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01. Cable	Abdin Palace to White House Re: Urgent Message from President Mubarak to President Bush (2 pp.)	12/31/90	(b)(1)	TS
02a. Cable	White House to Cabinet Office London Re: Message to Prime Minister John Major from President George Bush (2 pp.)	12/26/90	(b)(1)	S
02b. Draft Cable	The President to Prime Minister John Major Re: Sent via Situation Room (1 pp.)	12/26/90	(b)(1)	S
03. Text	Re: Text of Message Dated 23 December, 1990 from the Right Honorable John Major, MP., Prime Minister, to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States (2 pp.)	12/23/90	(b)(1)	
04a. Cable	White House to Federal Chancellery Re: Message to Chancellor Kohl from the President (2 pp.)	12/21/90	(b)(1)	S
04b. Draft Cable	President Bush to Chancellor Helmut Kohl Re: Message to Chanellor Kohl from President Bush (1 pp.)	12/20/90	(b)(1)	S
05. Cable	To the White House, Re: Turkish Military Requests [191738Z Dec 90] [FOIA restrictions redacted] (2 pp.)	12/19/90	(b)(1)	S

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06. Cable	Re: Egypt: Message from President Mubarak to President Bush (2 pp.)	12/13/90	(b)(1)	C
07. Cable	Re: Presidential Letter for the Amir of Kuwait (3 pp.)	12/13/90	(b)(1)	C
08. Cable	White House to Abdin Palace Re: Message to President Mubarek from President Bush (2 pp.)	12/13/90	(b)(1)	S
09a. Memo	White House to Commcen Bermuda, Re: Message to Consul General Ebersoll Gaines from President Bush [120100Z Dec 90] [Document declassified; FOIA restrictions redacted] (1 pp.)	12/12/90	(b)(1), (b)(6)	C
09b. Draft Cable	President George Bush to Ebersoll Gaines, Consul General Bermuda [FOIA restrictions redacted] (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1), (b)(6)	
10a. Cable	White House to Elysee Palace Re: Message to President Mitterrand from President Bush (2 pp.)	12/12/90	(b)(1)	S
10b. Draft Cable	President Bush to President Mitterrand Re: Message to President Mitterrand (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	S
11a. Cable	To White House, Re: Message to National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft from Thomas Pickering, Ambassador, USUN [072338Z Dec 90] [FOIA restrictions redacted] (1 pp.)	12/7/90	(b)(1)	C
11b. Cable	From White House, Re: Message to Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering from Brent Scowcroft [FOIA restrictions redacted] (1 pp.)	12/7/90	(b)(1)	C

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13a. Cable	White House to Elysee Palace Re: Letter to President Mitterand from President Bush (2 pp.)	12/1/90	(b)(1)	C
13b. Memo	C. David Welch to Diane L. Edwards Re: Draft Letter to Assad for Approval Tonight (2 pp.)	11/30/90	(b)(1)	S
14a. Cable	White House to Elysee Palace Re: Message to Admiral Lanxade from General Scowcroft (2 pp.)	12/8/90	(b)(1)	S
14b. Draft Cable	Brent Scowcroft to Admiral Jacques Lanxade Re: Message from General Scowcroft to Admiral Lanxade (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	S
15a. Cable	White House to Elysee Palace Re: Message to President Mitterand from President Bush (3 pp.)	12/7/90	(b)(1)	S
15b. Draft Cable	President Bush to President Mitterand Re: Message from President Bush to President Mitterand (2 pp.)	12/7/90	(b)(1)	S
16. Cable	From White House, Re: Message to Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering from Brent Scowcroft [070107Z Dec 90] [FOIA restrictions redacted] (1 pp.)	12/7/90	(b)(1)	C
17. Cable	White House to Federal Chancellery Re: Message to Chancellor Kohl from the President (3 pp.)	12/3/90	(b)(1)	C

