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Ambassador Bremer
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And,

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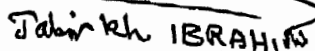
Baghdad, August 17th 2003

Dear Sir,

With reference to the e-mail we received from Mr. Kristen on August 05, about the Jewish archive discovered in the flooded basement of the Mukhabarat, we have viewed them, and we support your effort to protect these documents from further damage, and agree with your staff that we do not, at this time, have the resources to undertake this lengthy process.

According to paragraph No. 21 of the Iraqi Antiquities Law No. 55 for the year 2002, we agree with your plan to send the documents to the United States temporarily for the restoration by National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) on the condition that, following the restoration, the documents are returned to Iraq, in a period not exceeding two years from the day of this approval, and according to the attached list.

With our best regards,


Dr. Jaber Khalil Ibrahim
Chairman of the Board