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Dear Mr Wijingaarden,

Thank you for your letter of 4 July 1999 regarding your request of information on Mujahedin-E. Khalq organization's activity in traqi Kurdistan. I am pleased to answer your questions on this matter.

The KDP as a major Kurdish political party has led and participated in the Kurdish spring uprising of 1991 in Iraqi Kurdistan. The uprising caused the collapse of Iraqi government military, security and administrative structure in the region.

The oil-city of Kirkuk was liberated by the people and Kurdish forces (peshmerga). When the Iraqi troops counter attacked and regained control of Kirkuk and other major cities. There were rumors of Mujahedin units assisting the Iraqi troops. But due to disorder of events and development it was difficult to establish the truth. However when the leadership of Kurdistan Front engaged in negotiation with the Government of Iraq (GOI) from April – September 1991 and the situation was stabilized these rumors happen to be untrue.

The KDP can confirm that the Mujahedin were not involved in suppressing the Kurdish people neither during the uprising nor in its aftermath.

We have not come across any evidence to suggest that the Mujahedin have excreised any hostility towards the people of Iraqi Kurdistan. The Mujahedin —E. Khalq has its own political agenda in Iran and its members do not interfere in Iraqi internal affairs.

Warm regards

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