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Your Excellency:

We know that the tragedy of approximately twenty (20) million Kurds in the divided Kurdistan of the Middle East is known both to you and the United Nations, as well as its affiliated humanitarian organizations.

However, as much as they have suffered in the Middle East cannot be compared at this time with the barbaric and inhumane treatment meted out by the facist regime of Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Kurds have endured summary trials by special courts, displacement, executions, detentions without legal recourse, torture, and the constant surveillance of mindless, heartless men.

We would like to bring to your attention the recent abduction of 3600 innocent civilian men by Iraqi armed forces on August 10, 1983 in Qush Tappa, Arbil Province, Iraq—to an unknown destination and fate.

According to the Kurdistan Democratic Party Chairman, Massoud Barzani, all are kurds, many of whom may be related to the late Kurdish leader, Mustafa Barzani. Since 1974, many of these men had cooperated with the Iraqi Government in the hope of being spared the madness of Saddam Hussein's vengemance—to no avail.

Your Excellency our people are helpless and most assuredly all 3600 detainees will be tortured and many--if not all--will ultimately be killed.

Their only hope lies in your determination and dedication to focus world attention on their desperate plight.

On behalf of the Kurdistanian Student Society in the USA and Canada we beg you to use your good offices to intervene, with righteous speed, in order to stay the bloody hand of Saddam Hussein.

Let the United Nation's show the world that its power and prestige is not only for the super powers—who ignore it when it suits them—but for those who have no power—and desperately need its protection.

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