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18. Cable	American Embassy Ankara to White House Re: Your Meeting with Ozal (4 pp.)	11/15/90	(b)(1)	S
19. Cable	American Embassy Ankara to White House Re: Your Meeting with Ozal (4 pp.)	11/15/90	(b)(1)	S
20. Message	Re: Text of a Message from the Prime Minister to the President, Dated 22 November (1 pp.)	11/22	(b)(1)	
21a. Cable	Cabinet Office London to White House Re: Message from the Prime Minister to General Scowcroft (1 pp.)	11/26/90	(b)(1)	S
21b. Cable	Cabinet Office London to White House Re: Message from Charles Powell to General Scowcroft (1 pp.)	11/26/90	(b)(1)	S
22. Memo	Brent Scowcroft to Ambassador Abramowitz, Ankara Re: U.S. - Turkish Cooperation (3 pp.)	11/20/90	(b)(1)	TS
23a. Note	Brent Scowcroft to Charles Powell (1 pp.)	10/12/90	(b)(1)	
23b. Report	Re: Report [FOIA exemptions redacted] (7 pp.)	9/21/90	(b)(1); (b)(3)	C
24. Cable	Cabinet Office London to The White House Re: Eyes Only for General Scowcroft (3 pp.)	11/8/90	(b)(1)	TS

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25. Cable	Cabinet Office to White House Re: Message from the Prime Minister to the President of the United States (1 pp.)	11/8/90	(b)(1)	S

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Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

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FM WHITE HOUSE

TO CABINET OFFICE LONDON

~~SECRET~~ VIA CABINET CHANNELS

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PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER JOHN
MAJOR FROM PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH.

BEGIN TEXT:

DECEMBER 26, 1990

DEAR JOHN,

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE. BARBARA AND I GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR WILLINGNESS TO MAKE SUCH A LONG TRIP AT SO BUSY A TIME. WE PARTICULARLY ENJOYED BEING ABLE TO INVITE YOU AND NORMA TO CAMP DAVID WHERE THE ATMOSPHERE IS SO CONDUCIVE TO AN INFORMAL BUT INTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. OUR DISCUSSIONS WERE ABSOLUTELY INVALUABLE TO ME, ESPECIALLY SO AS TOGETHER WE HEAD INTO THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE CRITICAL DAYS AHEAD.

I HAD A GOOD DISCUSSION ON DECEMBER 24 WITH SECRETARY CHENEY AND GENERAL POWELL, FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN FROM THE GULF. DESPITE SOME OF THE CONFUSING PRESS STORIES YOU MAY HAVE SEEN PURPORTING TO DESCRIBE WHAT THEY TOLD ME, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT NOTHING IN THEIR REPORT INVALIDATED THE DISCUSSIONS YOU AND I HAD. INDEED, THEY REAFFIRMED FOR ME THE STRATEGY OUTLINES WE AGREED UPON AND WE WILL BE PROCEEDING ON THE BASIS WE DISCUSSED.

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AS WE GO FORWARD IN THIS CRITICAL PERIOD, IT WILL BE
ESSENTIAL THAT WE STAY IN VERY CLOSE TOUCH. I HOPE THAT 1991
WILL BE A WONDERFUL YEAR BOTH FOR THE MAJORS AND FOR US-BRITISH
UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

SINCERELY,

GEORGE BUSH

END TEXT

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Sent via
Sit Room

VIA CABINET CHANNEL

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DECEMBER 26, 1990

FROM: THE PRESIDENT
CAMP DAVID

TO: PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR
10 DOWNING STREET

DEAR JOHN,

Many thanks for your thoughtful message. Barbara and I greatly appreciated your willingness to make such a long trip at so busy a time. We particularly enjoyed being able to invite you and Norma to Camp David where the atmosphere is so conducive to an informal but intensive exchange of views. Our discussions were absolutely invaluable to me, especially so as together we head into the uncertainties of the critical days ahead.

I had a good discussion on December 24 with Secretary Cheney and General Powell, following their return from the Gulf. Despite some of the confusing press stories you may have seen purporting to describe what they told me, let me assure you that nothing in their report invalidated the discussions you and I had. Indeed, they reaffirmed for me the strategy outlines we agreed upon and we will be proceeding on the basis we discussed.

As we go forward in this critical period, it will be essential that we stay in very close touch. I hope that 1991 will be a wonderful year both for the Majors and for US-British understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

24 December, 1990

From: the Minister

The Honorable Brent Scowcroft,
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs,
The White House.

Dear General Scowcroft,

In Antony Acland's absence on leave, I have been asked to pass to you the enclosed message from the Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. John Major, MP.

A signed original will follow.

Yours sincerely
Andrew Wood
A M WOOD



TEXT OF MESSAGE DATED 23 DECEMBER, 1990
FROM THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN MAJOR, MP., PRIME MINISTER,
TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Dear George,

You and Barbara were extraordinarily kind to take us up to Camp David and give us such a marvellous time. It was the happiest possible start to what I hope will be a very close relationship, and Norma and I are both immensely grateful to you. The atmosphere of Camp David - as distinct from the weather - is ideal for the sort of very friendly and informal discussions which we had. I fear that we intruded on the beginning of your Christmas holiday: but for us it was a unique experience, and we really felt you had taken us into the family. I hope we shall be able to return your kindness and hospitality in some measure before too long.

