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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 31, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE HOWARD WOLPE

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES VIEWS AND CONCERNS REGARDING THE
MAJOR THREAT IRAN CONTINUES TO POSE TO THE
STABILITY OF THE MIDDLE EAST REGION

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TO: SITTMANN

FROM: PEARSON, W

DOC DATE: 26 NOV 91
SOURCE REF: 9111210

KEYWORDS: IRAN

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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: LTR FM STATE TO WOLPE RE POTENTIAL THREAT IRAN POSES TO STABILITY
OF PERSIAN GULF REGION

ACTION: RECD STATE RESPONSE / NFAR

DUE DATE: 20 JUN 91

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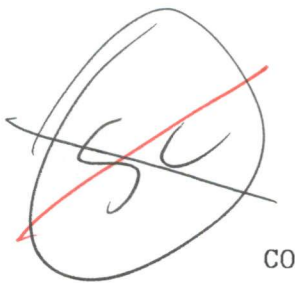
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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DATE: 19 JUN 91

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: WOLPE, HOWARD

DATE: 29 MAY 91

SUBJ: LTR RE POTENTIAL THREAT IRAN POSES TO STABILITY OF PERSIAN GULF
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REQUIRED ACTION: DRAFT REPLY

DUE DATE: 27 JUN 91

COMMENT:


(FOR)

GEORGE VAN ERON

DIRECTOR NSC SECRETARIAT

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9111210

Date November 26, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Cong. Howard Wolpe

Date: 29 May 91

Subject: Ltr. re potential threat Iran poses to stability
of Persian Gulf region

WH Referral Dated: 19 June 91
NSCS ID# (if any): 9104508

 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.
- XX 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:

Karen Emmerson
Director
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Wolpe:

Thank you for your letter of May 29 in which you raised the question of reported attacks into Iraq conducted by Iranian forces. You also expressed concern about ongoing human rights violations in Iran.

We have followed reports that Iranian government forces have taken part in anti-regime uprisings and attacks on Iranian dissident encampments in Iraq. While some limited border violations appear to have taken place, the degree to which such incidents have been sanctioned or directed by the Government of Iran cannot be confirmed.

Nevertheless, this issue remains a matter of concern to the Administration and our coalition partners. During President Bush's visit to Canada in March, he spoke of the dangers of dismembering Iraq and publicly warned that "Iran must not, and should not, try to annex any of the territory of Iraq."

Iran is an important country, with correspondingly important responsibilities. We hope Iran will work to develop stable foreign relations with its neighbors in the Gulf on the basis of non-interference and mutual respect, while working for genuine stability and security in the Gulf region.

With regard to human rights violations in Iran, we have consistently taken a firm stand on the unacceptable record of the Iranian Government, and have supported strong resolutions in the United Nations General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Commission to draw attention to these abuses.

Our delegate to the annual session of the UN Human Rights Commission, which concluded in Geneva in March, criticized continuing violations of human rights in Iran. In a statement

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before the Commission, he drew particular attention to the UN Special Rapporteur's conclusion that "the enormous quantity and variety of allegations and complaints received from very diverse sources . . . provide a credible factual basis for the belief that human rights violations occur frequently in the country and that government action to prevent and remedy such violations has not been sufficient to put an end to them." I can assure you that we will continue to speak out on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Janet G. Mullins
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

June 4, 1991

Dear Congressman Wolpe:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding the potential threat Iran poses to the stability of the Persian Gulf region.

We appreciate being apprised of your concern for the human rights of the democratic opposition groups in Iran. Please know that I have shared your comments with the President's national security and foreign policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your recommendations.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

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Frederick D. McClure
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May 29, 1991

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

Dear Mr. President:

Iran continues to pose a major threat to the stability of the Middle East region. We have followed with alarm reports of Iran's deployment of more than 20 divisions and brigades of fully armed Iranian Revolutionary Guards along the Iran-Iraq border since the end of military action by the coalition forces. There have been border-crossings by the Iranian guards, seeking to suppress the Iranian Resistance forces.

Media and other reports on Iranian public statements and covert actions raise genuine concerns that the mullahs are bent on a policy of political and military interference to spread their fundamentalism. This threat destabilizes the entire region. On March 18, Khamenei, Iran's Spiritual Leader, said, "If the Iraqi people want to save themselves today, they must act according to Islam, and act to achieve Islamic rule."

In the pursuit of a new order for the Middle East, we must make sure that this new order will result in the peaceful resolution of the frictions which give rise to armed hostility. Further, stability, regional security, and the peaceful coexistence of the countries in this region are the essence of this new order. Aggressive actions by the Iranian regime and its suppression of the domestic opposition, including the Mojahedin, threaten the hope creating an order based on justice, democracy, and peaceful coexistence.

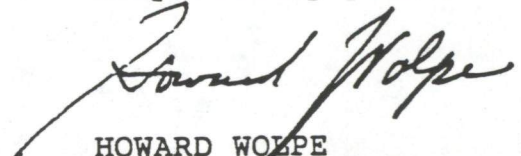
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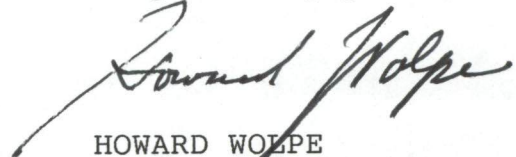
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