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01c. Letter	Pope John Paul II to President Bush (2 pp.)	1/15/91	(b)(1)	
01d. Draft Press Release	Re: Text of the President's Letter to Pope John Paul II (1 pp.)	1/16/91	(b)(1)	
02. Memo	Nancy Bearg Dyke/Sandra Charles to Brent Scowcroft/Robert M. Gates Re: Persian Gulf Public Diplomacy Update (1 pp.)	1/17/91	(b)(1)	C
03a. Memo	Nicholas Burns to Brent Scowcroft Re: Presidential Message to President Ozal (1 pp.)	1/17/91	(b)(1)	S
03b. Memo	Brent Scowcroft to POTUS Re: Telephone Call to President Ozal of Turkey (1 pp.)	1/17/91	(b)(1)	S
03c. Talking Points	Re: Points To Be Made for Call to President Ozal (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	S
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04c. Talking Points	Re: Points for Jan 17 Cabinet Meeting (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	C
04d. Memo	Richard N. Haass to Brent Scowcroft Re: Talking Points for January 17 Cabinet Meeting (1 pp.)	1/17/91	(b)(1)	C
05a. Memo	Karl D. Jackson to Brent Scowcroft Re: Presidential Telephone Call to Toshiki Kaifu, Prime Minister of Japan (2 pp.)	1/17/91	(b)(1)	S
05b. Memo	Brent Scowcroft to POTUS Re: Telephone Call to Prime Minister Kaifu (1 pp.)	1/17/91	(b)(1)	S
05c. Talking Points	Re: Points To Be Made for Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu (1 pp.)	1/17/91	(b)(1)	S
05d. Text	Re: A Text of Statement by Prime Minister Kaifu (2 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	
05e. Letter	Prime Minister Kaifu to President Bush (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	
05f. Cable	Re: Japan: Kaifu May Offer Self-Defense Force Transport Planes (1 pp.)	1/17/91	(b)(1)	

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07a. Memo	William Sittmann to Phillip Brady Re: Telephone Call from Chancellor Kohl at 1:00 pm on January 22 (1 pp.)	1/22/91	(b)(1)	S
07b. Talking Points	Re: Points To Be Made for Telephone Conversation with Chancellor Kohl (3 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	S
07c. Memo	Robert L. Hutchings to Brent Scowcroft Re: Telephone Call from Chancellor Kohl (1 pp.)	1/22/91	(b)(1)	S
08. Talking Points	Re: Points for 1 pm Meeting with Congressmen (3 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	C
09a. Memo	Donald C. Johnson to Brent Scowcroft Re: Cross-Hatch Message to Venezuelan President on Gulf Situation (1 pp.)	1/25/91	(b)(1)	C
09b. Cable	Re: President Bush Reply to President Perez (4 pp.)	1/24/91	(b)(1)	C
09c. Cable	Re: Letter to POTUS from President Perez of Venezuela (3 pp.)	1/22/91	(b)(1)	C
09d. Cable	Re: Press Report of Letter from Perez to Saddam Hussein (2 pp.)	1/24/91	(b)(1)	C

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PERSONS: JOHN PAUL II

SUBJECT: PRES MSG TO POPE JOHN PAUL II RE GULF CRISIS

ACTION: SITTMANN SGD MEMO DUE DATE: 18 JAN 91 STATUS: C

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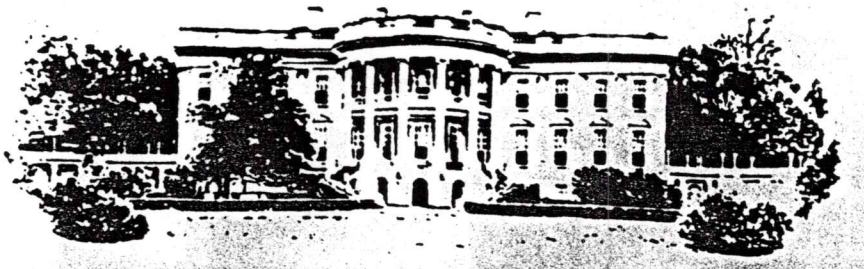
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

January 16, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR J. STAPLETON ROY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Message to Pope John Paul II

Attached is a message from the President to Pope John Paul II, responding to the Pope's letter of January 15. It should be incorporated urgently into a cable for Embassy Vatican. No need for crosshatch. As the Vatican will be publishing the Pope's letter, the White House plans to release the President's letter on January 16 and has no objection to release by the Vatican as well.

William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary

Attachment
Tab A Presidential Message

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO POPE JOHN PAUL II

OK send immediately

Your Holiness:

I have read your letter on the Gulf crisis with great attention. Your prayers and words of counsel touch me deeply.

Your ardent wish for peace is mine as well. As you know, the United Nations has pursued every avenue toward a peaceful resolution of the crisis.

GB 10:43 A 1-16

Since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2, acts of aggression have been visited daily on the victims of this war waged by Iraq. The international community has sought relentlessly to reverse this crime and establish a true peace. Our aim is not only peace in the Gulf region but a peaceful world, built on the foundations of morality and justice.

I am grateful that you have invoked your moral authority to appeal once more to President Saddam Hussein to choose peace over war. I pray that he will heed this call. Be assured, Your Holiness, that the world community stands ready to respond should Iraq demonstrate its willingness to comply in full with the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

January 15, 1991

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: DAVID C. GOMPERT

FROM: ROBERT L. HUTCHINGS

SUBJECT: Reply to Pope John Paul II

At Tab A is a proposed reply from the President to the Pope's message on the Gulf. The text has been cleared with State.

As the Pope's message, along with a parallel one to Saddam Hussein, will be published January 16 in Osservatore Romano, we recommend that the President's letter be sent January 16 and released here later in the day.

Concurrence by: Richard Haass

RECOMMENDATIONS

That you authorize Bill Sittmann to sign the Tab I memo to State, attaching the message for transmittal to Embassy Vatican.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

That you authorize Bill Sittmann to sign the memorandum at Tab II to Phillip Brady forwarding the proposed press release.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

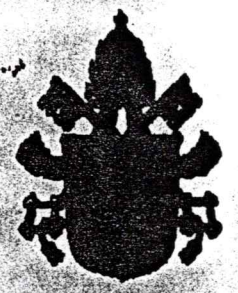
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Attachments
Tab I Sittmann Memorandum for Roy
Tab A Presidential Message to the Pope
Tab B Incoming
Tab II Sittmann Memorandum for Brady
Tab A Proposed Press Release

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To the Honorable George Bush
President of the United States of America

I feel the pressing duty to turn to you as the leader of the Nation which is most involved, from the standpoint of personnel and equipment, in the military operation now taking place in the Gulf Region.

