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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 15, 1988

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. STEPHEN N. GELL

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SUBJECT: CALLS ON THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE TO
EXPAND PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OPPOSING IRAQI
ACTION AGAINST THE KURDS

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8833374

Date November 10, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Mr. Stephen N. Gell

Date: September 9, 1988

Subject: Calls on the Administration to continue to expand public expressions opposing Iraqi action against the Kurds

WH Referral Dated: 592482

NSC ID# (if any): 11/4/88

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ACTION TAKEN:

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 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:

Vireb Smith for

Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 7, 1988

Mr. Stephen N. Gell
President
Jewish Community Council
of Greater Washington
1522 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Gell:

Thank you for your letter to the President of September 9, 1988 concerning Iraq's campaign against Kurdish rebels.

We share your concern at the use of chemical weapons and other attacks against civilians. The United States has taken the lead in condemning these actions. They are unjustifiable and abhorrent, and violate international law, including Common Article 3 to the 1949 Geneva Conventions on the Protection of the Victims of Armed Conflict. We are working to prevent further unlawful use of chemical weapons by Iraq against its Kurdish minority or anyone else. We will continue to speak out on this issue as well as on continuing human rights abuses in Iraq. We have dealt with Iraqi treatment of the Kurds in our Human Rights Country Practices Reports, most recently in the 1987 report, and will continue to do so.

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Thank you for your concern, which we share wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,



Laurence Pope
Director
Northern Gulf Affairs

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 4, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 592482

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. STEPHEN N. GELL
PRESIDENT
JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
OF GREATER WASHINGTON
1522 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON DC 20005

SUBJECT: CALLS ON THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE TO
EXPAND PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OPPOSING IRAQI
ACTION AGAINST THE KURDS

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1522 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005 • (202) 347-4628
OF GREATER WASHINGTON

September 9, 1988

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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington wishes to recognize the Administration's strong, public statements in response to Iraq's use of chemical warfare and its campaign against the Kurdish population.

Ours is a community in which virtually no family failed to lose a loved one in the Holocaust. Thousands of our parents, siblings, brothers and cousins were wantonly gunned down and tens of thousands gassed to death. That barbarism was conducted against our relatives in the name of nationalism.

All persons of conscience, all governments of justice, must never forget the lessons of the world's silence during the Holocaust. The wanton disregard for the sanctity of human life must always be uppermost in our minds.

Accordingly, we call on your Administration to continue and to expand public expressions opposing Iraqi action against the Kurds, and to seek every available international forum to press Iraq to cease their barbaric slaughter.

Sincerely,

Stephen Gell,
President,
Jewish Community Council

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Hadassah - Northern Seaboard Region

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Labor Zionist Alliance

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Laurel)

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Silver Spring Jewish Center

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Women's American ORT

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 27, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. AARON GOLDMAN

SUBJECT: URGES THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE TO
EXPAND PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OPPOSING IRAQI
ACTION AGAINST THE KURDS

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 7, 1988

Mr. Aaron Goldman
1725 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Goldman:

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8829289

Date October 7, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Mr. Aaron Goldman

Date: September 16, 1988

Subject: Urges the Administration to continue to expand public
expressions opposing Iraqi action against the Kurds

WH Referral Dated: October 5, 1988

NSC ID# (if any): 592735

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Department of State.

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 Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

for Sophia Jones

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OCTOBER 5, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 592735

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. AARON GOLDMAN
1725 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON DC 20006

SUBJECT: URGES THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE TO
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AARON GOLDMAN

1725 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

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September 16, 1988

Ben Waldman

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Sincerely,

Aaron Goldman

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 29, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. ASAD KHAILANY

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE
KURDISH PEOPLE AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THE
SPEECH TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FURTHER
REQUESTS THAT THE U.S. EXTEND HUMANITARIAN *

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8830744

Date October 26, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Dr. Asad Khailany

Date: September 27, 1988

Subject: Appreciation for efforts on behalf of Kurdish People,
for the speech to the UNGA and further assistance.

