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WASHINGTON

June 18, 1991

Dear Congressman Hefley:

Thank you for your letter of April 10 to the President about the situation in the Persian Gulf.

All of us in the Administration share your deep concern and the anguish of all Americans over the brutal use of force and of repression by the government of Iraq against Kurdish and other Iraqi civilians. The President has made clear that, "We want the suffering of those refugees to stop, and in keeping with our nation's compassion and concern, we are massively helping." At the President's direction, the United States initiated in early April what soon became the largest U.S. relief effort mounted in modern military history.

The international relief effort assembled under the mandate of UNSC resolution 688 has successfully attended to the humanitarian and security needs of nearly 500,000 Kurds who fled Iraqi brutality. Operation Provide Comfort, the largest U.S. relief effort mounted in modern military history, has included a commitment of over \$200 million for these refugees and the deployment of nearly 12,000 U.S. military personnel to carry out the operation in conjunction with our coalition partners. The success of a major objective of this operation was realized this month when the last refugee camp in Turkey was vacated as the refugees voluntarily returned home.

These relief operations will soon be turned over to the United Nations and other international relief organizations who will assure the continued delivery of assistance to and the security of the Kurds who have now returned home from Turkey. The Administration will continue to provide material assistance through the UN. To deter Iraqi military action against these operations following coalition troop withdrawals, we intend to convey a strong warning to Iraq about the consequences of interfering in these operations and violating the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding concluded in April by the Iraqi government and the UN Secretary General's Executive Delegate.

As you know, the goal of the international coalition -- the liberation of Kuwait -- has been achieved. While we all agree the Iraqi people would be better off under new leadership, it is also clear the best interests of the United States would not be served by intervening militarily in a protracted civil war stemming from long-standing enmity between Iraqi factions. We will, however, continue to work for an Iraq in which all people would be able to return to their homes, free to live in peace.

The Administration will continue to monitor carefully the situation in Iraq and to serve as a catalyst for stability in the region. Thank you for your suggestions and for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,


Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable Joel Hefley
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April 15, 1991

Dear Joel:

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We appreciate being apprised of your interest in increasing the amount of humanitarian aid for the Kurdish people in Iraq. Please know that I have shared your letter with President Bush. Additionally, I have taken the liberty of providing your remarks to the President's advisors on this matter so that they, too, are aware of your recommendation.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

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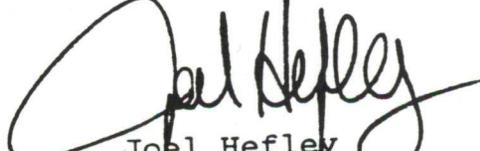
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The plight of the refugees has been truly horrific. Their fear of Saddam Hussein's wrath has driven them to flee their homeland in hopes of surviving somewhere else. As long as Hussein is in power, they are aware that the risk of continued oppression, brutal torture, and poisonous gas attacks is all too great. They have chosen starvation, poor sanitary conditions, and potential death in refugee camps on the Turkey-Iraqi border over staying in Iraq to deal with the tragic events they will surely suffer as punishment for their opposition to Hussein.

Before the situation gets any worse, it is vital that the United States take the lead in organizing an international aid effort and saturate the refugee camps with food, medicine, and blankets so no more lives are lost.

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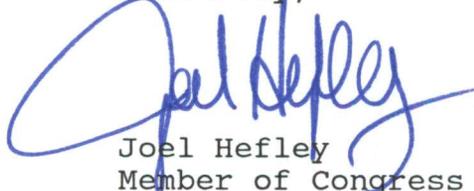
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