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President George Bush
The White House
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September 5, 1990

Dear Mr. President:

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations extends its full support to your Administration's handling of the crisis in the Gulf to date and our country's participation in the international response to the Security Council resolutions. Our actions have been taken in defense of the principles of: (1) the restoration of Kuwait's national sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity; (2) the inherent right, underscored in the U.N. Charter, of any country to take measures for its self defense and to request the assistance of other member nations; and (3) the Charter's unambiguous declaration on the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force.

The National Council asks all Americans for the necessary national resolve to stand with the world community in its efforts to resist Iraq's blatant disregard for international law. Without such resolve, an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait is highly unlikely. And any acquiescence to non-withdrawal is a recipe for disaster. The unchecked invasion and absorption of one country by another would invite further adventurism from many possible directions. The disaster would be first and foremost to the Kuwaiti people whose national identity, dignity, and sovereignty have been trampled underfoot, and whose previously vibrant political and financial institutions have been seized and looted.

To the loved ones of the Americans held hostage in Kuwait and Iraq, we extend our heartfelt consolation and sympathy. We pray for their safety, their speedy release, and the reunion of all families whose unity has been shattered by Iraq's invasion, occupation, and annexation of Kuwait.

Let us not forget, also, that hundreds of thousands of Kuwaitis, like our fellow Americans, are also hostages -- in their own country -- and that tens of thousands more are daily swelling the ranks of the world's homeless and stateless refugees. They, too, must be included in our prayers and in the reasons for our resolve. They, too, must be reunited with their loved ones in their homeland.

Please accept my warm regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

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President

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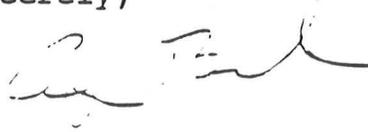
Dear Mr. Anthony:

Thank you for your warm and thoughtful message regarding the situation in the Persian Gulf.

I am heartened by the widespread support of the American people for the efforts to enforce United Nations sanctions aimed at bringing about a withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and restoration of Kuwait's independence. I am also encouraged by the number of other countries -- including Arab nations -- that have joined the international effort to defend Saudi Arabia against aggression.

Your kind words mean a great deal to me, and I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,



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