WH Referral Dated: October 19, 1988
NSC ID# (if any): 599256

 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.

 X 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:

John Smith
Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 26, 1988

Dr. Asad Khailany, Chairman
Kurdish National Congress of North America
Post Office Box 15498
Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Dear Dr. Khailany,

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan of September 27, 1988 concerning Iraq's campaign against Kurdish rebels and your kind words about his statement to the UN General Assembly.

We share your concern at the use of chemical weapons and other attacks against civilians. The United States has taken the lead in condemning these actions. They are unjustifiable and abhorrent, and violate international law, including Common Article 3 of the 1949 Geneva Conventions on the Protection of the Victims of Armed Conflict. We are working to prevent further unlawful use of chemical weapons by Iraq against its Kurdish minority or anyone else. We will continue to speak out on this issue as well as on continuing human rights abuses in Iraq.

Furthermore, the United States is working through international fora and unilaterally to deter unlawful chemical weapons use. On September 17, 1988, the Iraqi Foreign Minister declared that Iraq abides by the 1925 Geneva Protocol on chemical and bacteriological warfare. We have welcomed this as a positive step and will be watching Iraqi actions to see that they match this commitment.

We are also monitoring the situation of Kurdish refugees in Turkey and are encouraged by reports that they are being adequately cared for. We believe it would be beneficial for the Government of Turkey to seek the assistance of the United Nations and other international agencies to provide for the welfare of the refugees.

Thank you for your concern, which we share wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penny Eastman".

Penny Eastman

Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of International Organization Affairs

8830744

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 19, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 599256

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: DR. ASAD KHAILANY
CHAIRMAN
KURDISH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
NORTH AMERICA
POST OFFICE BOX 15498
ANN ARBOR MI 48106

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE
KURDISH PEOPLE AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THE
SPEECH TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FURTHER
REQUESTS THAT THE U.S. EXTEND HUMANITARIAN
HELP TO THE KURDISH REFUGEES IN TURKEY

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

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Kurdish National Congress of North America

P.O. Box 15498, Ann Arbor, MI 48106

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September 27, 1988

President Ronald Reagan
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
 Washington, D.C. 20500

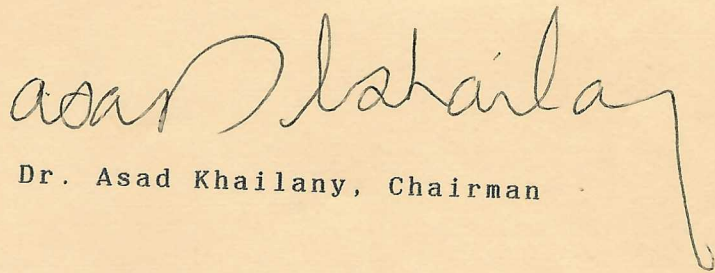
Dear President Reagan:

On behalf of Kurds in the United States and Canada and Kurds around the world, the Kurdish National Congress of North America applauds you in your recent speech to the United Nations General Assembly by your reference to the Kurds as a people who have suffered the loss of their human rights. Your very mention of the word Kurd has raised hope in the hearts of all Kurdish people that at last the world has begun to recognize the long list of injustices that have been suffered by the Kurdish people since the division of their land after WW I. We hope that your speech at the United Nations will mark a turning point in the modern history of the Kurdish people, a time darkened in recent months by the very real possibility of genocide in Iraqi Kurdistan.

Kurds today continue to suffer the complete loss of their human rights and continue to face almost certain cultural genocide if not physical genocide. We have written to Secretary of State George Schultz asking that a Kurdish Section in the U.S. State Department be established to monitor the condition of the Kurds in all the countries they inhabit in an effort to put pressure on any government who continues to deny the Kurds their basic human rights. We ask that you support our request and do what you can in your remaining months in office to ensure that the United States will continue to remain committed to the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights and its direct application to the plight of the Kurds. We remain concerned about the condition of the Kurdish refugees in Turkey and ask the United States to extend humanitarian help to them.

