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MEMORANDUM FOR SHIRLEY GREEN

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN *W*

SUBJECT: Reply to Dr. Ramsey F. Dass on Iraqi Humanitarian
Issues

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Attachments

Tab A Draft Response to Dr. Dass
Tab B Incoming correspondence

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS *BR*

FROM: BRUCE O. RIEDEL *BR*

SUBJECT: Reply to Dr. Ramsey F. Dass on Iraqi Humanitarian
Issues

Attached at Tab I is a memo to Shirley Green forwarding a proposed response (Tab A) to Dr. Ramsey F. Dass. This is a draft response prepared by State to a letter sent to the President by Dr. Dass concerning the plight of Iraqis and urging the lifting of U.N. sanctions. This draft may be used to reply to similar correspondence in the future.

Concurrence by: *ML* Meg Lundsager.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Shirley Green
Tab A Draft Response to Dr. Dass
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S #9114622

Date August 20, 1991

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President BushFrom: Dr. Ramsay F. DassDate: July 12, 1991

Subject: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO LIFT ALL ECONOMIC SANCTIONS
AGAINST IRAQ PERTINENT TO HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF THE
IRAQI PEOPLE

WH Referral Dated: 8/8/91NSCS ID# (if any): 259047

_____ The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- _____ A translation is attached.
- _____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- _____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- _____ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- _____ Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

for 
Director
Secretariat Staff

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Department of State

Draft Response

Dr. Ramsay F. Dass
Save the Iraqi Children Committee
Arab American Medical Association-
Michigan Chapter
P.O. Box 7021
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-7021

Dear Dr. Dass:

Thank you for your letter of July 12 addressed to President Bush, on behalf of the Save the Iraqi Children Committee, urging that UN sanctions be lifted.

The Administration shares your concern about the food and health situation in Iraq, particularly among vulnerable segments of the population that have borne a disproportionate share of the suffering under Saddam Hussein. It is for this reason that the UN Sanctions Committee made specific provisions to permit the export of food and humanitarian items to Iraq. These provisions have permitted hundreds of truckloads to leave Turkey and Jordan on a daily basis carrying food and medicine for the people of Iraq.

Reports about the actual extent of the Iraqi food and health problems vary. It is our sense that while overall supplies of food and medicine in Iraq are probably adequate at this time -- thanks to the imports coming in through both commercial and humanitarian channels -- Saddam's deliberate policy of withholding supplies from certain parts of the country has created a good deal of hardship, particularly among children and other vulnerable groups.

The resolution adopted on August 15 in the UN Security Council allows Iraq to sell \$1.6 billion worth of oil over six months, with a substantial share of the proceeds to be used for humanitarian relief under UN control. When the resolution is implemented, the international community will be in a position to increase the flow of food and medical assistance to Iraq in an equitable way without compromising its broader goals of peace and stability in the region.

Sincerely,

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AUGUST 8, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 12, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: DR. RAMSAY F. DAS^S
SAVE THE IRAQI CHILD COMMITTEE
(SICC)
POST OFFICE BOX 7021
BLOOMFIELD HILLS MI 48302

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO LIFT ALL ECONOMIC
SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQ PERTINENT TO
HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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LISA BATHAGLIA

SAVE THE IRAQI CHILD COMMITTEE (SICC)
ARAB AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION-MICHIGAN CHAPTER
P.O. BOX 7021
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302-7021
FAX # (313) 546-4848

July 12, 1991

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Ramsay F. Dass MD,

President George Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Nathima Atchoo MD,

Dear President Bush,

Farid Jano MD,

A delegation of the Arab American Medical Association visited Iraq in May, 1991, on a fact finding mission. The delegation had a close and first hand look at the results of the events that had taken place there since August 2, 1990. This delegation observed that Iraq's health services are in a catastrophic state. This is a direct result of the shortage of electricity, lack of proper sewage disposal and water purification systems, lack of medicine, milk baby formula and food.

Elie Khoury MD,

Cholera, Typhoid Fever and severe Gastroenteritis with malnutrition are rampant among the people of Iraq. These epidemics are especially devastating to the 3.3 million children under the age of five years. It has been estimated that about 50,000 children have died already in Iraq. A medical group from Harvard University estimated that 150,000-170,000 children may die this year alone. This means that one child is dying every three minutes in Iraq.

Feryal Asmar DDS,

Ismat Hamid PhD. pharm.,

As a result, a group of concerned physicians, supported by other non-medical groups and organizations throughout the US, have created humanitarian committee that appeals to:

Najib Nabaty MD,

1. You as a leader of a great country in our beloved mother earth, which was created on the bases of preserving, safeguarding and cherishing human rights all over the world.
2. You as a parent, knowing the value of having a child in the family and losing that child due to conditions beyond your control.
3. You the human, in the name of all religious faiths, whose teachings are based on the integrity of the human life and as God's greatest gift.
4. You as a physician and humanitarian, this committee feels very frustrated and saddened that the unfortunate children victims of war in Iraq, are not being helped, due to the lack of basic needs of food and medicine.

Peter Atchoo MD,

Bashar Succar MD,

Batul Hamid MS. Pharm.,

We appeal in the name of God the almighty and urge, that all economic sanctions pertinent to humanitarian needs of Iraqi people be lifted, so that local authorities and international agencies provide all needed medical supplies and food, especially for the elderly and children.

Nabil Khoury MD,

Sincerely,

Ramsay F. Dass
/For the SICC

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The White House**

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FROM: DASS, RAMSAY F

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