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June 8, 2004

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No.Kuw/Lab/227/16/2004

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait and with reference to this Embassy's Note Verbale No.Kuw/Lab/227/13/04 dated 10th May 2004, which requested restrictions on the movement of Indian nationals to Iraq from Kuwait, has the honour to say that the absence of welfare measures (certification of free will, insurance, security and adherence to contractual obligations) which had led to the restrictions have largely been remedied for the Indian workers resident in Kuwait and who are required to go to Iraq, with the cooperation of the representatives of the US Embassy in Kuwait, Coalition forces and the concerned Kuwaiti companies.

In view of the position stated above, the esteemed Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait is requested to lift the restrictions imposed on Indian nationals for travel to Iraq from Kuwait. The Ministry may kindly issue necessary instructions in this regard to the concerned authorities for facilitating travel of Indian nationals with residence in Kuwait as early as possible.

This Embassy will, however, continue to work with the US Embassy in Kuwait, Coalition forces and the concerned Kuwaiti companies to reinforce the welfare measures mentioned above in respect of Indian nationals required to work in Iraq.

The Embassy would like to place on record its appreciation for the cooperation extended by the esteemed Ministry and the understanding shown for our just concerns about the Indian workers.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait (Kind Attn: Mr. Abdul Aziz Al-Rasheed, Deputy Director, Consular Department) Kuwait.



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June 9, 2004

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No.Kuw/Lab/227/13/04

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and in continuation of this Embassy's Note Verbale of even number dated May 9, 2004 has the honour to say that out of the five contractors to the U.S. Army, only three contractors have submitted details of Indian drivers with them to us so far. M/s Gulf Regional Division to Restore Iraqi Oil (GRD RIO) and M/s Kellog Brown & Root (KBR) are still to respond to us. Grateful if the esteemed Embassy would help expedite responses from these two companies.

We are forwarding herewith a copy of our Diplomatic Note No.Kuw/Lab/227/16/2004 dated 8th June 2004, addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait, for your information.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Embassy of the United States of America Kuwait.

