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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

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