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From the Secretary of State for Social Security

*Prime Minister?*

*You asked me to look into this report. It would seem that a very limited and small payment might in theory be available to Iraqi students.*

*20 August 1990.*

*But we are not aware of any applications.*

Caroline Slocock  
Private Secretary  
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LONDON SW1

Dear Caroline,

DAILY STAR ARTICLE - "IRAQUIS GET THE DOLE"

*MS 20/8*

You asked for a note on the article which appeared in the Daily Star today.

The article is factually incorrect - there are only 895 students in this country rather than the 2,000 mentioned, and this has been made quite clear to the Daily Star. At this stage we are not aware of any Iraqi students who have made a claim for benefit. Should circumstances arise where any student is without financial support, it may be possible for an urgent case payment to be made for a limited period at a reduced rate of 90 per cent of the normal Income Support allowance. I must emphasise again however, that no such claims have been made.

I am enclosing a copy of the line to take.

*Debbie Heigh*

DEBBIE HEIGH  
Private Secretary

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