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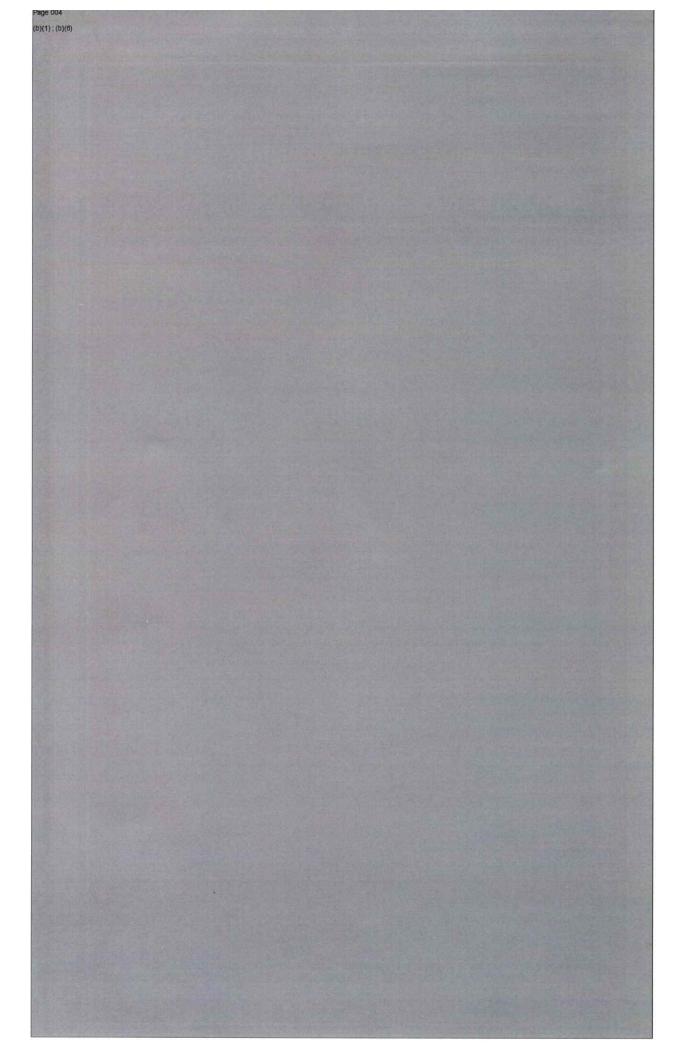
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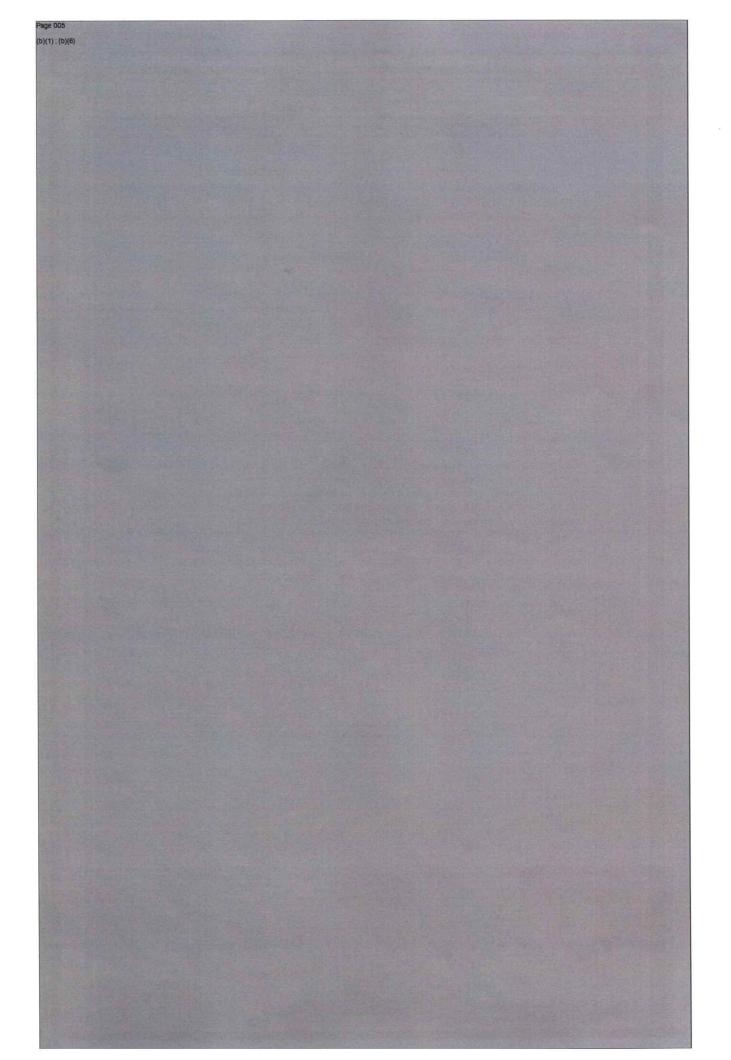
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Subject: Ukrainians

I have spoken with our lawyers. They have found that a bilateral extradition treaty covering convicts as well as prisoners was signed with the USSR several years ago. The treaty has reportedly been used successfully with the Russians since the collapse of the USSR, including as recently as two months ago. They are now researching whether it can be used in this case and if so, we might be in a position to respond positively to the Ukrainians soon. I encouraged them to accelerate their research and prepare a memo for LPB as quickly as possible. I will follow up with them in the morning and let you know. Dick





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SUBJECT: CPA 1123: MISSION DEBUNKS MEDIA REPORTS OF ABUSE

OF INDIAN WORKERS BY US ARMY

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 2795

1. This cable is in response to REF A.

- 2. (SBU) Kellogg, Brown, and Root (KBR), a subsidiary of Halliburton in Baghdad and present at the "FOB Regulars" camp manned by MNB (N) - previously known as Q-West conducted a site investigation. They found the allegations to be exaggerated and largely false. They did not find outward abuse to the workers or the working conditions to be poor. KBR has also investigated its payroll data and found the records to be in order without payroll deductions. The Indian contract workers were paid their base salary and their overtime as appropriate. All four names mentioned in REFTEL had departed for India April 6. Their employment was terminated by "resignation".
- 3. (CBU) The USG has no responsibility toward second tier sub-contract workers by "privity of contract" law. The USG awarded contracts to KBR, which then awarded a subcontract to Gulf Coast Company, and they in turn awarded a subcontract to Subhash Vijay Company (SVC). Under the privity of contract, the USG has responsibility only for the prime contractors.
- 4. (SBU) CPA/MFA spoke to Indian Ambassador to Iraq Tyagi to convey the Coalition's concern for the welfare and

safety of Indian citizens. Tyagi thanked us for investigating the matter and said he would contact CPA with any further information. CPA/Defense Contracts Management Agency (DCMA) who oversees KBR's activities, will continuously work closely with KBR to clarify any further misgivings.