In recent days, voicing the thoughts and concerns of millions of people, I have stressed the tragic consequences which a war in that area could have. I wish now to restate my firm belief that war is not likely to bring an adequate solution to international problems and that, even though an unjust situation might be momentarily met, the consequences that would possibly derive from war would be devastating and tragic. We cannot pretend that the use of arms, and especially of today's highly sophisticated weaponry, would not give rise, in addition to suffering and destruction, to new and perhaps worse injustices.

Mr. President, I am certain that, together with your advisers, you too have clearly weighed all these factors, and will not spare further efforts to avoid decisions which would be irreversible and bring suffering to thousands of families among your fellow citizens and to so many peoples in the Middle East.

In these last hours before the deadline laid down by the United Nations Security Council, I truly hope, and I appeal with

lively faith to the Lord, that peace can still be saved. I hope that, through a last-minute effort at dialogue, sovereignty may be restored to the people of Kuwait and that that international order which is the basis for a coexistence between peoples truly worthy of mankind may be re-established in the Gulf area and in the entire Middle East.

I invoke upon you God's abundant blessings and, at this moment of grave responsibility before your Country and before history, I especially pray that you be granted the wisdom to make decisions which will truly serve the good of your fellow-citizens and of the entire international community.

From the Vatican, January 15, 1991.

Joannes Paulus PP

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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO POPE JOHN PAUL II

January 16, 1991

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George Bush

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SUBJECT: PERSIAN GULF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY UPDATE

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January 17, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT/ROBERT M. GATES

THROUGH: RICHARD HAASS
R. RAND BEERS, ACTING

FROM: NANCY BEARG DYKE/SANDRA CHARLES

Natl Sec Advisor has seen

SUBJECT: Persian Gulf Public Diplomacy Update

A public diplomacy contingency plan for hostilities has been prepared, with themes largely drawn from the President's address last night. It will be cabled to all posts, including military headquarters. Earlier this week, the coordinating group met to ensure coordination among public diplomacy, DOD psyop, and CIA on these themes, and this coordination will continue here and in the field as efforts intensify.

A cable has gone out warning of anticipated Iraqi disinformation efforts and outlining procedures for reporting disinformation. Information and guidance will be developed and provided as these cases arise.

The Voice of America has done an outstanding job of worldwide broadcast since hostilities began by shortwave, medium wave, satellite TV, and placement on other stations. VOA broadcast the President's address live in Arabic and several other languages and worldwide in English. VOA has gone to an all-news format in English and is being picked up and broadcast on some stations, such as Radio New Zealand. Broadcast time in both Arabic and English have been increased. VOA's dial-in telephone news center Arabic branch received 254 calls in the first five hours of hostilities, bringing the total to 53,000 calls since August 2.

VOA reaches Iraq and Kuwait by shortwave and medium wave from several transmitters. Listenership there has increased during the crisis and can be expected to increase further as the people seek factual news. VOA is not being jammed at this time. Reaching the Iraqi people and military will continue to be a major objective of public diplomacy.

USIA has gone to an emergency plan to ensure the widest dissemination of Administration statements and other information. Worldnet will be seeking Administration participants to carry our messages to Arab and other publics through its television journalistic interviews.

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SUBJECT: PRES MSG TO PRES OZAL & PRES TELCALL TO OZAL ON 17 JAN

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January 17, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: DAVID GOMPERT

FROM: NICHOLAS BURNS NB

SUBJECT: Presidential Message to President Ozal

Deputy Natl Sec Advisor has seen

We recommend that the President send a message to President Ozal today or call him to thank him for engineering today's positive vote in the Turkish National Assembly (by a margin of 250 to 148) to allow the U.S. use of Turkish bases for offensive purposes in Operation Desert Storm. This was a difficult and controversial decision for Ozal.

Ozal's government announced several hours after the outbreak of hostilities that it would seek such a vote today, and stressed that it did so without a specific request from the U.S.

According to Ambassador Abramowitz, who has spoken to Ozal twice today on this matter, the positive vote means that the U.S. will have use of the bases for offensive purposes, starting immediately, and will also be given immediate overflight clearances for B-52 operations. The resolution also gives the Turkish military authority to cross the border into Iraq should that be necessary to defend Turkey (according to Abramowitz, the Turkish military has taken no action whatsoever so far).

Attached are talking points for a possible Presidential call to Ozal today. Ambassador Abramowitz suggests the President call Ozal briefly to congratulate and thank him. He believes Ozal is interested in exchanging views with the President on the course of the military activities since last evening. Alternatively, we have attached a draft message that could be sent today.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the talking points at Tab 1 for a Presidential call to Ozal

Approve _____ Disapprove ✓

Alternatively, that you approve the message at Tab 2 for transmission to Ozal today

Approve ✓ Disapprove _____

Attachments
Tab I Talking Points and Schedule Proposal
Tab II Message to Ozal

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FOR; THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT: Telephone Call to President Ozal of Turkey

DATE: January 17, 1991

PURPOSE: To call President Ozal to thank him for today's Turkish National Assembly decision to permit U.S. use of Turkish bases.

BACKGROUND: President Ozal pushed through the Turkish National Assembly today a resolution permitting the U.S. use of Turkish bases in this conflict for offensive purposes. I suggest you call to congratulate him and thank him for this action.

SECURE OR OPEN: Open

INTERPRETER: None required.

PHONE NUMBER: To be provided by WHCA

CONTACT: Nicholas Burns

TIME DIFFERENCE: +8

SUGGESTED TIMES: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. EST

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Gulf war.

Attachment
Tab A Talking Points

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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POINTS TO BE MADE FOR CALL TO PRESIDENT OZAL

-- Turgut, I am calling to congratulate you on the historic vote in your National Assembly today.

-- I understand you won by over 100 votes.

-- This is great news and a strong signal of support for your policies. I want to thank you and express my admiration and respect for this decisive step at a crucial time.

-- You have demonstrated once again your magnificent leadership and indispensable role in the multinational coalition.

-- I am encouraged so far. The coalition is strong. We will prevail.

