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GULF CRISIS - SITUATION REPORT

The Canadian Embassy in Baghdad has chartered an Iraqi Airways 707 to fly Canadian women and children from Kuwait to Baghdad on September 6. They will then fly on to Ankara after a stop-over in Baghdad for Iraqi exit visa processing. The Iraqi authorities have undertaken to process all exit visas as a batch in order to facilitate the evacuation from Kuwait of Canadians on this charter flight. It is planned, therefore, that the charter flight will leave Baghdad for Ankara the same day. The evacuees will transfer to the Nationair charter prepositioned in Ankara and be flown to Europe and Canada. Details are being worked out.

Canadian women and children in Iraq who wish to leave and who have received exit visas will board the plane in Baghdad.

The Canadian Consul in Baghdad is travelling today by car to Kuwait to assist with the organization of the evacuation. In addition an Attache from the Embassy in Baghdad will travel on the plane from Kuwait to Baghdad and on to Ankara.

The Canadian Embassy in Amman has reported that 11 Canadians, a number of whom were travelling on other passports, arrived in Amman on September 3 on an Iraqi Airways flight from Baghdad.