We deeply appreciate your efforts so far on behalf of the Kurdish people. Your strong condemnation of the use of chemical weapons alone has served as a deterrent and may have saved thousands of lives. However, the Kurds continue to remain in peril at the mercy of the regimes who govern them. True peace and stability in the Middle East will remain elusive until the rights of the Kurds are recognized and respected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Asad Khailany". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Dr. Asad Khailany, Chairman

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 599414

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 05, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MRS. DIANE P. MACMULLEN

SUBJECT: SETTLEMENT FOR THE LOSS OF HUSBAND THOMAS J. MACMULLEN IN THE ATTACK ON THE USS STARK BY AN IRAQI AIRCRAFT ON MAY 17 87

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

s/s 8829323

Date October 20, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan
From: Mrs. Diane P. MacMullen
Date: September 19, 1988
Subject: Status of Iraq Claim for Servicemember (Spouse) Killed
During USS Stark Attack 5/11/87

WH Referral Dated: October 6, 1988
NSC ID# (if any): 599414

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Department of State.

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REMARKS:

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Kate Smith
Director
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 19, 1988

Mrs. Diane P. MacMullen
7310 Passyunk Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19142

Dear Mrs. MacMullen:

This is in response to your letter of September 19, 1988 addressed to President Reagan seeking assistance in ascertaining the status of your claim against the Government of Iraq for the loss of your husband, Thomas J. MacMullen, in the attack on the USS Stark by an Iraqi aircraft on May 11, 1987.

The Department of State is continuing to raise the matter of the claims with the Iraqi government and is doing everything it can to see that the claims are paid.

Mrs. Brenda Shields has been designated as the Department of State's contact with the families. Mrs. Shields is kept current on the status of developments as they occur. While we regret that she has no further information, that is in fact the situation.

The Department of State realizes the difficulties of the families of the men who lost their lives in the unfortunate and tragic Stark incident. We are very appreciative of what the families are going through, and will continue to do everything we can to see that these claims are paid.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald J. Bettauer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R".

Ronald J. Bettauer
Assistant Legal Adviser
for International Claims and
Investment Disputes

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

OCTOBER 6, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 599414

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MRS. DIANE P. MACMULLEN
7310 PASSYUNK AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA PA 19142

SUBJECT: SETTLEMENT FOR THE LOSS OF HUSBAND THOMAS J.
MACMULLEN IN THE ATTACK ON THE USS STARK BY
AN IRAQI AIRCRAFT ON MAY 17 87

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MRS. DIANE P. MACMULLEN
7310 PASSYUNK AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19142

8829323

September 19, 1988

cc: CRD

The Honorable
Ronald Reagan
President of the
United States
White House

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing this letter to seek your assistance to help me ascertain the status of the compensation I was to receive in connection with my claim against Iraq for the loss of my husband Thomas J. MacMullen in the attack on USS Stark by an Iraqi aircraft on May 17, 1987.

I received a Certified letter dated February 29, 1988 (copy attached) advising me that the Navy was prepared to claim compensation from the Government of Iraq on behalf of myself and my two daughters, Deborah and Lauren. They advised me that I had to respond to this letter within seven days, which I did. It has now been almost seven months since I received that letter. The only contact I have been permitted to call is Mrs. Brenda Shields at the United States Department of State. Mrs. Shields response is always the same "we have no further information, please do not hesitate to call again".