The visit was also an invaluable opportunity to talk through several problems and above all the Gulf. We are clearly absolutely united in our approach and this in itself must give a very strong signal to Saddam Hussein. But I also now have a very clear insight into your thinking, and that will be important in the difficult days and weeks ahead. I hope that we can keep in the closest possible touch, both directly and through Brent and Charles. I look forward to hearing your conclusions after you have talked further to Dick Cheney and Colin Powell.

/May I also thank



May I also thank you both for the very generous gifts. We are delighted with our Camp David jackets, which are much envied by the children.

Norma will of course be writing to Barbara. But meanwhile thank you once again and a very happy Christmas to all the family.

Yours ever,

John

Ends

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TO FEDERAL CHANCELLERY

~~SECRET~~ VIA SKIPPER CHANNELS

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR KOHL FROM
THE PRESIDENT.

DECEMBER 20, 1990.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR HELMUT,

I KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT JUST CONSIDERED HOW TO RESPOND TO TURKEY'S
REQUEST FOR DEPLOYMENT OF PART OF NATO'S ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE
MOBILE FORCE UNDER AN EXISTING PLAN WHICH CURRENTLY INCLUDES A
GERMAN AIR UNIT. I KNOW AMBASSADOR WALTERS SPOKE TO YOU AND JIM BAKER
TALKED TO MINISTER GENSCHER ABOUT THIS ISSUE EARLIER TODAY.
I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT YOU INTEND TO JOIN OTHER ALLIES IN
AGREEING TO APPROVE TURKEY'S REQUEST FOR DEPLOYMENT OF THIS NATO
FORCE.

THE THREAT TO TURKEY IS REAL, AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NATO WILL
ACT COLLECTIVELY IN THIS INSTANCE TO HELP DEFEND AN ALLY. I WAS
PARTICULARLY STRUCK TO HEAR THAT THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE NOT
ONLY AGREED TO THE TURKISH REQUEST, BUT PROMPTLY AND GRACIOUSLY
OFFERED RIGHTS OF TRANSIT THROUGH HIS COUNTRY FOR THE MOVE.

I KNOW THESE ARE NOT EASY DECISIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR COUNTRY.

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THAT IS WHY I APPLAUD YOUR RESOLVE. YOUR ACTION DEMONSTRATES
THAT WE ARE ALL PREPARED TO STAND BEHIND THE NATO COMMITMENTS
THAT HAVE SERVED US SO WELL ALL THESE YEARS.

SINCERELY,

GEORGE BUSH

END TEXT:

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MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR KOHL
VIA WHITE HOUSE CHANNELS
FROM PRESIDENT BUSH

December 20, 1990

Dear Helmut,

I know your government just considered how to respond to Turkey's request for deployment of part of NATO's Allied Command Europe Mobile Force under an existing plan which currently includes a German air unit. I know Ambassador Walters spoke to you and Jim Baker talked to Minister Genscher about this issue earlier today. I was pleased to hear that you intend to join other Allies in agreeing to approve Turkey's request for deployment of this NATO force.

The threat to Turkey is real, and it is important that NATO will act collectively in this instance to help defend an ally. I was particularly struck to hear that the Greek representative not only agreed to the Turkish request, but promptly and graciously offered rights of transit through his country for the move.

I know these are not easy decisions, especially for your country. That is why I applaud your resolve. Your action demonstrates that we are all prepared to stand behind the NATO commitments that have served us so well all these years.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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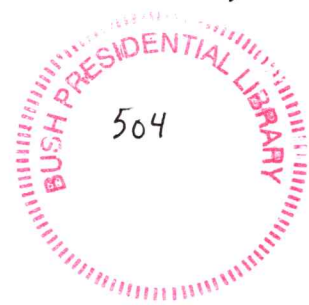
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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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FM AMBASSADOR AMBRAOWITZ, ANKARA 882
TO: THE WHITE HOUSE ATTN: NSC SCOWCROFT
SUBJ: TURKISH MILITARY REQUESTS

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE MAY BE COMING TO AN IMPORTANT JUNCTURE IN OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE OPERATIONAL USE OF THE BASES HERE FOR A GULF CONTINGENCY AND THE ADDITIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF AMERICAN UNITS.

