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SUBJECT: SENATOR KENNEDY LETTER TO AMBASSADOR ON NAZI
- WAR CRIMINAL ALOIS BRUNNER

1. ON JUNE 27, AMBASSADOR RECEIVED A LETTER DATED JUNE 9, 1991, FROM SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY (TEXT IN PARA 3) REQUESTING INFORMATION ON USG EFFORTS TO SEEK THE EXTRADITION OF ACCUSED NAZI WAR CRIMINAL ALOIS BRUNNER FROM SYRIA, WHERE HE IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS.

2. ACTION REQUEST: EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED SIMILAR LETTERS FROM KENNEDY OR OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON BRUNNER (WE ARE AWARE OF A PENDING SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT). EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S QUERY.

3. TEXT OF KENNEDY LETTER ON BRUNNER:

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DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN ABOUT NAZI WAR CRIMINAL ALOIS BRUNNER, WHO HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN IN SYRIA FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WHILE THE U.S. DOES NOT SEEK TO EXTRADITE MR. BRUNNER TO THIS COUNTRY, WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE EXTRADITION REQUESTS OF FRANCE, GERMANY AND AUSTRIA. MOREOVER, I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT YOU HAVE REPEATEDLY APPROACHED SYRIAN AUTHORITIES ABOUT THIS MATTER. WHILE I WELCOME SYRIA'S SUPPORT DURING THE GULF CRISIS, I REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT SYRIA'S UNWILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE ON OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN, SUCH AS THE EXTRADITION OF MR. BRUNNER, A CHIEF AIDE TO **ADOLF EICHMANN** WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO DEATH CAMPS.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE REGARDING OUR GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO SEE MR. BRUNNER'S EXTRADITION AS WELL AS THE RESPONSE OF THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE ON THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,
S/S
EDWARD M. KENNEDY

END TEXT.

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