Mr. President, please send me any additional information you may have regarding the settlement for the loss of my husband and the other 36 men who lost their lives on the USS Stark.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Very respectfully yours,

Mrs. Diane P. MacMullen

Mrs Diane MacMullen



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 29, 1988

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mrs. Diane MacMullen
7310 Passyunk Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19142

Dear Mrs. MacMullen,

I am writing to you in connection with your claim against Iraq for the loss of your husband Thomas J. MacMullen in the tragic attack on USS Stark by an Iraqi aircraft on May 17, 1987. The Department of State has carefully reviewed the notarized questionnaire you filled out and submitted to the Navy, and is now prepared to claim the sum of \$1,299,293 from the Government of Iraq on behalf of you and your children Deborah and Lauren, as compensation for your losses.

We know that no amount of money can ever replace the loss of your husband. However, under international law Iraq has an obligation to pay compensation to the United States for the deaths for which it is responsible. The above sum represents the amount calculated by the Government of the United States for which the Government of Iraq is responsible under principles of international law. The amount is based upon the estimated loss to you and your children of future financial support from the deceased and of the deceased's special services, and also includes an amount for mental shock and anguish. Information you supplied in the signed and notarized questionnaire you submitted to the Navy, and information in your husband's service record, as well as accepted actuarial data and economic assumptions, were considered in calculating the amount to be claimed from Iraq. The amount is equal to or higher than the present value of similar compensation paid by Israel to families of deceased crewmembers of USS Liberty, attacked by Israel in 1967.

If you would like an opportunity to comment, it is important that you advise us immediately. We are prepared to give further consideration to the amount of compensation we claim on your behalf on the basis of information you provide. You may submit additional evidence showing that a larger amount should be claimed if you wish.

Because the best interests of all claimants make it advisable to present the claims to the Government of Iraq as soon as feasible, you must notify us by telephone no later than seven days from the receipt of this letter if you wish to discuss the amount of compensation or submit additional evidence. Please call Mr. Jeffrey Kovar at 202-632-7347. If, in the future, you wish to check on the status of your claim, please call Mrs. Brenda Shields at 202-632-5950.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald Bettauer

Ronald J. Bettauer
Assistant Legal Adviser
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TO: POWELL

FROM: LEVITSKY, M

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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF IRAQI DIPLOMAT DURING WEEK OF 21 NOV

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Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. DR. Asad K. Khilany

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Kurdish people concerns. (Iraq)

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8826725

Date September 30, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Dr. Asad Khailany

Date: Sept. 5, 1988

Subject: Kurdish people concerns

WH Referral Dated: 9/9/88
NSC ID# (if any): 610640

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Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

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- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
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- Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

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Director

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Department of State

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MM Reference Date: 9/30/88

Subject: KLIQTPR DEOBJE CONDEKUS

Date: Sept 2, 1988

From: Mr. Vasek KRIKORIAN

To: President Boarder

REFERENCE:

The KRIKORIAN Boarder
Executive Secretariat
Executive Secretariat

FOR: Mr. Paul Scott Stevens

Date September 30, 1988

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 29, 1988

Dr. Asad Khailany
Chairman
Kurdish National Congress of
North America
340 South Ford Boulevard
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Dear Dr. Khailany:

Thank you for your mailgram to the President of September 5, 1988 concerning Iraq's campaign against Kurdish rebels.

We share your outrage at the use of chemical weapons and other attacks against civilians. We have taken the lead in condemning these actions. They are unjustifiable and abhorrent, and violate international law, including Common Article 3 to the 1949 Geneva Conventions on the Protection of the Victims of Armed Conflict. We are working to prevent further unlawful use of chemical weapons by Iraq against its Kurdish minority or anyone else. We will continue to speak out on this issue as well as on continuing human rights abuses in Iraq. We have dealt with Iraqi treatment of the Kurds in our Human Rights Country Practices Reports, most recently in the 1987 report, and will continue to do so.

We are working through international fora and unilaterally to deter unlawful chemical weapons use. On September 17, the Iraqi Foreign Minister declared that Iraq abides by the 1925 Geneva Protocol on chemical and bacteriological warfare. We have welcomed this as a positive step and will be watching Iraqi actions to see that they match this commitment.