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Proposed Message to President Ozal

Dear Turgut:

Congratulations on today's historic vote in the National Assembly. I understand the resolution passed by a sizeable margin.

This is great news, and is a further signal of our strength and resolve. I want to thank you for having demonstrated once again your indispensable leadership.

I am encouraged so far. The coalition is strong. We will prevail.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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MEMORANDUM FOR PHILLIP BRADY

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

SUBJECT: Talking Points for January 17 Cabinet Meeting

Attached are Talking Points prepared for the President's use at the Cabinet meeting on January 17.

Attachment
Tab A Talking Points

cc: Fred McClure
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POINTS FOR JAN 17 CABINET MEETING

-- IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL. AS I SAID LAST NIGHT, WE HAVE BEGUN THE LIBERATION OF KUWAIT. BUT LET ME REMIND YOU -- THIS IS JUST THE FIRST DAY OF A MILITARY CAMPAIGN.

-- INITIAL REPORTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LOSSES ARE GOOD. BUT WE NEED TO KEEP THIS IN PERSPECTIVE AND KEEP ANY EUPHORIA WELL IN CHECK. NO ONE SHOULD ASSUME THIS CONFLICT WILL BE SHORT OR EASY.

-- MY DECISION TO USE FORCE CAME ONLY AFTER MORE THAN 5 MONTHS OF CONSTANT EFFORT AMID MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT NEITHER DIPLOMACY NOR SANCTIONS WOULD WORK. AT THE SAME TIME, WE AND OUR COALITION PARTNERS USED THESE MONTHS TO PREPARE FOR THE PRECISE AND HIGHLY

EFFECTIVE MILITARY CAMPAIGN YOU ARE SEEING.

-- I EXPECT THERE WILL BE CALLS FOR CEASE-FIRE AND DIPLOMACY. SUCH CALLS ARE PREMATURE. HOW LONG THIS LASTS WILL BE UP TO SADDAM HUSSEIN. BUT WE WILL NOT STOP SHORT OF FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 678. MOREOVER, WE CONTINUE TO SEE NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER THAT SADDAM IS INTERESTED IN WITHDRAWING PEACEFULLY FROM KUWAIT.

-- THESE ARE TRULY HISTORIC EVENTS. AND I STILL SEE HISTORIC OPPORTUNITIES IF WE CONTINUE TO STAY THE COURSE, AS WE WILL.

-- WITH THAT, I'D LIKE DICK TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF WHERE WE ARE.

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Points for Jan 17 Cabinet Meeting

-- It is good to see you all. As I said last night, we have begun the liberation of Kuwait. But let me remind you -- this is just the first day of a military campaign.

-- Initial reports of accomplishments and losses are good. But we need to keep this in perspective and keep any euphoria well in check. No one should assume this conflict will be short or easy.

-- My decision to use force came only after more than 5 months of constant effort amid mounting evidence that neither diplomacy nor sanctions would work. At the same time, we and our coalition partners used these months to prepare for the precise and highly effective military campaign you are seeing.

-- I expect there will be calls for cease-fire and diplomacy. Such calls are premature. How long this lasts will be up to Saddam Hussein. But we will not stop short of full implementation of Security Council Resolution 678. Moreover, we continue to see no evidence whatsoever that Saddam is interested in withdrawing peacefully from Kuwait.

-- These are truly historic events. And I still see historic opportunities if we continue to stay the course, as we will.

-- With that, I'd like Dick to give you a sense of where we are.

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: RICHARD N. HAASS

SUBJECT: Talking Points for January 17 Cabinet Meeting

At Tab A are proposed Talking Points for the President's use with the Cabinet meeting on January 17.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize William Sittmann to forward the proposed Talking Points to Phillip Brady (Sittmann memo at Tab I).

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments
Tab I Sittmann Memo to Brady
Tab A Proposed Talking Points

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PERSONS: KAIFU, TOSHIKI

SUBJECT: TELCALL TO PM KAIFU OF JAPAN

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Telephone Call to Kaifu tonight (1/17) at ~~7:00 p.m.~~

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05a. Memo	Karl D. Jackson to Brent Scowcroft Re: Presidential Telephone Call to Toshiki Kaifu, Prime Minister of Japan (2 pp.)	1/17/91	(b)(1)	S

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Record Group: Bush Presidential Records
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05b. Memo	Brent Scowcroft to POTUS Re: Telephone Call to Prime Minister Kaifu (1 pp.)	1/17/91	(b)(1)	S

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Series: Desert Shield/Desert Storm Files
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05c. Talking Points	Re: Points To Be Made for Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu (1 pp.)	1/17/91	(b)(1)	S

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3. FOLLOWING IS A TEXT OF STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER KAIFU:
(1) TODAY A NUMBER OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES TOOK THE STEP TO USE FORCE IN ORDER TO ENFORCE U.S. (SIC) SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH DEMAND THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF IRAQ FROM KUWAIT AND THE RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT.
(2) JAPAN HAS ALL ALONG BEEN STRONGLY DEMANDING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ TO COMPLY WITH THE RELEVANT U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS WITHOUT DELAY, AND MAKING EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS PEACEFULLY. THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ, HOWEVER, HAS PERSISTENTLY IGNORED THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND CONTINUED ITS INVASION AND ANNEXATION OF KUWAIT BEYOND THE GRACE PERIOD THAT EXPIRED ON JANUARY 15. JAPAN STRONGLY CONDEMNS THIS OUTRAGEOUS ACT OF IRAQ, AND DEEPLY REGRETS THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO NOTHING.
(3) IRAQ'S BLATANT INVASION AND ANNEXATION OF ITS NEIGHBOR IS A CHALLENGE TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH HAS A MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. IF CONDONED, SUCH AN ACT WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE JUST AND STABLE INTERNATIONAL ORDER THAT IS SO INDISPENSABLE FOR JAPAN'S OWN EXISTENCE. BASED ON THIS STANDPOINT, JAPAN PLEDGES ITS FIRM SUPPORT TO THE USE OF FORCE BY THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 678 AS THE LAST RESORT TO TERMINATE THE INVASION AND RESTORE PEACE.
(4) JAPAN IS DETERMINED TO EXTEND MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SUPPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, TO THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO RESTORE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY. FURTHERMORE, JAPAN HAS DECIDED TO OFFER MAXIMUM POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE EVACUEES AND REFUGEES IN COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND IS ALREADY TAKING ACTIONS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.
(5) JAPAN STRONGLY CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ TO RESPECT THE UNITED WILL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND IMMEDIATELY ACCEPT ALL THE RELEVANT U.S. (SIC) SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. IT IS OUR STRONG HOPE THAT THE ACT OF HOSTILITY IN THE GULF REGION WILL PROMPTLY CEASE, AND LASTING PEACE AND STABILITY WILL PREVAIL IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
(6) THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS ALREADY TAKEN NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE JAPANESE NATIONALS STAYING IN AND AROUND THE GULF REGION. THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THOSE JAPANESE NATION (SIC). WITH A VIEW TO AVOIDING ANY UNEXPECTED ADVERSE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PRESENT SITUATION, ALL NECESSARY MEASURES ARE ALSO BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT HIJACKING AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN JAPAN AND OVERSEAS.
(7) LIKEWISE, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO WORK WITHIN A

COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK TO MINIMIZE THE ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE JAPANESE ECONOMY AND TO MAINTAIN JAPANESE LIVING STANDARDS. AT THE SAME TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE JAPANESE PEOPLE OF THE HEIGHTENED NEED FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION.

(8) WE HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED A GULF CRISIS POLICY COUNCIL WITHIN THE CABINET AND HEADED BY MYSELF AS PRIME MINISTER AND WILL RESPOND VIGOROUSLY TO THIS EMERGENCY IN A CONCERTED, COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE MANNER.

(9) CONFIDENT THAT THESE POLICIES ARE IN JAPAN'S OWN INTERESTS AND ARE CONSISTENT WITH OUR CONSTITUTION'S DESIRE FOR LASTING PEACE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL HARMONY, THE GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR THE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION OF ALL THE PEOPLE." END TEXT.

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[TEXT] TOKYO, JAN. 17 KYODO -- JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TOSHIKI KAIFU SAID THURSDAY HE IS CONSIDERING THE USE OF SELF-DEFENSE FORCE [SDF] TRANSPORT PLANES TO ASSIST THE U.S.-LED MULTINATIONAL MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ.

HE MADE THE REMARKS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER UNITED STATES STARTED BOMBING IRAQ AND KUWAIT THURSDAY MORNING.

KAIFU PLEDGED EVERY POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR ANTI-IRAQ OPERATIONS OF THE U.S.-LED ALLIED TROOPS. HE SAID THE POSSIBLE USE OF JAPANESE MILITARY TRANSPORT PLANES, EXTREMELY CONTROVERSIAL HERE UNDER THE ANTIWAR CONSTITUTION, "WILL BE BASED ON SELF-DEFENSE FORCES LAW, AND NOT AN ULTRA-LEGAL STEP."

HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ARTICLE 12 OF THE LAW, WHICH INCLUDES STIPULATIONS THAT THE FORCES CAN EXTEND NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER COOPERATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHES IN ANTARCTICA AND FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

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January 18, 1991

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Military actions are being conducted with great intensity. They have been carefully planned to accomplish our goals with the minimum loss of life among coalition military forces and the civilian inhabitants of the area. Initial reports indicate that our forces have performed magnificently. Nevertheless, it is impossible to know at this time either the duration of active combat operations or the scope or duration of the deployment of U.S. Armed Forces necessary fully to accomplish our goals.

The operations of U.S. and other coalition forces are contemplated by the resolutions of the U.N. Security Council, as well as H.J. Res. 77, adopted by Congress on January 12, 1991. They are designed to ensure that the mandates of the United Nations and the common goals of our coalition partners are achieved and the safety of our citizens and Forces is ensured.

As our united efforts in pursuit of peace, stability, and security in the Gulf region continue, I look forward to our continued consultation and cooperation.

Sincerely,

George Bush

The Honorable Thomas S. Foley
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: The Honorable Robert H. Michel
Republican Leader

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: The Honorable George J. Mitchell
Majority Leader

The Honorable Robert J. Dole
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

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Military actions are being conducted with great intensity. They have been carefully planned to accomplish our goals with the minimum loss of life among coalition military forces and the civilian inhabitants of the area. Initial reports indicate that our forces have performed magnificently. Nevertheless, it is impossible to know at this time either the duration of active combat operations or the scope or duration of the deployment of U.S. Armed Forces necessary fully to accomplish our goals.

The operations of U.S. and other coalition forces are contemplated by the resolutions of the U.N. Security Council, as well as H.J. Res. 77, adopted by Congress on January 12, 1991. They are designed to ensure that the mandates of the United Nations and the common goals of our coalition partners are achieved and the safety of our citizens and Forces is ensured.

President sgd per WH Executive Clerk 1/18/91

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 18, 1991

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT: Report to Congress on Commencement of Desert Storm

Issue

To report to Congress "consistent with the War Powers Resolution" on the commencement of Desert Storm.

Background

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 77) supporting the use of force against Iraq to obtain compliance with the U.N. Security Council resolutions specifically provides statutory authority to engage in hostilities. The resolution therefore satisfies the requirement of the War Powers Resolution concerning the conduct of hostilities for more than 60 days, but H.J. Res. 77 specifically does not supersede other requirements of the War Powers Resolution. One such provision requires submission of a presidential report to Congress within 48 hours of introducing the Armed Forces into hostilities in the absence of a declaration of war. H.J. Res. 77 is not a declaration of war within the meaning of the War Powers Resolution.

While all Presidents and their counsel have challenged the constitutionality of the War Powers Resolution, or parts thereof, all Presidents also have submitted letters "consistent with" the Resolution when the Armed Forces have been introduced into hostilities or the other circumstances for which a report is required. The formula "consistent with the War Powers Resolution" is intended, and is understood to be intended, to preserve the argument that the Resolution is unconstitutional. You have used it in the past.

All senior Administration counsel recommend that you send identical letters to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate reporting the commencement of Desert Storm.

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

RECOMMENDATION

That you report to Congress consistent with the War Powers Resolution on the commencement of Desert Storm by signing the letters attached at Tabs A and B.

Attachments
Tab A Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives
Tab B Letter to the President pro tempore of the Senate

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FROM: ROY, J

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KEYWORDS: ISRAEL HS
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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM PM SHAMIR RE CONGRATULATIONS ON FIRST STAGE OF DESERT STORM

ACTION: NO REPLY REQUIRED PER STATE DUE DATE: 22 JAN 91 STATUS: C

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Date January 22, 1991

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Israeli PM Shamir

Date: Jan. 17, 1991

Subject: Congratulations on First Stage of Operation Desert Storm.

