

Prime Minister

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FM KUWAIT  
TO FLASH FCO  
TELNO 397  
OF 161200Z AUGUST 90  
INFO FLASH BAGHDAD ACTOR MODUK  
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① This is text of the advice that  
the BBC are  
broadcasting.

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FCO say - it is virtually identical  
to advice which US Embassy  
in Kuwait has given to  
their citizens.

MY TELNO 396: KUWAIT/IRAQ: FUTURE OF BRITISH COMMUNITY

② Mr Hurd is due back  
at c 1800 hrs.

I have suggested  
that as soon as he is briefed on  
the position  
he gives  
you a  
phone  
call.

1. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, WHOSE COMMUNITY HAS ALSO BEEN REQUIRED  
BY THE IRAQIS TO MOVE TO ONE LOCATON, HAVE ALREADY ISSUED  
ADVISE LOCALLY TO THEIR COMMUNITY. THIS IS NOW REACHED THE  
EARS OF THE BRITISH COMMUNITY AND I AM THEREFORE ADVISING THE  
COMMUNITY ON VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL LINES. THE TEXT WE ARE USING,  
WHICH I HOPE THE BBC CAN BROADCAST URGENTLY IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE IRAQI AUTHORITIES HAVE ADVISED US THAT, INORDER BETTER TO  
PROTECT THE BRITISH COMMUNITY, THEY WANT ALL BRITISH CITIZENS  
LOCATED IN ONE PLACE IN KUWAIT. THEY HAVE SAID THAT BRITISH  
CITIZENS MUST MOVE TO THE REGENCY PALACE HOTEL ON 16 AUGUST.  
THE IRAQIS HAVE STATED THAT IF THE BRITISH COMMUNITY DO NOT  
MOVE VOLUNTARILY THEY WILL FACE UNSPECIFIED DIFFICULTIES  
THE EMBASSY TAKES THIS TO MEAN THAT THE IRAQIS WILL TAKE  
MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT BRITISH CITIZENS ARE MOVED TO  
ONE LOCATION. IF YOU CHOOSE TO MOVE PLEASE TAKE ALL FOOD FROM  
YOUR RESIDENCE WITH YOU TO GIVE TO THE HOTEL MANAGEMENT TO  
HELP THEIR FOOD STOCKS. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU TAKE NO MORE THAN  
ONE SUITCASE PER PERSON WITH YOU TO THE HOTEL.

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