3. THE TURKS ARE PROCEEDING METHODICALLY WITH OUR REQUESTS. THEY HAVE GIVEN US THE EASY ONES, AND NOW HAVE TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS ON ACTUAL ADDITIONAL DEPLOYMENTS BEYOND THE LIMITS IN THE DECA. THEY FACE A SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL PROBLEM AS THE MANIFESTATIONS OF OUR NEW ACTIVITIES BECOME APPARENT HERE.

4. AT THIS POINT I SIMPLY DO NOT KNOW HOW FAR THE TURKS WILL ACCEDE TO ALL OUR REQUESTS ON DEPLOYMENTS AND BASE USE. THEY CONTINUE TO MEET OUR REQUEST ON INCREASING THEIR DEPLOYMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ANATOLYA. THEY APPEAR TO HAVE BROUGHT DOWN PERHAPS AS MANY AS 40-50,000 ADDITIONAL TROOPS AND ADDITIONAL AIRPLANES INCLUDING THEIR F-16'S. THIS DEPLOYMENT IS CONTINUING. THEY HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE SOME PAYMENT FOR SIZEABLE EXPENSES INCURRED BUT HAVE NOT PRESENTED US ANY DETAILS.

5. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE TURKS PRESENTED US YESTERDAY A SIGNIFICANT NEW BILL IN TERMS OF EQUIPMENT REQUESTS. SOME OF THE LIST IS IMPORTANT IN THE SHORT TERM, SOME OF IT IS KITCHEN SINK. IT IS ALL PRETTY BIG BUCKS. THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS ARE AIR DEFENSE, E.G. PATRIOT. WE HAVE HELPED RAISE CONSIDERABLE SUMS FOR TURKEY, BUT WE HAVE PROVIDED LITTLE INCREMENTALLY

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OURSELVES ON THE MILITARY SIDE.

6. WE HAVE URGED TURKEY TO TAKE SIGNIFICANT MILITARY STEPS. MAYBE THERE IS A FREE LUNCH IN TURKEY FOR US BUT I WOULDN'T COUNT ON IT. WE WILL NEED TO RESPOND FAIRLY QUICKLY TO AT LEAST SOME OF THEIR REQUESTS, SOME OF WHICH OZAL HAS STRESSED. ANY GOVERNMENT THAT IN THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS HAS LOST TWO SECRETARIES OF STATE, ONE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND ONE CHAIRMAN OF THE JCS OBVIOUSLY HAS SOME POLITICAL PROBLEMS. THE MILITARY AND OTHERS WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHING OUR RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUESTS.

7. I AM WELL AWARE OF ALL THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE IN INCREASING OUR OWN SUPPORT TO THE TURKISH MILITARY. WE ARE TREADING ON DANGEROUS GROUND SINCE WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF IS WIDELY UNPOPULAR. AN UNWILLINGNESS TO MEET IN SOME SIGNIFICANT WAY TURKISH REQUESTS WILL OBVIOUSLY COMPLICATE EVERYTHING WE ARE TRYING TO DO. BELIEVING, AS I DO, THAT WHAT WE SEEK HERE MILITARILY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US, WE NEED TO URGENTLY MAKE SOME TOUGH DECISIONS AND HOPEFULLY FIND WAYS TO DEMONSTRATE FAIRLY QUICKLY THAT WE ARE MEETING AT LEAST SOME IMPORTANT TURKISH MILITARY NEEDS. IT WILL NOT LIKELY HAPPEN IF LEFT IN THE BUREAUCRACY.

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SUBJECT: EGYPT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MUBARAK TO
PRESIDENT BUSH

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ON DECEMBER 13 PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MOSTAFA EL-FEKI DICTATED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MUBARAK TO PRESIDENT BUSH. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS MESSAGE IS IN RESPONSE TO A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BUSH RECEIVED EARLIER IN THE DAY.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR GEORGE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST RECENT MESSAGE. I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS AND WISH TO CONFIRM THAT I UNDERSTAND YOUR VIEWS ON ALL THE POINTS RAISED.

I WOULD NOTE THAT IN THE LAST FEW DAYS I HAVE RECEIVED MANY INQUIRIES FROM THE GULF AND THOSE IN OTHER AREAS RAISING QUESTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE RAISED BY CONGRESSMAN OWENS. IN RESPONSE, I HAVE CONFIRMED FORCEFULLY THAT THE U.S. STAND IS FAIR AND FIRM AND THAT THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN YOUR POSITION ON THE ISSUE OF IRAQ'S WITHDRAWAL AND THE RETURN OF THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT. I RECEIVED

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UAE TODAY TO WHOM I
EMPHASIZED IDENTICAL VIEWS TO THOSE IN YOUR MESSAGE
WITH RESPECT TO THE CRISIS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO STAYING IN TOUCH ON THESE ISSUES
AND SEND YOU MY BEST REGARDS. SINCERELY, HOSNI.
END TEXT.

