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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 22, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DAVID E. BONIOR

SUBJECT: REPORTS ON A LETTER FROM JOSEPH COLGAN REGARDING HIS CONCEPT ON HOW TO EXTINGUISH THE OIL FIRES IN KUWAIT ON CNN

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April 29, 1992

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Thank you again for writing.

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TO

Name: John

Office: ________________________________

Phone Number: _________________________

Fax Number: ___________________________

Date: 4/29/92

Comments: Letter on Kuwait Oil well fire

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JAN 2, 1982

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cc: Jim McGrath, Room 94
cc: Nick Calio
Shirley -

A Review of CTRK, Quorum and Calls to Commerce and EPA fail to locate any record of Mr. Colgan's letter.

Charlie

Jim - answer accordingly
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