



May 26, 1993

His Excellency
The Secretary General
United Nations
New York

Excellency;

I appreciate the time you have given me and my colleagues to present to you the Humanitarian needs and general conditions of Iraq.

Since our last meeting with you, my colleague and I have met with the deputy Prime Minister twice, at which time your message was delivered very clearly and forcibly. It was made clear that your good offices were willing and able to be flexible and cooperative to resolve the matter of the Humanitarian needs of Iraq.

We also were able to procure the services of a very prominent International attorney, Mr Ted Sorensen, to assist us in formulating a modified version of SCR 706 which tracks the essential requirements of SCR 706 in virtually every respect except certain items which are wholly unrelated to the Humanitarian aims. I believe you already have copies of the draft which I personally presented to Mr Aziz on April 15, 1993. I had also distributed copies to other prominent decision makers in Iraq.

I was assured by Mr Aziz that he will study the draft very carefully and will take the matter very seriously. I was also told a few weeks later that they liked the draft in principal and would like to discuss the matter with your Excellency after approval from the President.

My colleague and I made it very clear to Mr Aziz that the humanitarian package had to be implemented first if there were to be any hope of lifting the sanction. I confirmed to them that this also reflected your position. We consider Mr Aziz request for a meeting with your Excellency as a direct result of our efforts. We would have liked to have had the meeting in New York as we had both hoped but it is my understanding that Mr Aziz has had to cope with some strong local feelings that made it impossible to meet as planned.

It is my intention to meet with Mr Aziz prior to the June 22nd date in Geneva in order to once more stress the fact that the Humanitarian matter will be the top subject of discussion. I fully intend to brief you on June 21 on their attitude if you so desire prior to your meeting with Mr Aziz. I therefore recommend that you maintain the strong position you hold regarding the Humanitarian matter.

I like to bring to your attention that we believe the U.S. position versus Iraq has not changed much from the Bush Administration, however it is our understanding that Mr Clinton would very much like to see the burden of Iraq lifted off his

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back and handled completely by the U.N. This is the reason we believe Mr Sorensen's active participation in the Humanatarian matter will be quite helpful due to his excellent communication with the Legal departmant at the U.N. as well as the high respect he commands within the current U.S. Administration.

We look forward to resolving this tragic and urgent matter soon.

Very Truly Yours



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