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

REFERENCE:  
To: President Bush  
From: Dr. Ghanim Al-Najjar  
Date: August 13, 1992  
Subj: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO PRESSURE THE BAGHDAD GOVERNMENT TO LIVE UP TO ITS HUMANITARIAN COMMITMENTS UNDER THE SAFWAN AGREEMENT AND THE U.N. CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT  

WH Referral Dated: 9/03/92  
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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.  

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:  

Director  
Secretariat Staff
Dr. Ghanim Al-Najjar  
Kuwaiti Association to Defend War Victims  
P.O. Box 2119  
Fairfax, VA 22031  

Dear Mr. Al-Najjar:

I am responding to your August 13 letter to President Bush, in which you expressed concern regarding Kuwaiti detainees in Iraq, and the failure of the Iraqi Government to abide by the humanitarian provisions of UN Security Council Resolutions.

The continued detention of Kuwaitis in Iraq has caused great suffering for their families and friends, and their return is a matter of the highest priority for the Governments of the United States and of Kuwait. The United States has taken a leading role in the United Nations and through the International Committee of the Red Cross to work for the return of Kuwaiti war prisoners. The UN Security Council continues to identify this issue as one of several in which Iraq is not in compliance with the UN's ceasefire resolution. Until Iraq complies with the terms of this resolution, economic sanctions against Iraq will remain in place.

The U.S. will continue to pressure Iraq to comply with all U.N. Security Council Resolutions. We strongly encourage the work of the Kuwaiti Association to Defend War Victims, and other private groups that are working to ensure that the plight of the detainees is not forgotten. We also look to the Government of Kuwait to take a lead in keeping international attention focussed on the detainee issue.

If I can be of any further assistance to you on this or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gerald Feierstein  
Acting Director, Office of Arabian Peninsular Affairs
THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 3, 1992

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 13, 1992

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: DR. GHANIM AL-NAJJAR
CHAIRMAN
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VICTIMS
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE
The Honorable George H.W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

On behalf of the Kuwaiti Association to Defend War Victims, I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your colleagues for a very successful Republican National Convention. The liberation of Kuwait ranks very high on the list of foreign policy accomplishments during your first term as President, and the Kuwaiti people remain indebted to you for the strong stand that you took against Iraq's oppression and brutality.

As we reflect on the invasion of Iraq two years ago this month, allow me to share with you one of the most unfortunate legacies of the Gulf War. I refer not to the inspection of weapons installations in Baghdad, an important concern, to be sure, but to the ongoing incarceration of hostages in Iraq. By most estimates, more than 700 prisoners of war, representing a variety of nations, are still being held in Iraqi detention centers.

As you prepare a foreign policy platform for your second term, I hope that you will continue to treat human rights-related issues as a high priority. The fate of the hostages in Iraq hangs in the balance, and there is every reason to believe that the Iraqi Government intends to use these war victims as negotiating chips at a later date.

In the same way that the Iraqi Government is being pressured to fulfill its military commitments, so, too, should the Baghdad Government be required to live up to its humanitarian commitments under the Safwan Agreement and the U.N. cease-fire agreement. We elicit your support in that effort.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your ongoing concern over human rights and those whose lives have been ravaged by war. If my office may be of assistance to you on this score, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ghanim Al-Najjar
Chairman, KADWV