Thank you for your concern, which we share wholeheartedly.

Sincerely yours,

Laurence E. Pope
Director
Northern Gulf Affairs
Bureau of Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

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REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 9, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 610640

MEDIA: MAILGRAM, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: DR. ASAD KHAILANY
 CHAIRMAN
 KURDISH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
 NORTH AMERICA
 340 SOUTH FORD BOULEVARD
 YPSILANTI MI 48198

SUBJECT: KURDISH PEOPLE CONCERNS

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20050

J. Kelley
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:
ON AUGUST 27 - 28, 1988, SIXTY DELEGATES ATTENDED THE FIRST
MEETING OF THE KURDISH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF NORTH AMERICA IN ANN
ARBOR, MICHIGAN AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

U.N. RESOLUTION 598 REGARDING THE CEASEFIRE BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ
MAKES NO MENTION OF THE KURDISH PEOPLE AND CONTAINS NO GUARANTEE
OF KURDISH RIGHTS. THERE WILL BE NO PEACE UNLESS THE RIGHTS OF
THE KURDS ARE RECOGNIZED AND RESPECTED.
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THE SURVIVAL OF THESE PEOPLE IS IN EXTREME DANGER. WE ASK YOUR
GOOD OFFICES TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF THESE PEOPLE, AND TO ENSURE
THAT THE RIGHTS OF ALL THE KURDS ARE RECOGNIZED TO ESTABLISH A
JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA.
WE FURTHER ASK THAT AN IMPARTIAL THIRD PARTY BE APPOINTED TO
REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE KURDISH PEOPLE IN THE PEACE TALKS
BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ.

DR. ASAD KHAILANY, CHAIRMAN
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20050

J. Kelley

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON AUGUST 27 - 28, 1988, SIXTY DELEGATES ATTENDED THE FIRST MEETING OF THE KURDISH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF NORTH AMERICA IN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

U.N. RESOLUTION 598 REGARDING THE CEASEFIRE BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ MAKES NO MENTION OF THE KURDISH PEOPLE AND CONTAINS NO GUARANTEE OF KURDISH RIGHTS. THERE WILL BE NO PEACE UNLESS THE RIGHTS OF THE KURDS ARE RECOGNIZED AND RESPECTED.

THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE CEASEFIRE AND HAS MOUNTED A LARGE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE KURDISH PEOPLE IN IRAQ USING ALL OF ITS REMAINING ARSENAL INCLUDING INTERNATIONALLY PROHIBITED CHEMICAL WEAPONS. AT THE TIME OF THIS MEETING, APPROXIMATELY 150,000 CIVILIANS HAD BEEN ENCIRCLED IN THE BADINAN AREA OF IRAQ AND ARE IN DANGER OF COMPLETE ANNIHILATION. THE SURVIVAL OF THESE PEOPLE IS IN EXTREME DANGER. WE ASK YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF THESE PEOPLE, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE RIGHTS OF ALL THE KURDS ARE RECOGNIZED TO ESTABLISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA.

WE FURTHER ASK THAT AN IMPARTIAL THIRD PARTY BE APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE KURDISH PEOPLE IN THE PEACE TALKS BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ.

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
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WASHINGTON DC 20503

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:
ON AUGUST 25 - 28, 1940, SIXTY DELEGATES ATTENDED THE FIRST
SESSION OF THE EUROPEAN NATIONS CONFERENCE OF WOMEN HELD IN
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN. THE DELEGATES ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION TWO RELATING TO THE COOPERATION BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN
IN THE PROTECTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONTAINS NO QUANTITIES
OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THERE WILL BE NO TRADE UNLESS THE RIGHTS OF
THE WOMEN ARE RECOGNIZED AND PROTECTED.

