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Jens Peters,

IRAQ/KUWAIT SANCTIONS: ENFORCEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 4 September to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary on this subject. May I say that from a Customs operational point of view we welcome the arrangements proposed and will certainly co-operate to the fullest extent possible.

2. I think we are now represented on the relevant interdepartmental committees and we have already established bilateral lines of communication with other departments for urgent exchanges of information. Given our role at the "sharp end" in the control of imports and exports and the investigation and prosecution of offences, it is obviously critical that we should receive the earliest possible intelligence and be consulted quickly wherever there is any reasonable suspicion of a breach of sanctions. It will then, of course, be for the Commissioners to determine the application of the appropriate Customs law.

3. I should add that implementation of UNSCR 661 is presenting some problems but we have found the paper attached to your letter a helpful initial guide to policy. Difficulties persist over control of mail but we shall be pursuing this further with the Departments concerned.

4. I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Brian Unwin
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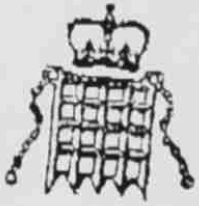
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DATE: 13 SEPTEMBER 1990

PAYMASTER GENERAL

DETENTION OF GOODS DESTINED FOR IRAQ AT LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT :
13 SEPTEMBER 1990

1. The hand luggage of an Iraqi national, Mr Kais Yousif Zako, was intercepted this morning when he was checking in for the 10.15 hours Royal Jordanian Airlines flight to Amman. It was found to contain two binders and some loose papers consisting of technical diagrams for wiring and plumbing systems in a construction project.
2. Mr Zako co-operated with Customs staff and informed them that he had intended taking the documents to Iraq. The project involved was the Al Sijood Project, a palace being built for Saddam Hussain. Mr Zako claimed to be taking the documents to Iraq on behalf of Thorn Security Ltd who were reluctant to use a UK national.

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3. Mr Zako's baggage was found on examination by Customs to contain nothing in contravention of the Iraq and Kuwait sanctions. Customs action was restricted to detention of the technical documents. Mr Zako was permitted to join the flight which left Heathrow at approximately 10.45 hours.

4. At no time did Mr Zako complain about his treatment nor at the detention of the documents. Customs investigators are considering what further action to take concerning Thorn Security Ltd.



DAVID LAYTON

Enquiries should be directed to the Press Office of Customs and Excise.

Line To Take

This was a routine detention of technical documents that are subject to the embargo against Iraq. Customs and Excise are making further enquiries in the normal way.

Note It is not thought the press know of this seizure.