WH Referral Dated: 18 JAN 91
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_____ A draft reply is attached.

_____ A draft reply will be forwarded.

_____ A translation is attached.

_____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

XX We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.

_____ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.

_____ Other (see remarks).

REMARKS: No reply is necessary in view of subsequent telephone contact between the President and Prime Minister Shamir.

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REQUIRED ACTION: FOR RECOMS/DRAFT REPLY

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FOR Lisa M. Schwartz
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

SUBJECT: Alerting NSCS on Presidential Correspondence

Enclosed is the original of a letter to President Bush from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of the State of Israel which is transmitted for your information.

This correspondence was received in the Information Resources Management Section of the Executive Secretariat on January 17, 1991. A copy has been assigned to the appropriate bureau for action.

Charles G. Jackson Jr. for

Director, S/S-IRM
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PERSONS: KOHL, HELMUT
OZAL, TURGUT

SUBJECT: PRES TELCON TO CHANCELLOR KOHL 22 JAN RE PERSIAN GULF CRISIS

ACTION: SITTMANN SGD MEMO DUE DATE: 25 JAN 91 STATUS: C

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COMMENTS

Telephone call to Kohl at 1:00pm today (1/22)

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January 22, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR PHILLIP BRADY

FROM: WILLIAM SITTMANN KJH/jn

SUBJECT: Telephone Call from Chancellor Kohl at 1:00pm on January 22

Attached are talking points for the President's 1:00pm telephone call from Chancellor Kohl this afternoon.

Attachment
Talking Points for the President

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POINTS TO BE MADE FOR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL

NATO Commitment to Turkey's Defense

-- First, let me say how much I appreciate your deployment of a squadron of your air force to Turkey, your agreement to make Patriot units available to Turkey, and Minister Stoltenberg's reaffirmation of Germany's commitment to oppose aggression against any Alliance member under the NATO treaty.

-- I know these have been very difficult decisions for you, and I want you to know how much we appreciate Germany's solidarity.

Situation Report

-- My military leaders have told me that the campaign is proceeding according to our plans. Our losses are lighter than we expected.

-- But we must all be careful to avoid complacency or euphoria. I've told our people that there will be ups and downs, and that this will be a prolonged effort.

-- The coalition is solid. NATO has been strong. Ozal has been courageous and Turkey deserves NATO's support.

Financial Support for Desert Storm

-- The operating costs of Desert Storm are enormous. Nick Brady spoke with your Finance Minister to lay out our estimates for the immediate future. Nick and Jim Baker will continue working with your Government on this.

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Israel's Position

-- The repeated unprovoked Iraqi attacks on Israeli population centers are an outrage. We all need to denounce this new aggression.

-- We have a constructive dialogue with Israel on this danger. I have been talking to Prime Minister Shamir. The Israelis are demonstrating exceptional responsibility and restraint.

-- We hope that will continue. We are encouraging them not to retaliate and we have deployed missile defenses. But we fully understand the pressures they face, and cannot be sure they will refrain from reprisals.

Continuing Resolve

-- I want you to know from me that we are fully committed to seeing this operation through until we succeed, and we will succeed.

-- Despite what you may see of demonstrations here, the vast majority of the American people support our effort and I just received nearly unanimous backing from the Congress.

-- Saddam's behavior has proven the correctness of our decision.

-- I know that there are protests in Germany and that the left is on the attack. But I know your leadership will carry the day.

Ceasefire

-- I have heard about some calls for a ceasefire or a pause. If Saddam wants a ceasefire he knows how to get one: withdraw his forces from Kuwait. We oppose Security Council action that will just reduce the military pressure on

Saddam, buy him time, or turn him into an Arab hero.

-- Saddam's own behavior points up the folly of any pause. There will be no pause until our objectives have been achieved.

POWs

-- All of us are outraged by Iraq's brutal treatment of our captured airmen. If Saddam thinks this will weaken the will of the coalition against him, he is dead wrong.

-- We have told the Iraqi Government that it will be held responsible for these acts.

GATT

-- Although the Gulf conflict is of course uppermost in our minds, I want to say again how profoundly concerned I am about the danger of a failure of the Uruguay Round.

-- You promised to work to get the EC to adopt a more flexible negotiating position. What can you tell me about the EC position now? Is there any hope that the French will move?

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: DAVID C. GOMPERT

FROM: ROBERT L. HUTCHINGS RLH

SUBJECT: Telephone Call from Chancellor Kohl

We have confirmed that Kohl will call shortly after 1:00 p.m. our time, today, January 22. His topic is the Gulf. In addition to hearing the President's views on the current situation in the Gulf, Kohl may want to discuss financial contributions to Desert Storm and the question of NATO obligations to Turkey in the event of Iraqi attack.

At Tab I are talking points for the President's use, following those he used for his earlier calls to Ozal, Major, Mitterrand, Gonzalez, and Andreotti. We have added a point praising Defense Minister Stoltenberg for his reaffirmation of Germany's readiness to meet its NATO obligations, as well as a brief point foreshadowing the need for more discussion of Germany's financial contributions to Desert Storm.

Given the lack of progress on the Uruguay Round, it would also be helpful for the President to allude briefly to their last conversation -- mainly to inquire whether Kohl has made any progress in the EC and to keep the issue on Kohl's radar.

Philip Zelikow PZ concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the talking points at Tab I for the President's use in his telephone conversation with Kohl.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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Tab I Points to be Made

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FROM: SITTMANN

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PERSONS: HUSSEIN, SADDAM

SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR PRES 24 JAN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP MTG

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January 23, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR PHILLIP D. BRADY

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

SUBJECT: Talking Points for January 24, 1991, Republican Congressional Leadership Meeting

Attached are Talking Points prepared for the President's use at the Republican Congressional Leadership Meeting on January 24, 1991.

Attachment
Tab A Talking Points

cc: Fred McClure

POINTS TO BE MADE FOR MEETING WITH
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

-- I want to start by thanking everyone in this room for his support during the debate over HJ Res 77. Though it did not persuade Saddam to opt for peace, it sent a strong signal of support to our military men and women and our coalition partners.