THE LEAD GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE COOPERATION AND HAS
FOUNDED A LARGE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE HUMAN RIGHTS PEOPLE IN 1940
THROUGH ALL OF ITS REMAINING ARMS. AT THE TIME OF THIS MEETING,
WHICH WAS HELD IN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, THE CIVILIANS WHO WERE
ENDEAVORING TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF THESE PEOPLE IN EUROPE WERE
LEFT AND LIVING IN THE GREAT DANGER OF COMPLETE ANNIHILATION.
THE RIGHTS OF ALL THE WOMEN ARE RECOGNIZED TO ESTABLISH A
CONFIDENTIAL INTEREST OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE IN THE PLACE TAKEN
BY THE LEAD GOVERNMENT.

THE LEAD GOVERNMENT, WHICH
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 29, 1988

Dr. Helen Fein
Executive Director
Institute for the Study of Genocide
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
444 West 56th Street (Room 3114S)
New York, NY 10019

Dear Dr. Fein:

Thank you for your letter to the President of September 5, 1988 concerning Iraq's campaign against Kurdish rebels.

We share your outrage at the use of chemical weapons and other attacks against civilians. We have taken the lead in condemning these actions. They are unjustifiable and abhorrent, and violate international law, including Common Article 3 to the 1949 Geneva Conventions on the Protection of the Victims of Armed Conflict. We are working to prevent further unlawful use of chemical weapons by Iraq against its Kurdish minority or anyone else. We will continue to speak out on this issue as well as on continuing human rights abuses in Iraq. We have dealt with Iraqi treatment of the Kurds in our Human Rights Country Practices Reports, most recently in the 1987 report, and will continue to do so.

This is the latest and most ruthless attempt by the Iraqi Government to suppress a series of Kurdish rebellions it has faced since 1922. Clearly, Iraq has used ruthless force against guerrillas and civilians alike in parts of Iraqi Kurdistan previously controlled as "liberated zones" by rebels of the Kurdish Democratic Party, led by Massoud Barzani, and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, led by Jalal Talabani.

We are working through international fora and unilaterally to deter unlawful chemical weapons use. On September 17, the Iraqi Foreign Minister declared that Iraq abides by the 1925 Geneva Protocol on chemical and bacteriological warfare. We have welcomed this as a positive step and will be watching Iraqi actions to see that they match this commitment.

Thank you for your concern, which we share wholeheartedly.

Sincerely yours,

Laurence E. Pope
Director
Northern Gulf Affairs
Bureau of Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

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Date September 29, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Dr. Helen Fein

Date: September 5, 1988

Subject: Concerns about reported poison gas attacks
against the Kurds

WH Referral Dated: Sept. 14, 1988

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 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.

 x 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:

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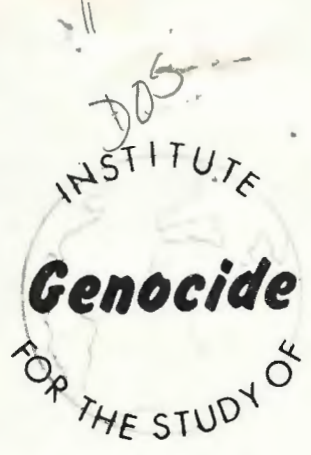
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NEW YORK NY 10019

SUBJECT: CONCERNS ABOUT REPORTED POISON GAS ATTACKS
AGAINST THE KURDS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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September 5, 1988

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

S. Kelley

Recent reports of poison gas attacks by Iraq against Kurdish villages there raise the threat of mass murder. The United Nations Genocide Convention, approved by the U.S. Senate in 1986, says "genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious groups, as such: a) Killing members of the group; b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part...." All parties to the Convention are obligated to prevent genocide.

We call on the United States and on countries that have ratified the Convention (including France, the U.K., and the U.S.S.R.) to press Iraq to stop, to urge neighboring states to grant asylum to Kurdish refugees, and to look for ways to deter future genocidal massacres.

Sincerely,

Helen Fein
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