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FOR: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

FROM: Joseph Collins, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability Operations *Joseph Collins*

SUBJECT: Response to International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP)

- James Kimsey, Chairman of ICMP, wrote the SECDEF and DEPSECDEF to request their OFFICIAL support in sending a team to Iraq to search for and identify human remains (Tab B).
- SECSTATE received the same letter and noted that "ICMP does great work." (Tab B)
- The SECDEF forwarded the letter to General Franks (with Ambassador Bremer cc'd) suggesting that he "consider taking advantage of this offer." (Tab C)
- ICMP plans to travel to Iraq with Queen Noor of Jordan (who is a Commissioner for ICMP).
- Ambassador Bremer has already met with ICMP and will meet with them again while they are in Iraq. ICMP will also meet with General McKiernan.
- This letter has been passed informally to USAID. Their Abuse Prevention and Response Unit has requested that we "quietly" forward them any unsolicited offers of assistance regarding war crimes/mass graves.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign letter replying to James Kimsey at Tab A.

COORDINATION: Tab D

Attachment

As stated

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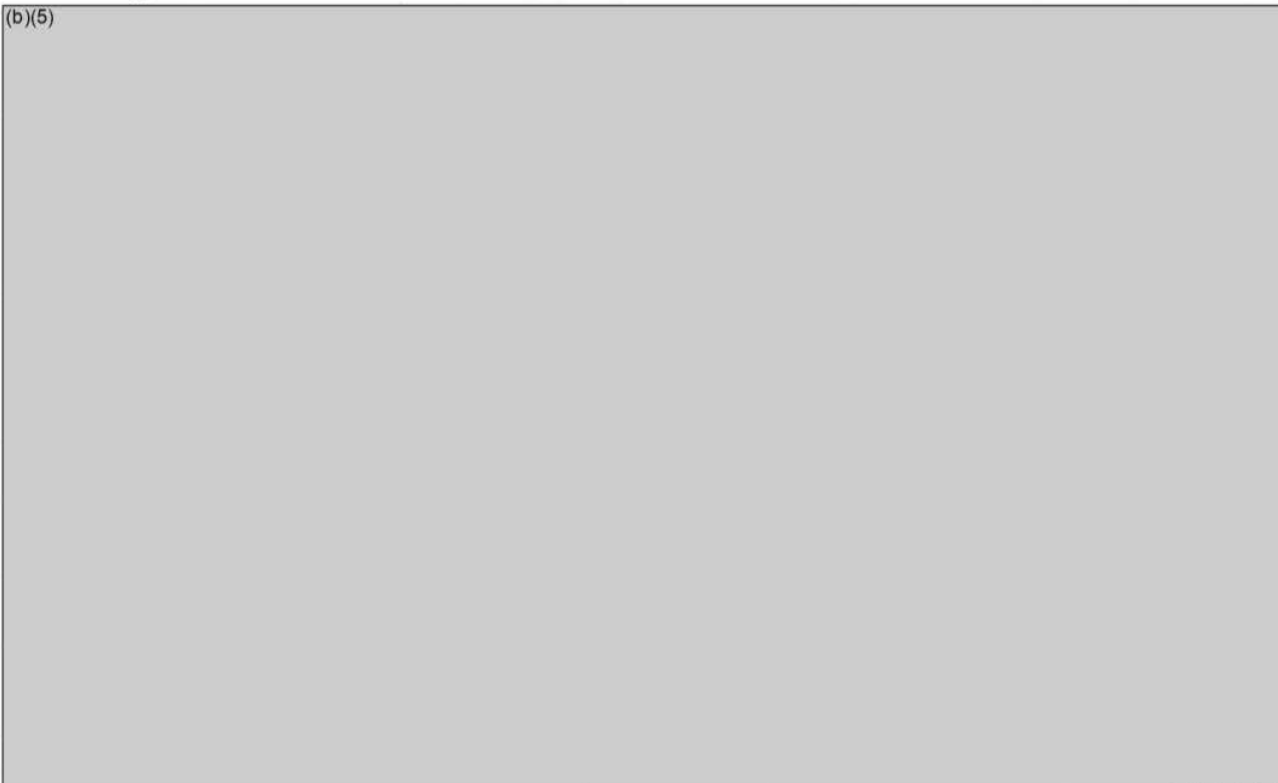
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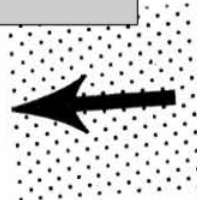


Mr. James V. Kimsey
Chairman, International Commission on Missing Persons
1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 900
Washington, DC 20006

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Sincerely,



Ryan Henry

cc:
Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues
Secretary of the Army



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MAY 29 2003

JAMES V. KIMSEY

1700 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW
SUITE 900
WASHINGTON, DC 20006

May 19, 2003

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In light of recent events in Iraq, I would like to contribute the services & technology of the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) to support the Department of Defense in dealing with the mass graves found and the families of the victims of forced disappearance under the regime of Saddam Hussein.

I assumed Chairmanship of the ICMP at the request of Secretary of State Colin Powell more than two years ago. As you may know, the ICMP was established in 1996 to address the issue of the missing in the regions of the former Yugoslavia. The successes of our projects in Bosnia-Herzegovina demonstrate the magnitude of the contribution we might make in Iraq.

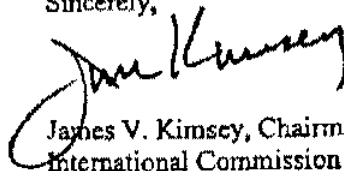
I would like to take a team from the ICMP with our equipment to Iraq to search for and identify human remains. I am asking for your support in this endeavor. Your support would put the ICMP in a position to seek additional funds to complete its work in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the possible extension of its operations into Iraq.

In light of the criticism that has been leveled toward post-conflict activities in Iraq, it seems obvious that there could be some immediate benefit in taking advantage of the proven capacity of the ICMP.

I will be traveling to Bosnia-Herzegovina and then hopefully into Iraq in mid-June to further assess ICMP's potential involvement in the identification of the missing there. I need your assistance to make this happen.

Peter Kirsch, my Chief of Staff, will be in touch with your office immediately.

Sincerely,

James V. Kimsey, Chairman
International Commission on Missing Persons

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ICMP does great
work. I think they
can help with this
problem.

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I need
your help
on this

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~~May 29, 2003 1:48 PM~~

TO: ~~Gen. Franks~~
CC: Gen. Myers
 ~~Jerry Bremer~~
 Sarah Nagelmann
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *R*
SUBJECT: Missing Persons

Attached is a copy of a letter I received. My understanding is that these folks have some very good technology and can be helpful.

You have the responsibility for this activity. Please consider taking advantage of this offer.

Regards.

Attach.
5/19/03 Kimsey ltr to SecDef

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Please respond by 6/6/03

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