WH Referral Dated: AUGUST 1, 1992
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 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 (see remarks).

REMARKS:

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WJ Gillespie
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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. PETER C. MAFFITT
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George Bush
The White House
Washington DC

Dear George,

This is not an easy time for you because some military action must be enacted in Iraq.

My focus for thirty years has been Latin America, and there are some points with the Iraq connection which I would love answered. They could only be answered with documents from Iraq. Is there any way to add a Spanish and Portuguese language expert to the document search team in Iraq?

Having just spent few weeks in Brasil and Buenos Aires, I have some concerns.

First, Brasil under the military rule exchanged oil from Iraq for military technology from Brasil. Brasil has an effective SCUD missile, it is working on an ICBM, and a nuclear submarine. The question I have is Brasil working on a nuclear weapon?

Second, Argentina has under construction the world's largest nuclear power plant. It is trying to export nuclear power plants. It has a pathological hatred of the English. Is Argentina working on a nuclear weapon?

Third, Cuba and Iraq have a long-time relation. What is the military aspect of that relationship and what nuclear technology was given to Cuba?

Fourth, the PLO had terrorists camps in Nicaragua under the Sandino government. They also arranged to have the stolen funds deposited in Iraq banks, perhaps several hundred million dollars. Could someone search for Nicaraguan-Iraq documents?

I feel that Iraq will be willing to go to the edge of war to prevent all these documents coming to the light of day. It is one thing to destroy part of the army and facilities, but it is another thing to destroy the financial and technology relations to prevent future rebuilding of military base.

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Yours sincerely,

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