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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA BAGHDAD, IRAQ

His Excellency
Mr. Richard Jones
Ambassador and Deputy Administrator
Coalition Provisional Authority
Baghdad, Iraq
April 26, 2004

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Excellency,

Upon urgent instruction from my Government, I'm writing this letter to respectfully request you to assist me to have meetings with Ambassador Paul Bremer, Administrator of CPA and General Ricardo Sanchez, Commander of CJTF-7 respectively at the earliest date possible. At the meetings the dispatch of Korean troops to Iraq will be discussed, in particular with regard to recent proposed change of the location for their deployment.

I would be most grateful if you could kindly help me in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soonest.

Excellency, please, accept my assurances of the highest consideration.

Yours sincerely

Ambassador

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RETURNEES FROM LEBANON

REF: HQCOALITION 11222057

1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.

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FOR DAMASCUS: EMBASSY IS ASKED TO DEMARCHE THE SARG AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL, THANK THEM FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN HALTING THE PREVIOUS CONVOY, AND PRESS THEM TO RE-ENGAGE THE GOL TO ENSURE THAT THE GOL DOES NOT/NOT SEND THE CONVOY OF RETURNING IRAQIS ACROSS THE BORDER INTO SYRIA. ASSURE THE SARG THAT ANY CONVOY OF RETURNEES TO IRAQ THAT IS NOT APPROVED BY CPA IN ADVANCE, REGARDLESS OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO IRAQ UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ORDER TO AVOID A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AT THE SYRIA/IRAQ BORDER, SYRIA MUST NOT ALLOW THE TRANSIT OF THESE 800 IRAQI DEPORTEES

4. FOR BEIRUT: EMBASSY IS ASKED TO DEMARCHE THE GOL AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO PRESS THEM TO POSTPONE THE REPATRIATION OF THE 800 IRAQIS UNTIL THE SECURITY SCREENING HAS BEEN COMPLETED. ADVISE THEM THAT AN ATTEMPTED REPATRIATION OF THE 800 IRAQIS COULD RESULT IN A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AT THE BORDER WITH IRAQ, SINCE THE DEPORTEES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER IRAQ UNTIL THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY THE CPA. INFORM THE LEBANESE THAT WE HAVE RAISED THIS ISSUE IN DAMASCUS AND ALERTED THE SARG TO THE FACT THAT NO CONVOYS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CROSS INTO IRAQ UNTIL THE CHECKS ARE COMPLETE. EXPRESS REGRET THAT THE

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REPATRIATION COULD NOT BE COMPLETED ACCORDING TO THE PREVIO TIMELINE, BUT EXPLAIN THAT THIS IS A NEW PROCESS AND THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF IRAQ THAT RETURNEES BE ADEQUATELY VETTED.

5. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POSTS' ASSISTANCE ON THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE. POWELL BT #5661

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REPUBLIC OF IRAQ MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



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& MFA - Political

Honorable Kofi A. Annan Secretary General United Nations New York

Baghdad, 4th December 2003

Dear Secretary General.

I am writing in regard to the United Nation's recent initiative, the Iraq contact group, comprising five permanent and five non-permanent members of the Security Council, Iraq's six neighbouring countries and Egypt.

As Iraqis, we welcome all efforts by the United Nations and the international community to mediate and assist in the process of democratic transition, stabilisation and political and economic reconstruction of Iraq. Indeed, Iraq has reached out to its neighbours on the basis of cooperation on many issues of mutual interest and while we commend the extensive engagement of international countries, the objectives of the contact group, in the absence of Iraqi involvement, remain unclear. We strongly believe that Iraq must be included in any process that has Iraq's interests at stake and emphasise that any decisions taken by the group should be reached with full Iraqi participation and consultation.

We greatly value the United Nation's and its agency services to the Iraqi people. The late Sergio Vieira de Mello, Special Representative to Iraq, was an outstanding role model who demonstrated how effective a part the United Nations can play here, thus I would like to also take this opportunity to urge the appointment of a new Special Representative to Iraq in order to pursue the enhanced role for the United Nations that we positively anticipate.

I extend my warmest greetings to you and I look forward to furthering cooperation towards realizing a free, prosperous and democratic Iraq.

With my Highest Considerations,

Hoshyar Zebari

Minister of Foreign Affairs