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4. <u>U.S. Citizens Detained by Iraqi Government</u> - At our request the Belgians (our protecting power in Baghdad), the French, the British and the Indians have over the past several weeks made diplomatic representations in Baghdad in an effort to secure the release of two Americans, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bail. We have also proposed that King Hussein of Jordan and King Feisal of Saudi Arabia directly approach Iraqi President Bakr. We are in continuous touch with Bails' relatives, concerned Congressmen, and Esso, Bail's employer. In order not to jeopardize the Bails' chances of release, we are seeking to keep publicity to a minimum.

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