4. EMBASSY EXPECTS THERE WILL BE NO/NO SIGNED
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: OVIP, PREL, KU

SUBJECT: TKFU01: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER FOR THE AMIR OF
KUWAIT

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
BUSH FOR THE AMIR OF KUWAIT. PLEASE DELIVER ASAP TO HIS
HIGHNESS SHEIKH JABIR AL-ALMAD AL-SABAH, AMIR OF THE
STATE OF KUWAIT. (NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED
ORIGINAL).

3. YOUR HIGHNESS: NOW THAT I AM BACK FROM MY VISIT TO
SOUTH AMERICA, I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO GIVE YOU
MY SENSE OF WHERE WE STAND IN THE GULF. I AM PLEASED
THAT ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS IN KUWAIT AND IRAQ WANTING TO
LEAVE ARE SO DOING. YOU KNOW WE HAD KEPT OUR EMBASSY
OPEN IN KUWAIT TO ADMINISTER TO OUR PEOPLE THERE WE
DECIDED TO WITHDRAW OUR REMAINING DIPLOMATIC STAFF FROM
KUWAIT WHILE LEAVING THE EMBASSY ITSELF OPEN SINCE WITH

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THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY GONE, THERE IS NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR US TO CONDUCT THERE UNTIL YOUR GOVERNMENT IS RESTORED. YOUR HIGHNESS, LET ME REASSURE YOU THAT FOR OUR PART, THE HOSTAGE RELEASE HAS CHANGED NOTHING AND DONE NOTHING TO DIMINISH EITHER OUR OPPOSITION TO NEGOTIATION OR OUR DETERMINATION TO SEE ALL THE RELEVANT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTED IN ALL THEIR PARTS.

4. ON OUR UPCOMING TALKS WITH IRAQ, WE STILL HAVE NOT RESOLVED THE DATES FOR TARIQ AZIZ'S VISIT HERE AND JIM BAKER'S THERE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SADDAM'S DESIRE TO PUT OFF THE BAGHDAD MEETING UNTIL JANUARY TWELFTH IS ONLY THE LATEST EXAMPLE OF HIS DESIRE TO MANIPULATE DIPLOMACY TO WEAKEN THE COALITION AGAINST HIM AND TO MAKE THE POTENTIAL USE OF FORCE MORE DISTANT AND HENCE LESS LIKELY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST THIS AND OTHER SUCH ATTEMPTS, JUST AS WE WILL RESIST ATTEMPTS TO LINK IRAQI AGGRESSION AGAINST KUWAIT WITH OTHER ISSUES, LIKE THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.

5. YOUR HIGHNESS, I WANT TO PERSONALLY UNDERSCORE TO YOU THAT OUR TALKS WILL INCLUDE NO COMPROMISES, NO PARTIAL SOLUTIONS, NO DEALS AND NO FACE-SAVING GIMMICKS. WE ALSO ARE STRESSING TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

THAT INTEND TO COMMUNICATE WITH IRAQI OFFICIALS OVER THE COMING WEEKS THE NEED TO REINFORCE THIS. SADDAM MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE CHOICE TO COMPLY WITH THE UN RESOLUTIONS IS HIS, OR HE WILL RISK THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS INACTION. I BELIEVE WE ARE ALL IN FOR A GREAT DEAL OF TESTING OF THIS SORT BETWEEN NOW AND THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY AS SADDAM AND HIS OFFICIALS WILL TRY TO DO EVERYTHING TO SPLIT THE COALITION AND ENHANCE THEIR PUBLIC POSTURE. NEEDLESS TO SAY. WE MUST CONTINUE TO HOLD FIRM AND HOLD TOGETHER. THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR COMPROMISES OR FOR SUGGESTIONS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, OF WHAT IRAQ MIGHT EXPECT SHOULD IT WITHDRAW FROM KUWAIT.