-- As for the war, and as I said last night, after one week of Operation Desert Storm we are on track. We have control of the air and are methodically damaging and where possible destroying Iraq's unconventional and conventional military might.

-- I will not be pressured to adopt somebody else's timetable. Nor will I be pressured into accepting some "pause for peace" that would simply give Saddam time to recoup and dig in.

-- I will say though that I am outraged by what Saddam is doing in targeting innocents with SCUDS and by his exploitation of POWs. He will be held accountable for any and all war crimes committed.

-- One last point. I am truly impressed by the multi-national dimension of what we are doing. British, French, Saudi, Italian, Kuwait and Qatar pilots are flying with us. Any ground campaign would also be a coalition effort. And we are preparing an ambitious effort to ensure that the financial costs of the war are equitably shared.

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: RICHARD HAASS/VIRGINIA A. LAMPLEY

SUBJECT: Talking Points for January 24, 1991, Republican Congressional Leadership Meeting

At Tab A are proposed Talking Points for the President's use with the Republican Congressional Leadership on January 24, 1991.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize William Sittmann to forward the proposed Talking Points to Phillip D. Brady.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments
Tab I Sittmann Memo to Brady
Tab A Proposed Talking Points

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POINTS FOR 1 PM MEETING WITH CONGRESSMEN

--THANKS FOR COMING UP HERE AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

--FIRST, THOUGH, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN A QUICK READ-OUT OF JIM BAKER'S MEETING WITH TARIQ AZIZ.

--THE MAIN POINT OF THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS HOW WE TOGETHER CAN BEST FRAME THE HISTORICAL DEBATE WHICH YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENGAGE IN. YOU HAVE ALREADY TOLD ME YOU SUPPORT OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (IN A PREVIOUS RESOLUTION). I WOULD LIKE TO BUILD ON THAT SUPPORT AND I HOPE CONGRESS WILL SUPPORT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.

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--I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE ENTIRE WORLD IS WATCHING WHAT THE CONGRESS WILL BE DOING OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. I SINCERELY HOPE WE CAN COME TO SOME AGREEMENT OVER THE VEHICLES FOR DEBATE AND I HOPE THAT THROUGH REFLECTION THAT WE ARE ALL CLEAR ON THE POTENTIAL OUTCOME OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE.

--OTHERWISE, AND AS I EXPECT YOU ALL KNOW, I SENT YESTERDAY A LETTER TO SPEAKER FOLEY AND THE OTHER LEADERS ASKING THAT CONGRESS GO ON RECORD SUPPORTING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 678. THERE REALLY IS NOTHING THAT THE CONGRESS COULD DO THAT WOULD DO MORE TO INCREASE THE CHANCES FOR PEACE. AS I WROTE, ANYTHING LESS WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE

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SADDAM'S INTRANSIGENCE AND WEAKEN THE COALITION ARRAYED AGAINST IRAQ.

--I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU ARE CONCERNED WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE OF WHICH BRANCH HAS THE AUTHORITY TO COMMIT US FORCES INTO COMBAT. QUITE FRANKLY, WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SETTLE IN TWO DAYS OR EVEN TWO WEEKS A DEBATE THAT HAS RAGED FOR MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES. THAT IS WHY I HAVE PUT FORWARD A RESOLUTION THAT FOCUSES ON SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES AND POLICY. WE DON'T NEED A DIVISIVE DEBATE ON CONSTITUTIONAL PREROGATIVES. WE DO NEED A STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT FOR THE WHOLE WORLD TO SEE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS UNITED AGAINST THE AGGRESSIVE BELLIGERENT ACTS OF IRAQ. I DO NOT THINK THIS DEBATE SHOULD PRECLUDE ANYONE FROM SUPPORTING WHAT IS NOT SIMPLY

MY POLICY BUT THE POLICY OF VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

--WE HAVE PREPARED THE TEXT OF A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD DO JUST THIS. I HAVE ASKED CONGRESS TO COALESCE AROUND LANGUAGE THAT SUPPORTS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 678. NOTHING IN THE BAKER-AZIZ MEETING CHANGES THIS; TO THE CONTRARY, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE ARE SEEN TO BE UNITED. THE WORST POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WOULD BE THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN THINKS THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT SUPPORT THE UNITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION.

--IN SHORT, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE TRANSCEND PARTISAN POLITICS HERE AND DO THIS. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WE MANAGE TO BRIDGE DIFFERENCES IN INSTITUTIONAL PERSPECTIVES.

--I DO NOT EXAGGERATE WHEN I SAY THAT THIS MAY PROVE TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT ANY OF US WILL FACE IN OUR PUBLIC LIVES. AT STAKE IS THIS COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC FUTURE, THE POTENTIAL OF THE UN TO ACT EFFECTIVELY, AND THE CHARACTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE POST-COLD WAR ERA. ALSO IN THE BALANCE IS THE MORALE AND SAFETY OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM. THEY SHOULD KNOW THAT THEY ENJOY THE FULL SUPPORT OF THIS COUNTRY'S LEADERS. DELAY IN THE VAIN HOPE THAT SANCTIONS ALONE WILL SUFFICE WILL NOT SERVE THEIR INTERESTS ANY MORE THAN IT WILL

PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF KUWAIT OR THE ECONOMIES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

--WHY DON'T I STOP HERE AND GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO SPEAK. FROM THE OUTSET OF THIS CRISIS I HAVE SOUGHT TO CONSULT WITH THE CONGRESS AND I HAVE NO INTENTION TO STOP DOING SO NOW.

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PERSONS: PEREZ, CARLOS A

SUBJECT: PRES REPLY TO PRES PEREZ OF VENEZUELA RE GULF SITUATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: WILLIAM T. PRYCE

FROM: DONALD C. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: Cross-Hatch Message to Venezuelan President on Gulf Situation

After much prodding, we have finally succeeded in getting State to provide a draft cross-hatch message to President Perez (Tab I). We are doing a cross-hatch reply because of time constraints -- the Rio Group is meeting in Cartagena, Colombia, on January 28, and we want to get to CAP before the meeting takes place. We were told that the letter was cleared by Kimmitt, who sent it to Secretary Baker's office. We don't know who cleared there. Our suggested changes are designed to make it warmer and more personal.

CAP's letter to the President (Tab II) was more substantive than our reply, which is designed to keep CAP in our camp on the Gulf. Among other things, CAP renewed his call for a producer-consumer meeting on oil. We have turned aside this suggestion on several previous occasions, but CAP is nothing if not tenacious. We can handle this later.

