**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

**DATE RECEIVED:** OCTOBER 03, 1991

**NAME OF CORRESPONDENT:** MR. KHALIL E. JOHSHAN

**SUBJECT:** REQUESTS ASSISTANCE ON BEHALF OF FAMILIES WHO WERE AIRLIFTED FROM DUWAIT TO THE U.S. SOON AFTER THE IRAQI INVASION

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MEMORANDUM FOR SHIRLEY GREEN

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

SUBJECT: Response to Mr. Khalil Jahshan, Executive Director, The National Association of Arab-Americans

Attached at Tab A is a draft response to a letter sent to Governor Sununu by Khalil Jahshan of the National Association of Arab-Americans.

Attachments
Tab A Response to Khalil Jahshan
Tab B Incoming Correspondence
Dear Mr. Jahshan:

I am replying on behalf of the White House to your letter of October 2 in which you express concern for evacuees from Kuwait whose parole in the United States was due to expire on December 31, 1991. The President fully shares your concerns, and on November 14 directed the Acting Attorney General to defer enforced departure of these individuals until January 1, 1996 and to authorize employment for them until that time. I appreciate your humanitarian interest and am pleased that this matter could be resolved.

Sincerely,

Mr. Khalil E. Jahshan
Executive Director
National Association of Arab Americans
2033 M Street, N.W., Suite 300
Washington D.C. 20036-3399
December 6, 1991

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM: BRUCE O. RIEDEL

SUBJECT: Response to Mr. Khalil Jahshan, Executive Director, The National Association of Arab-Americans

Khalil Jahshan, Executive Director, The National Association of Arab Americans, wrote Governor Sununu on October 2, 1991 requesting his help in extending the parole for 3000 individuals airlifted from Kuwait in August 1990 to the United States. Attached at Tab I is a memo to Shirley Green forwarding a proposed response (Tab A) to Mr. Jahshan's letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to Shirley Green at Tab I.

Attachments
Tab I Memo to Shirley Green
Tab A Draft Response to Khalil Jahshan
Tab B Incoming Correspondence
October 2, 1991

The Honorable John H. Sununu  
Chief of Staff  
Executive Office of the President  
of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Governor Sununu:

I am writing to request your assistance on behalf of approximately 3,000 individuals who were airlifted from Kuwait to the United States soon after the Iraqi invasion. This group was paroled into the United States by the Department of State pursuant to the Persian Gulf Evacuation Program authorized by President Bush. They were brought to the United States because they have children who are American citizens.

These individuals were unable to liquidate their assets prior to departure, and have been unable to find work since their arrival because they are allowed only temporary six-month work and residence permits, which expire on December 31, 1991. They have recently been informed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service that they will be sent to their countries of origin (most of them hold Jordanian passports, but have lived in Kuwait their entire lives) at the end of the year. The INS has offered to review applications on a case-by-case basis, and has suggested that individuals apply for political asylum.

Based on our conversations with members of the group and with Congressional offices which have provided assistance to these families, all of which have children who are American citizens, we are persuaded that the most effective means of resolving their status and allowing them to build their lives in the United States would be the issuance of an Executive Order granting permission to these families to stay and work in the United States for a period of four years. Such an order has precedent in Executive Order 12711 of April 11, 1990, which granted relief to Chinese nationals.

We have been told that Senator Terry Sanford of North Carolina and other members of Congress may introduce legislation on behalf of these individuals in the absence of an Executive Order. Any assistance
you are able to offer in bringing this matter to the President's attention would be deeply appreciated. We are confident that executive action is a far more expeditious means of resolving this matter than legislation, especially in view of the time constraints involved.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Khalil E. Jahshan
Executive Director
National Security Council  
The White House

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