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I KNOW THAT WE CAN COUNT ON YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT TO
STAND WITH US UNTIL WE SUCCEED IN REALIZING ALL OUR
OBJECTIVES WITHOUT CONDITION OR CONCESSION. I WILL STAY
IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU ON MY THINKING AS WE PROCEED,
AND AS ALWAYS, I WOULD VALUE HEARING FROM YOU AT ANY
TIME. WITH MY WARM REGARDS SINCERELY, GEORGE BUSH.
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PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MUBAREK
FROM PRESIDENT BUSH.

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BEGIN TEXT:

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DEAR HOSNI:

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I JUST READ FRANK WISNER'S REPORT OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH
CONGRESSMAN WAYNE OWENS. I WANT TO APPLAUD YOUR CANDOR AND
DIRECTNESS WITH HIM -- YOU DID EXACTLY THE RIGHT THING. IT IS
CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT CONGRESS HEAR WITH UNMISTAKEABLE CLARITY
SOME OF THE REALITIES IN THIS CRISIS, AND I CAN THINK OF NO LEADER
WITH GREATER CREDIBILITY THAN YOURSELF IN DELIVERING THIS MESSAGE.

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JIM BAKER HAS JUST WRAPPED UP EXCELLENT MEETINGS WITH SHEVARDNADZE,
WHOM I SAW TODAY AS WELL. SHEVARDNADZE MADE A VERY HELPFUL PUBLIC
STATEMENT AGAINST IRAQ'S DELAY TACTICS IN SETTING A REASONABLE DATE
TO SEE JIM IN BAGHDAD. THE SOVIETS ARE WITH US. THE FRENCH
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL TROOPS WAS ALSO A BOOST. I SEE NO
CRACKS IN THE UNITY OF OUR COALITION, DESPITE IRAQ'S MANIPULATION
OF THE HOSTAGES ISSUE AND ITS EFFORT TO SCHEDULE THE BAKER MEETING
AS CLOSE TO JANUARY 15 AS POSSIBLE. OUR MESSAGE, EITHER PUBLICLY
OR IN ANY SUCH MEETINGS, WILL REMAIN CONSTANT -- IRAQ HAS TO GET

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OUT AND RESTORE THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT.

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LET'S STAY IN TOUCH. WITH BEST REGARDS, GEORGE BUSH.

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END OF TEXT.

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PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CONSUL GENERAL EBERSOLL
GAINES FROM PRESIDENT BUSH, FOR HIS EYES ONLY.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR EB,

MY FRIEND, THE AMIR OF BAHRAIN, WILL BE COMING FROM THE CLEVELAND
CLINIC TO BERMUDA, ARRIVING DECEMBER 12. HE WILL BE THERE FOR A
FEW DAYS ^{(b)(6)}

PLEASE CALL HIS HOTEL; SPEAK TO HIM OR HIS AIDE DE CAMP; TELL
HIM THAT I HAD ASKED YOU TO CONTACT HIM TO SEE IF THERE IS
PAGE 02 RHEHAAA0040 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ EYES ONLY
ANYTHING AT ALL THAT YOU OR THE LOVELY SHEILA CAN DO FOR HIM. HE
IS A LOYAL FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I HAVE BEEN
TO HIS COUNTRY WHERE WE WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED. MANY THANKS.

GEORGE BUSH

END OF TEXT.

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**National Security Council
The White House**

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Cable to
Ebersoll Gaines
Consul General
Bermuda

Dear Eb,

My friend, the Amir of Bahrain, will be coming from the Cleveland Clinic to Bermuda, arriving December 12. He will be there for a few days ^{(b)(6)} [REDACTED]

(b)(6) [REDACTED]

Please call his hotel; speak to him or his aide de camp; tell him that I had asked you to contact him to see if there is anything at all that you or the lovely Sheila can do for him. He is a loyal friend of the United States of America. I have been to his country where we were very well received. Many thanks.

George Bush

Vax 196

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PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MITTERAND FROM
PRESIDENT BUSH.

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BEGIN TEXT:

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DEAR FRANCOIS:

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I AM WRITING YOU IN THIS CHANNEL TO RAISE MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE
SECURITY COUNCIL'S CURRENT DEBATE ON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
ISSUE. TO BE FRANK, I WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT FRANCE ABSTAINED,
ALONG WITH CHINA, ON TWO RECENT PROCEDURAL MOTIONS TO DEFER A VOTE
ON A MISCHIEVOUS PLO-INSPIRED TEXT CONTAINING LANGUAGE ON AN
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. IN MY VIEW, FURTHER DEBATE ON THE PLO-
PAGE 02 RHEHAAA0042 ~~SECRET~~
SPONSORED TEXT CAN ONLY DAMAGE THE UNITY OF OUR COALITION AND THE
INTEGRITY OF ITS AIMS.