Note: You should be aware of press reports (reported by our Embassy; text at Tab III) of a CAP letter to Saddam allegedly offering humanitarian assistance. We have no independent confirmation that such a letter has been sent.

Concurrence: Tim Deal

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the cross-hatch message at Tab I.

Approve ✓ Disapprove____

Attachments
Tab I Cross-Hatch Message to President Perez
Tab II Incoming Message from President Perez
Tab III Cable from Caracas on Alleged Perez Letter to Saddam

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BUSH REPLY TO PRESIDENT PEREZ

REF: (A) 91 CARACAS 558, (B) 91 CARACAS 530 NOTAL

1. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BUSH TO PRESIDENT PEREZ BEFORE THE RIO GROUP MEETING JANUARY 28 (REF A). NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

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For me in these difficult times.

THANK YOU very much FOR YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 19 AND YOUR PERSONAL EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY AND FRIENDSHIP. YOUR RENEWED SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON THE PERSIAN GULF SITUATION IS EQUALLY HEARTENING, AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

I AM PLEASED TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE ~~LOOKING~~ I WILL LOOK FORWARD AHEAD TO THE ALLIED COALITION'S SUCCESS IN THE PERSIAN GULF CONFLICT AND THINKING ABOUT HOW STABILITY IN THAT REGION CAN BE ENHANCED AND MAINTAINED. ~~WE WILL NEED~~ TO CONSULT CLOSELY with you ONCE THE UN RESOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN FULLY ENFORCED.

IN THE MEANTIME, I URGE YOU TO DISCOURAGE REGIONAL GROUPS FROM ISSUING ANY MULTILATERAL COMMUNIQUES, NO MATTER HOW WELL-INTENTIONED, THAT COULD DETRACT FROM THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. IF THE RIO GROUP, FOR EXAMPLE, WERE I BELIEVE ~~TO ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE,~~ IT WOULD BE HELPFUL ONLY IF IT EXPLICITLY SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OF THE ALLIED COALITION TO ENSURE IRAQ'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE UN RESOLUTIONS AND CALLED FOR THE IMMEDIATE, UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF IRAQI FORCES FROM KUWAIT AND THE RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CARACAS THAT IMPLIED ANYTHING LESS THAN SUCH FULL SUPPORT FOR THE COALITION WOULD UNDERCUT ~~NOT ONLY~~ THE COALITION'S EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. ~~BUT ALSO YOUR OWN POSITION AS A STAUNCH DEFENDER OF THOSE EFFORTS.~~

I WANT you to know that FOR THE SAME REASONS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY UN ACTION, WHETHER A CEASEFIRE DECLARATION OR AN EMERGENCY SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION, THAT UNDERMINES COALITION ACTIONS UNDERWAY PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 678. I HAVE GIVEN MY COMMITMENT TO ALLIED TROOPS THAT THEY WILL HAVE OUR FULL SUPPORT; A PAUSE WOULD ONLY GIVE SADDAM HUSSEIN A CHANCE TO RESTORE HIS MILITARY CAPABILITY AND INCREASE THE GRAVE RISKS TO THE COALITION TROOPS. I hope I can count ON YOUR ~~full~~ support IN THIS.

YOU WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HEAR IRAQI REPORTS THAT COALITION MILITARY OPERATIONS ARE CAUSING HEAVY CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT I HAVE DIRECTED U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN THE PERSIAN GULF TO MINIMIZE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE TO RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT DIRECTIVE IS BEING HONORED. AMBASSADOR SKOL CAN BRIEF YOU FURTHER ON THE GULF SITUATION BEFORE THE RIO GROUP MEETING, IF YOU DESIRE.

SINCERELY,

ONCE AGAIN, CARLOS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT IN THESE difficult Times. Coming from one of The WORLD'S most

GEORGE BUSH
END TEXT.

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Respected & Democratic leaders, AND FROM A TRUE FRIEND, it means very much to me.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE BELOW

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SUBJECT: FYI

LETTER TO POTUS FROM PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA

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SUBJECT: CAP LETTER TO PRESIDENT ON GULF
REF: CARACAS 00525
1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. FOREIGN MINISTER FIGUEREDO EVENING 19 JANUARY GAVE AMBASSADOR LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ TO PRESIDENT BUSH REITERATING STRONG VENEZUELAN (AND CAP'S PERSONAL) SUPPORT ON GULF ACTIONS, AGAIN RECOMMENDING A PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE ON OIL, AND SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN THE GULF ONCE KUWAIT IS RETURNED TO ITS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT. FIGUEREDO ALSO INDICATED THAT THE ON-AND-OFF-AGAIN MEETING OF THE RIO GROUP WOULD NOW POSSIBLY TAKE PLACE IN CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA TOWARD THE END OF THE WEEK OF 21 JANUARY. PURPOSE OF GATHERING WOULD BE TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC REPERCUSSIONS OF THE GULF WAR, PARTICULARLY THE MULTIPLE PRESSURES ON VENEZUELA TO EXPAND PETROLEUM EXPORTS, GUARANTEE SUPPLIES TO EXISTING CUTSOMERS, AND PROVIDE OIL TO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES (MINISTER NOTED THAT A TANZANIAN EMISSARY EARLIER IN THE DAY WAS JUST THE MOST RECENT PETIONER). AMBASSADOR TOOK OPPORTUNTIY TO THANK GOV FOR ITS FULL COOPERATION REGARDING SECURITY PROTECTION FOR THE U.S. MISSION AND FOR U.S. CITIZENS IN VENEZUELA -- MST RECENTLY WITH REGARD TO THREATS AGAINST RESIDENT MORMONS (SEPTELS NOTAL).
3. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER, DATED 19 JANUARY. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO ARA/AND.
4. BEGIN TRANSLATION.
DEAR PRESIDENT AND FRIEND:
IN THESE MOMENTS OF PROFOUND ANGUISH I WANTED TO PASS ON MY PERSONAL SOLIDARITY, AS I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO IN OUR MEETING IN DECEMBER. AT THAT POINT WE AGREED ABOUT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DECISIONS THAT YOU WOULD BE FORCED

