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Committee of Repatriated
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Torrance, CA 90505

September 27, 1991

President George Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear president Bush:

I am the Chairman of the Committee of Repatriated Families from Kuwait ("CRFK"). The CRFK represents approximately 3,000 persons who were residing in Kuwait when Iraq invaded on August 2, 1990. The 3,000 persons we represent were airlifted from Kuwait and paroled into the United States by the United States Department of State under the Persian Gulf Evacuation Program authorized by you, Mr. President. The members of this group were airlifted from Kuwait because they have children who are American citizens.

I wish to ask you on behalf of the CRFK to resolve the immigration problem we face. This Problem is adding to the burden and suffering we have been enduring for the past eleven months.

In short, Mr. President, we ask you to issue an Executive Order granting permission to those who were evacuated from Kuwait to stay and work in the United States for a period of four years. We ask that you issue an Executive Order, styled after Executive Order 12711 of April 11, 1990, pursuant to which you granted similar relief to Chinese nationals.

We left Kuwait during the early days of the invasion. We were able neither to liquidate our assets there, nor to take our personal belongings with us in the hope of giving life to our families and a better future for our American children in the United States.

The wage earners in these evacuated families are professional people. They are qualified physicians, engineers, accountants, businessmen, etc., who would like to – and are entirely capable of – earning a living. However, we have been granted only temporary six-month work and residence permits. These permits will expire on December 31, 1991, and therefore, prospective employers are discouraged from hiring us. This in turn makes it difficult for us to support our families. Most importantly, it leaves us gravely concerned that after December 31, 1991, we will have no place to go.

We have appealed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for relief, but none has been forthcoming. The INS ignores the fact that we are brought here as a group under an the Persian Gulf Evacuation Program. It seems to want to consider individual cases only, not relief for all of us, even though we were all brought here for the same reason, and even though none of us can return to Kuwait.

A meeting on this matter was held in Raleigh, North Carolina on August 19, 1991, In attendance were Senator Terry Sanford (D-NC), representatives of the Government of Kuwait, the State Department, and the INS. At this meeting, the representative from the INS indicated that:

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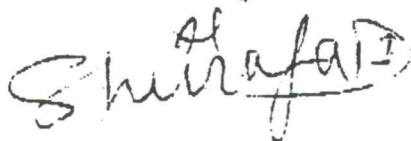
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The short duration of our present residence authorization and the little assistance we received so far from concerned authorities has made it necessary for us to approach you and seek your kind intervention in this humanitarian problem on behalf of our American Children. We are looking with hope for assistance from your office, which authorized our evacuation from Kuwait.

On behalf of the Committee of Repatriated Families from Kuwait, I wish to extend our appreciation for your consideration of our plight. We all look forward to your favorable reply. The CRFX can be reached by phone or fax at (213) 539-6073.

Sincerely,



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

08-Nov-1991 16:21 EDT

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE BELOW

FROM: Wendy E. Gray
(GRAY)

SUBJECT: Request for action - Package 8092

Hi!

Nick's office has requested that the subject package 8092: Protecting Evacuees from Kuwait, be moved to the top of the "to do pile". Justice has called them three times today. It is believed Mr. Barr will be called to task on this as soon as he is confirmed.

Thanks!

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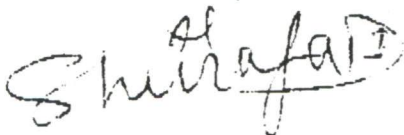
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- P-1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P-2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P-5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
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Committee of Repatriated
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September 27, 1991

President George Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear president Bush:

I am the Chairman of the Committee of Repatriated Families from Kuwait ("CRFK"). The CRFK represents approximately 3,000 persons who were residing in Kuwait when Iraq invaded on August 2, 1990. The 3,000 persons we represent were airlifted from Kuwait and paroled into the United States by the United States Department of State under the Persian Gulf Evacuation Program authorized by you, Mr. President. The members of this group were airlifted from Kuwait because they have children who are American citizens.

I wish to ask you on behalf of the CRFK to resolve the immigration problem we face. This Problem is adding to the burden and suffering we have been enduring for the past eleven months.

In short, Mr. President, we ask you to issue an Executive Order granting permission to those who were evacuated from Kuwait to stay and work in the United States for a period of four years. We ask that you issue an Executive Order, styled after Executive Order 12711 of April 11, 1990, pursuant to which you granted similar relief to Chinese nationals.

We left Kuwait during the early days of the invasion. We were able neither to liquidate our assets there, nor to take our personal belongings with us in the hope of giving life to our families and a better future for our American children in the United States.

The wage earners in these evacuated families are professional people. They are qualified physicians, engineers, accountants, businessmen, etc., who would like to – and are entirely capable of – earning a living. However, we have been granted only temporary six-month work and residence permits. These permits will expire on December 31, 1991, and therefore, prospective employers are discouraged from hiring us. This in turn makes it difficult for us to support our families. Most importantly, it leaves us gravely concerned that after December 31, 1991, we will have no place to go.

We have appealed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for relief, but none has been forthcoming. The INS ignores the fact that we are brought here as a group under the Persian Gulf Evacuation Program. It seems to want to consider individual cases only, not relief for all of us, even though we were all brought here for the same reason, and even though none of us can return to Kuwait.

A meeting on this matter was held in Raleigh, North Carolina on August 19, 1991, in attendance were Senator Terry Sanford (D-NC), representatives of the Government of Kuwait, the State Department, and the INS. At this meeting, the representative from the INS indicated that:

1) The INS has no instructions to extend the residence permits of our repatriated families beyond December 31, 1991, and

2) Unless the INS is instructed to extend the permits, all of members of these families who are not U.S. citizens will have to be returned to the countries of their nationalities on or before December 31, 1991.

This is not a solution. We want to keep our families together, and we want to raise our American Children in the United States. We are asking, simply, that you issue instructions to the INS that would allow us to stay and work in the United States, in much the same way you issued instructions pursuant to Executive Order 12711 for the Chinese nationals.

As you may be aware:

1) Most of the families evacuated from Kuwait consist of stateless persons, i.e. persons of Palestinian origin having only travel documents, not passports conferring citizenship.

2) The Government of Kuwait does not allow them to return to Kuwait where they have resided and worked for many years, and where many of them were born, and

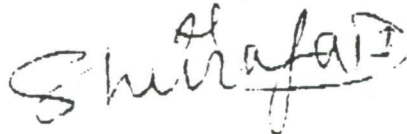
3) The Government of Israel will not allow them to go to Israel or the Occupied Territories.

Therefore, we feel that the United States, which evacuated us from Kuwait on account of our American Citizen Children, is responsible, at least, to provide us with the right to reside and work in the United States for a period of at least four years.

The short duration of our present residence authorization and the little assistance we received so far from concerned authorities has made it necessary for us to approach you and seek your kind intervention in this humanitarian problem on behalf of our American Children. We are looking with hope for assistance from your office, which authorized our evacuation from Kuwait.

On behalf of the Committee of Repatriated Families from Kuwait, I wish to extend our appreciation for your consideration of our plight. We all look forward to your favorable reply. The CRFX can be reached by phone or fax at (213) 539-6073.

Sincerely,



Dr. Iyad Al-Shurafa
Chairman of the Committee
of Repatriated Families
from Kuwait.

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TO: The Honorable William Pelham Barr NOVEMBER 14, 1991
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