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IF THE TEXT IS PASSED, IRAQ WILL CLAIM INTERNATIONAL ENDORSEMENT OF
A LINKAGE BETWEEN THE GULF AND ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICTS. IF IT IS
VETOED, IRAQ WILL SEEK TO USE THE VETO TO INFLAME ARAB OPINION
AGAINST THE U.S. IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT WE PREFER TO SEE
SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE POSTPONED.

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IF WE CANNOT POSTPONE SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION, THE ALTERNATIVE
OPTION MY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE DISCUSSED WITH THE FRENCH DELEGATION
IN NEW YORK IS AS FAR AS WE CAN STRETCH TO BRIDGE THIS GAP. I
BELIEVE THE U.S. TEXT CAN GET US AWAY FROM UNPALATABLE CHOICES,
WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT THE
RIGHT TIME. AS YOU KNOW, I AM OPEN TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.
HOWEVER, I DO NOT WANT TO DISCREDIT A POTENTIALLY CONSTRUCTIVE
APPROACH BY INAPPROPRIATE HANDLING, AND I CANNOT AGREE AT THIS TIME
TO A RESOLUTION THAT CONVEYS THE IMPRESSION OF LINKAGE.

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FRANCOIS, I REALIZE THAT THE FRENCH AND U.S. PERSPECTIVES ON THE
PAGE 03 RHEHAAA0042 ~~SECRET~~
PALESTINIAN ISSUE ARE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. NEVERTHELESS, WE NEED TO
COOPERATE ON THIS MATTER TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF A BREACH IN OUR
COMMON FRONT. WE SHOULD DENY SADDAM HUSSEIN ANY COMFORT OR SUCCOR
AS WE WORK TO GET HIM OUT OF KUWAIT. MANY THANKS FOR GIVING THIS
YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION.

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SINCERELY,

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GEORGE BUSH

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BLUE CHANNEL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

Dear Francois:

I am writing you in this channel to raise my concerns about the Security Council's current debate on the Occupied Territories issue. To be frank, I was disappointed that France abstained, along with China, on two recent procedural motions to defer a vote on a mischievous PLO-inspired text containing language on an international conference. In my view, further debate on the PLO-sponsored text can only damage the unity of our coalition and the integrity of its aims.

If the text is passed, Iraq will claim international endorsement of a linkage between the Gulf and Arab-Israel conflicts. If it is vetoed, Iraq will seek to use the veto to inflame Arab opinion against the U.S. It is for these reasons that we prefer to see Security Council consideration of this issue postponed.

If we cannot postpone Security Council action, the alternative option my representatives have discussed with the French delegation in New York is as far as we can stretch to bridge this gap. I believe the U.S. text can get us away from unpalatable choices, without prejudice to the idea of an international conference at the right time. As you know, I am open to an international conference. However, I do not want to discredit a potentially constructive approach by inappropriate handling, and I cannot agree at this time to a resolution that conveys the impression of linkage.

Francois, I realize that the French and U.S. perspectives on the Palestinian issue are somewhat different. Nevertheless, we need to cooperate on this matter to avoid any appearance of a breach in our common front. We should deny Saddam Hussein any comfort or succor as we work to get him out of Kuwait. Many thanks for giving this your personal attention.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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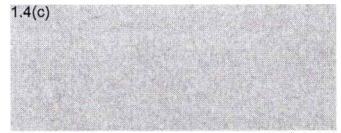
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PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR BRENT SCOWCROFT FROM THOMAS PICKERING, AMBASSADOR, USUN FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT FROM PICKERING

BEGIN TEXT:

THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE. NO ONE FROM HERE SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A CONFERENCE. OUR LINE AND OUR NEGOTIATIONS HAVE STUCK FULLY AND COMPLETELY TO OUR CLEARED POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. THE ISSUE HAS BEEN IN PUBLIC DOMAIN IN A "GANG OF FOUR" DRAFT FOR A MONTH.

PRESS HAS RUN WILD WITH TEXTS LEAKED TO THEM BY "GANG OF FOUR" TO REFLECT THEIR OWN VIEWS ON THE ISSUE. TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT OUR ONLY STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN DENIALS ON THE ISSUE. OUR STEPS HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE COORINATED AND CLEARED BY DEPARTMENT (IO) AND SECRETARY.

