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FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

UKMIS NEW YORK TELNOS 1655 AND 1656 : GULF CRISIS : a house and MESSAGE FROM BAKER TO SECRETARY OF STATE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A MESSAGE WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS RECEIVED IN JERUSALEM FROM BAKER:

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DEAR DOUGLAS,

I HAD HOPED TO BE ABLE TO REACH YOU BY TELEPHONE TO DISCUSS THE NEXT RESOLUTION ON THE GULF CRISIS. UNFORTUNATELY OUR SCHEDULES AND OUR TIME ZONES DONT MESH.

I BELIEVE THAT, WITH THE TEMPLE MOUNT RESOLUTION BEHIND US, WE NEED TO SHOW SADDAM HUSSEIN QUICKLY THAT THE COUNCILS SOLIDARITY HAS NOT BEEN MARRED BY THE DEBATE OVER THE TEMPLE MOUNT RESOLUTION. I KNOW THAT THE UK HAS PUT FORWARD A DRAFT RESOLUTION THAT INCLUDES WAR REPARATIONS AS WELL AS HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS. I AGREE THAT A REPARATIONS RESOLUTION WILL BE DESIRABLE. HOWEVER, I DISAGREE OVER TIMING.

I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GO WITH A CLEAN HUMANITARIAN RESOLUTION THAT WILL GET QUICK SUPPORT, SO THAT WE CAN GET THE FOCUS OFF OF ISRAEL AND BACK ON IRAQ AND KUWAIT. I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS AND THOSE IN THE FEW DIPLOMATIC MISSION WHICH HAVE SUCCEEDED IN WITHSTANDING THE IRAQI SIEGE. THE SITUATION AT OUR EMBASSY IS VERY PRECARIOUS.

IN ADDITION, I WORRY THAT A WAR REPARATIONS RESOLUTION WILL BE 3 MORE CONTENTIOUS, WILL INVOLVE LOTS OF DEBATE, AND WILL TAKE MORE TIME TO ACHIEVE IN THE COUNCIL. MOREOVER, A RESOLUTION WITH HUMANITARIAN AND REPARATIONS MIXES THE MESSAGE. WHEN WE LAST TALKED, WE AGREED THAT WE SHOULD STEADILY RATCHET UP THE PRESSURE, TIMING OUR MOVES VERY CAREFULLY: I HOPE THEREFORE THAT YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT WE SHOULD PRESS THROUGH QUICKLY NOW A RESOLUTION

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THAT FOCUSES ON THE RAPE OF KUWAIT AND THE REPROVISIONING ISSUE.
THIS WILL ENABLE US TO MOVE THE FOCUS BACK TO IRAQ/KUWAIT,
HOPEFULLY WITH A MINIMUM OF DEBATE. AFTER ADOPTION OF THIS
RESOLUTION, I WOULD WANT TO WORK WITH YOU TO LINE UP SUPPORT FOR
A REPARATIONS RESOLUTION --PROBABLY AS SOON AS NEXT WEEK.
FOLLOWING THESE RESOLUTIONS, THAT IS RESUPPLY AND REPARATIONS, I
WOULD HOPE WE CAN CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ON WAR CRIMES.

IF YOU AGREE WITH THE APPROACH IVE OUTLINED, I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE YOUR UN MISSION THE GREEN LIGHT TO JOIN WITH OURS IN PURSUING THE RESUPPLY RESOLUTION TOM PICKERING TABLED TUESDAY IN THE FIVE. OTHERWISE, ID BE GLAD TO TALK BY PHONE, BUT WILL BE WITH THE CONGRESS UNTIL MID AFTERNOON WASHINGTON TIME.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY YOURS,

ENDS

2. THE SECTETARY OF STATE WOULD LIKE EARLY ADVICE ON THIS-PERHAPS IN THE FORM OF A DRAFT REPLY, BUT WHICH HE COUYLD USE A SPEAKING NOTE IF HE DECIDES TO TELEPHONE BAKER.

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