TO TAKE AND THE WEIGHT OF THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT PRESSED ON YOUR SHOULDERS.
THE RESULTS OF THE WAR AND ITS AFTERMATH, DESPITE ALL OUR FIRM WILL TO AVOID IT, WILL BE TRAGIC. I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE MULTIPLE EFFORTS THAT YOU UNDERTOOK TO PREVENT THIS DRAMATIC EVENT. I REITERATE MY SUPPORT FOR THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE UNITED NATIONS, WHOSE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE CONTINUES TO BE TO GUARANTEE RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND TO SECURE THE TERRITORIAL AND POLITICAL INTEGRITY OF KUWAIT.
I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I, AS A CHIEF OF STATE, AM SOLIDLY WITH YOU IN WHAT YOU HAD TO DO. BUT AY A FRIEND, I ALSO WANT TO REITERATE MY MOST PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE COURAGE YOU SHOWED IN ACTING IN THE WAY THAT YOU DID. AS I NOTED IN OUR LAST CONVERSATION, YOU HAD TO ACT QUICKLY ONCE THE DEADLINE HAD PASSED AND ALL PEACEFUL MEANS TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS HAD FAILED.
THESE ARE DIFFICULT MOMENTS FOR ANY LEADER, BUT THEY UNDERSCORE THE VIRTUES OF THE LEADERSHIP OF A COUNTRY AND A GOVERNMENT WHICH PLAYS, MORE THAN EVER, THE FUNDAMENTAL ROLE IN MAINTAINING WORLD ORDER.
THE UNFOLDING OF THE MILITARY OPERATIONS, WITH THEIR DRAMATIC COST IN HUMAN LIVES AND DESTABILIZATION OF THE GULF COUNTRIES, WILL CONTINUE TO CAUSE, EVEN AFTER THE END OF HOSTILITIES, GRAVE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES WHICH WILL ALSO EFFECT THE PETROLEUM MARKET. VENEZUELA HAS INSISTED WITHIN OPEC ON THE NEED TO CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCING THE IMPACT OF THE CRISIS ON INTERNATIONAL DEMAND FOR CRUDE OIL AND ON PRICES. THIS OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED UP TO NOW, DESPITE MARKET SPECULATION.
OPEC CAN PLAY A RESPONSIBLE STRATEGIC ROLE IN THE STABILIZATION OF THE MARKET. I WANT TO REITERATE MY PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS WHICH WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE THE CONTROL OF OIL PRICE SPECULATION.
IN THIS DIFFICULT HOUR, WHEN THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION WE ALL WANTED PROVED IMPOSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND ABOUT PARALLEL HAPPENINGS IN
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RECENT TIMES.
NEVER BEFORE HAS IT BEEN AS NECESSARY TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO A GENUINELY UNITED AND DEMOCRATIC REORIENTATION OF THE MECHANISMS WHICH WERE CREATED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD OUR SECURITY AND RECONFIRM BASIC INTERNATIONAL RULES AND PRINCIPLES.
FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE, ONCE THE FORCES WHICH INVADED KUWAIT ARE OBLIGED MILITARILY TO WITHDRAW, AND ONCE THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IS RESTORED, A UNITED NATIONS BLUE HELMET FORCE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED, AS WELL AS REGIONAL MECHANISMS DESIGNED TO GUARANTEE THE PRESERVATION AND

MAINTENANCE OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY. SIMILARULY, WE SUPPORT THE IMMEDIATE CONVOCATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST UNDER UNITED NATIONS AEGIS. THESE WOULD FACILITATE THE PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL OF THE EXTRA-REGIONAL MULTINATIONAL FORCE NOW OPERATING IN THE GULF, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS MANDATE.
WITH BEST REGARDS, CORDIALLY,
(SIGNED) CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ
END INFORMAL TRANSLATION.
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:
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SUBJECT: TFKU01: PRESS REPORT OF LETTER FROM PEREZ TO

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E.O. 12356: N/A
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SUBJECT: TFKU01: PRESS REPORT OF LETTER FROM PEREZ TO
SADDAM HUSSEIN
1. THE 24 JANUARY 1991 EDITION OF THE CARACAS NEWSWEEKLY "ZETA" CARRIES A BRIEF ITEM ALLEGING THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ HAS WRITTEN A LETTER TO SADDAM HUSSEIN, OFFERING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ.
2. SPANISH TEXT FOLLOWS:
UNA PROFUNDA DIFERENCIA PARECIERA EXISTIR ENTRE LA POSICION DE CARA AL PUBLICO Y LA PRIVADA DE CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ EN RELACION CON LA GUERRA DE ESTADOS UNIDOS E IRAK.

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PEREZ ENVIO UNA CARTA PERSONAL A SADDAM HUSSEIN, EN LA CUAL LE OFRECE SOLIDARIDAD HUMANITARIA Y AYUDA EN FORMA DE ALIMENTOS Y MEDICINAS. EN OTRA CORRESPONDENCIA, DIRIGIDA A GEORGE BUSH, LE MANIFIESTA ESCUETAMENTE LA POSICION DE VENEZUELA QUE CONSISTE EN CUMPLIR CO LOS MANDATOS DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS. DE CARA AL PUBLICO, Y EN NUMEROSAS DECLARACIONES, PEREZ HA EXPRESADO UN ABIERTO APOYO A ESTADOS UNIDOS, EXHORTANDO INCLUSO A SADDAM HUSSEIN PARA QUE DESOCUPE KUWAIT. END TEXT.

3. OUR INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE SEEMS TO EXIST BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE POSITIONS OF CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ WITH RELATION TO THE WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND IRAQ. PEREZ SENT A PERSONAL LETTER TO SADDAM HUSSEIN, IN WHICH HE OFFERS HUMANITARIAN SOLIDARITY AND HELP IN THE FORM OF FOOD AND MEDICINES. IN OTHER CORRESPONDENCE, DIRECTED TO GEORGE BUSH, (CAP) DIRECTLY MANIFESTS VENEZUELA'S POSITION WHICH CONSISTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANDATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IN PUBLIC, AND IN NUMEROUS DECLARATIONS, PEREZ HAS EXPRESSED OPEN SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING EXHORTATIONS TO SADDAM HUSSEIN TO LEAVE KUWAIT. END TEXT.

4. COMMENT: REFERENCE TO HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (PRESUMABLY TO CIVILIANS) WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE ONLY ONE ELEMENT IN ANY PEREZ LETTER. WE WILL BE REPORTING FURTHER.

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