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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GERALD D. KLECZKA

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO REVISE EXECUTIVE ORDER #12772 TO LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE DELIVERY OF FOOD AND MEDICINE TO IRAQ AS A HUMANITARIAN GESTURE

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REQUIRED ACTION: PREPARE DRAFT REPLY

DUE DATE: 04 SEP 90

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FOR GEORGE VAN ERON
DIRECTOR NSC SECRETARIAT
TO: KLECKZA, GERALD

FROM: SCOWCROFT

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DISPATCH INSTRUCTIONS:
Dear Congressman Kleczka:

Thank you for your letter of August 22 to the President concerning a number of issues related to the Gulf crisis and, particularly, your concern about your constituents, Mrs. Prabhavathi Murikipudi and her daughter.

Currently, over twenty countries are making contributions to the multinational forces ashore and afloat in the Gulf region to help enforce United Nations sanctions against Iraq and to deter further aggression. The mission of these forces is defensive, consistent with the UN charter. From August 2, with the passage of UNSC resolution 660, this has been an international effort, and the international commitment has grown steadily.

You also raised the question of restrictions on food and medical supplies. Earlier this month, the United Nations passed resolution 666 to permit the delivery of foodstuffs to Iraq and Kuwait under humanitarian circumstances and in accordance with strict guidelines for distribution by a recognized humanitarian organization.

The President has stated categorically that Iraq’s holding foreign nationals hostage is of deep concern to us, and that the safety of our citizens is an important objective of our policy toward the conflict. Saddam’s outrageous manipulation of these innocent people as human shields is repugnant, and has polarized the civilized world against him. We continue to raise this issue at every opportunity with senior Iraqi officials here and in Baghdad, and to press Iraq through other diplomatic channels as well. In this regard, the call for the immediate release of all foreign hostages echoed by the international community in UNSC resolution 664 was deeply gratifying.

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In closing, I want to thank you and your colleagues for the strong bipartisan support the Administration is receiving for our Gulf policy. It is essential that we are together if we are to meet this challenge successfully.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable Gerald D. Kleczka
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
September 24, 1990

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH:  RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM:  SANDRA CHARLES

SUBJECT:  Response to Congressman Kleczka

Attached at Tab I is a response to an August 22 letter from Congressman Gerald Kleczka to the President (Tab II). The Congressman wrote to express his concern about the detention of American citizens in Kuwait, particularly some of his constituents, and to ask that the President consider lifting the food embargo on Iraq. Your response advises the Congressman of the President’s strong position on these issues, and the status of his constituents who were evacuated from Iraq this month.

Concurrence by:  Ginny Lampley

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the response to Congressman Kleczka at Tab I.

Attachments
Tab I  Response to Congressman Kleczka
Tab II  Letter from Congressman Kleczka
The Honorable George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Sincerely,

GERALD D. KLECZKA
Member of Congress
September 19, 1990

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Draft Presidential Reply to Letter from Congressman Kleczka

Attached is a draft reply for signature by the President to a letter from Congressman Gerald D. Kleczka of Wisconsin on the subject of the current Middle East situation, including the issue of restrictions on food and medicine. The draft reply explains the Administration's position on the issue.

J. Stapleton Roy
Executive Secretary

Attachments:
1. Draft Outgoing Response
2. Incoming Correspondence
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Frederick D. McClure
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