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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE CLAIBORNE PELL

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS AN EXTENSION OF ALLIED AIR COVER
UNDER "OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT", WHICH IS
DUE TO EXPIRE JUN 92, TO CONTINUE PROTECTION
OF THE KURDS AND SHI'A MUSLIMS IN IRAQ

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Response to Sen Pell on Iraq

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TO SAFETY OF KURDS IN NORTHERN IRAQ & SHI'A MUSLIMS IN SOUTHERN IRAQ

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May 26, 1992

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Sincerely,


Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
Chairman
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United States Senate
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Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
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The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
Committee on Foreign Relations
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The Honorable Paul Simon
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-6225

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Senator ~~Moynihan~~:

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The Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-6225

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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May 6, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH:

RICHARD N. HAASS *PHH R4*

FROM:

BRUCE O. RIEDEL *BR*

SUBJECT:

Response to Senator Pell on Iraq

Senator Pell and six colleagues wrote the President on April 14, 1992 to express concern about the situation in Iraq, especially Saddam's repression of the Kurds and Shia. In your response, you reiterate our view that a change in leadership in Iraq is essential and respond positively to their specific requests that we seek extension of Provide Comfort and an expanded U.N. presence in southern Iraq.

Concurrences by: Virginia Wamley and Jane Holl *Wamley* *Holl*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Letter to Senator Pell

Tab II Letter from Senator Pell

April 27, 1992

Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President, cosigned by six of your colleagues, supporting an extension of Operation Provide Comfort beyond its June expiration date.

We appreciate being advised of your concern that the Kurds and Shi'a Muslims require additional assistance and protection. I have shared your comments with President Bush. In addition, I have provided copies of your letter to several of the President's advisors in this matter for their review.

Thank you again for writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

April 14, 1992

N. Takeda
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our deep concern over the current situation in Iraq, particularly regarding the safety of the Kurds in northern Iraq and the Shi'a muslims in southern Iraq.

Recently, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing to receive testimony on mass killings in Iraq under the Saddam Hussein regime. The Committee heard graphic and convincing reports of indiscriminate killings of Iraqi Kurdish civilians, particularly during the past several years. The testimony, based on official Iraqi documents and on tests conducted by forensic specialists, confirms the Committee's own research in this area. The available evidence suggests that the total number of Iraqi Kurdish deaths and disappearances may be as high as 200,000 to 300,000, or roughly 5 percent of the Iraqi Kurdish population. This information indicates that Iraqi actions against the Kurds are tantamount to an official policy of genocide.

The Kurds have effectively established a liberated zone in most of the traditionally Kurdish areas of northern Iraq. However, it is only the threat of allied military retaliation that protects this liberated zone from renewed Iraqi attack. And, from what we know, a renewed attack threatens the Kurdish people with extermination.

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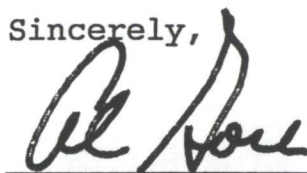
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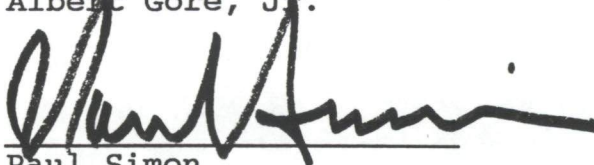
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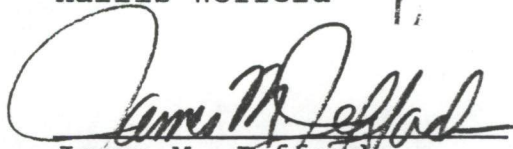
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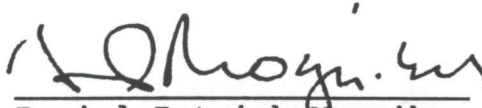
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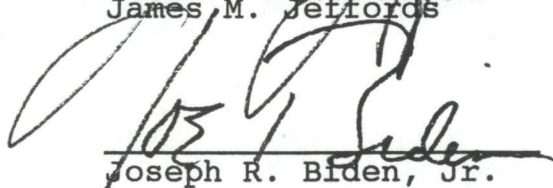
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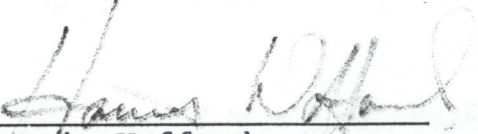
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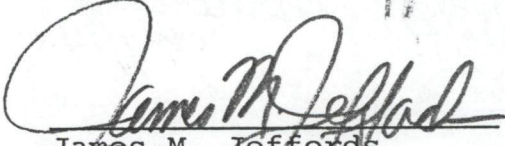
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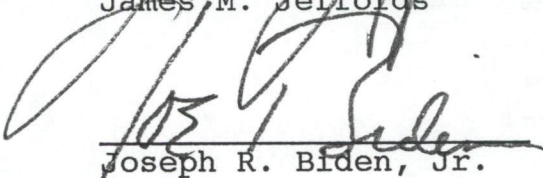
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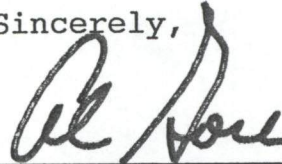
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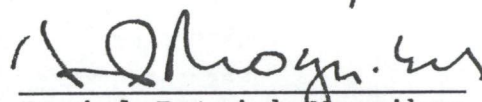
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