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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 15, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOHN D. DINGELL

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE TO THE SHI'ITE MOSLEM COMMUNITY
IN SOUTHERN IRAQ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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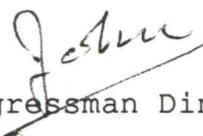
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WASHINGTON

August 12, 1991


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Sincerely,


Brent Scowcroft

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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July 30, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM: BRUCE O. RIEDEL *BR*

SUBJECT: Letter to Congressman John D. Dingell

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Concurrence by Mike Andriacos *MA*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Congressman Dingell at Tab I.

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Tab I Reply to Congressman Dingell
Tab II Letter from Congressman Dingell
Tab III Interim response from Fred McClure

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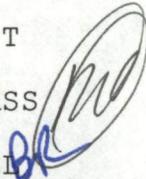
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT: Reply to Congressman John D. Dingell

Purpose

To thank Congressman Dingell for his letter concerning the plight of Iraqi Shia and to reassure him that you and the international community are intent on seeing that the humanitarian needs of these innocent civilians are met.

Background

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RECOMMENDATION

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Tab B Letter from Congressman Dingell

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House of Representatives
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July 16, 1991

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Thank you again for your interest in writing.

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Operation Provide Comfort was an expedient and vigorous response by your Administration to check the alarming deprivation of Kurdish refugees in the North. Now, however, our attention must turn toward the South, where the once valiant Shia community has become a pillaged and enfeebled, disease-ridden people.

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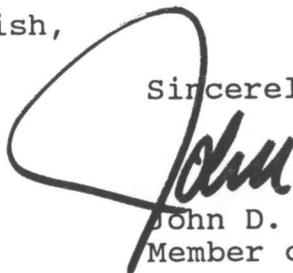
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With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Dingell", written over a large, loopy flourish.

John D. Dingell
Member of Congress

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cc: The Honorable James Baker, Secretary of State

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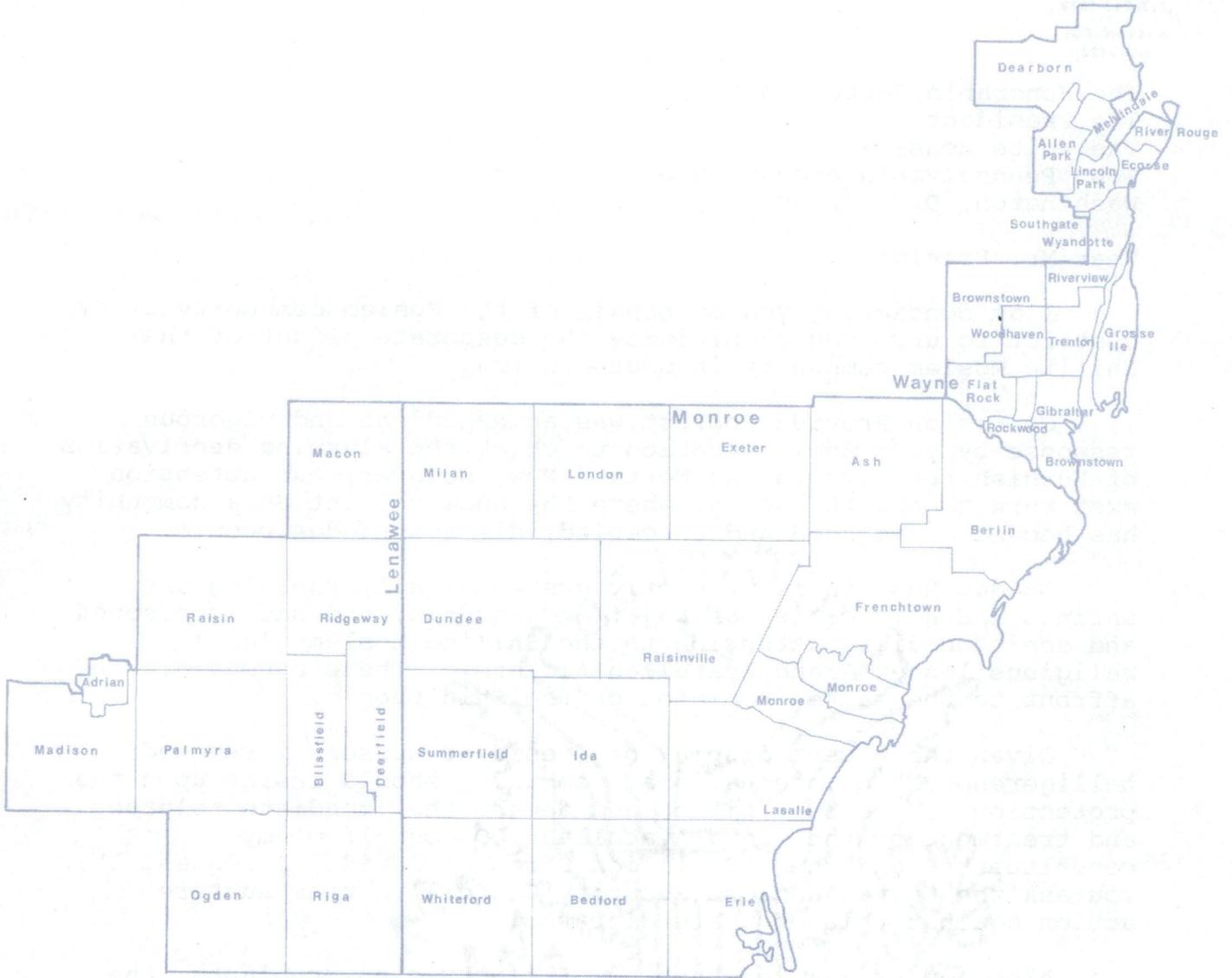
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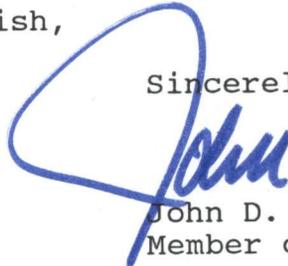
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