END OF TEXT

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DECEMBER 7, 1990

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PRESIDENT BUSH.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR FRANCOIS:

RECALLING OUR DISCUSSION IN PARIS, I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I
RAISED THE SUBJECT OF LEBANON WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD IN GENEVA. (I
DID SO IN OUR ONE-ON-ONE, SO AS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR HIM TO ACT
IF HE SO CHOSE.) I TOLD ASSAD WE THOUGHT AOUN SHOULD BE ALLOWED
TO LEAVE SO THAT THIS CHAPTER OF LEBANON'S HISTORY COULD BE
CLOSED. I ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT THE RELEASE OF AOUN WOULD DO A
LOT FOR SYRIA'S RELATIONS WITH FRANCE.

ASSAD SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT BUT HE WOULD TRY. WE WILL
CONTINUE TO REINFORCE YOUR EFFORTS TO GAIN A SATISFACTORY
SETTLEMENT OF THIS PROBLEM.

SINCERELY,

GEORGE BUSH

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Diane L. Edwards (EDWARDS)
Florence E. Gantt (GANTT)
Dona F. Proctor (PROCTOR)

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[Signature]

FROM: C. David Welch
(WELCH)

SUBJECT: Draft Letter to Assad for Approval Tonight

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LETTER TO SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD

Dear Mr. President:

Today I announced that I would invite Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz to Washington to meet with me and send Secretary Baker to Baghdad to meet with President Saddam Hussein. In the spirit of our continuing consultations and our mutual goal of reversing Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, I thought it proper to share my thinking in making these decisions as well as our intentions with regard to those meetings.

Upon the passage of United Nations Security Council Resolution 678, I decided that the United States should take every possible step to exhaust all opportunities for a peaceful solution of the Gulf crisis. We truly want peace, but any political and diplomatic solution must be based upon the principles of the twelve Security Council resolutions thus far passed. If and when we are compelled to use force, it will be Saddam Hussein who makes that choice, by his refusal to comply with the demands of the international community despite having been given every possible chance to do so.

In the meetings with the Iraqis, I will put forward a simple message: the United States is fully determined to implement all the United Nations Security Council resolutions, including by force if necessary. There will be no concessions, and no partial solutions or withdrawals. If Saddam Hussein has perhaps misunderstood our position or underestimated our determination,

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rectify that with clarity
we will ~~be~~ ^{be} unmistakably ~~clear~~ ^{clear} in our presentation during these meetings.

I cannot predict, Mr. President, what the Iraqi response will be to either of these invitations. I want, however, to leave no stone unturned in the effort to attain our objectives without hostilities.

Mr. President, I am pleased we were able to meet in Geneva and I thank you for traveling there for the occasion. I thought our talks were highly useful in each of the subjects we covered. Let us remain in close contact.

Sincerely,

GB

CC: Richard N. Haass

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FROM GENERAL SCOWCROFT.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR JACQUES:

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TO REINFORCE FRENCH GROUND FORCES IN SAUDI ARABIA BY FOUR COMBAT
REGIMENTS, THUS SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASING THEIR MILITARY
CAPABILITIES. HE HAS ALSO TOLD ME OF YOUR PRESIDENT'S DECISION
THAT FRENCH FORCES WOULD BE PLACED UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL
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PRESIDENT MITTERRAND'S DECISION IS MOST TIMELY AND WILL BE VERY
MUCH WELCOMED HERE. IT SHOULD ALSO HAVE A SALUTORY IMPACT ON
SADDAM HUSSEIN. I MUST ALSO NOTE, MY FRIEND, THAT IT
CORRESPONDS VERY PRECISELY WITH THE CONVERSATION YOU AND I HAD
IN PARIS A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

WE WILL OF COURSE AWAIT YOUR OWN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
DECISION BEFORE MAKING ANY PUBLIC COMMENT IN WASHINGTON.

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BRENT SCOWCROFT

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BLUE CHANNEL MESSAGE FROM GENERAL SCOWCROFT TO ADMIRAL LANXADE

Dear Jacques:

Admiral Dur has informed me of President Mitterrand's decision to reinforce French ground forces in Saudi Arabia by four combat regiments, thus substantially increasing their military capabilities. He has also told me of your President's decision that French forces would be placed under the operational control of USCINCCENT in the event of conflict.

~~Although President Mitterrand's decision comes as no surprise in view of the strong leadership role he has played since the beginning of the Gulf crisis, his action is most timely and will be very much welcomed here. It should also have a salutary impact on Saddam Hussein.~~

We will of course await your own public announcement of the decision before making any public comment in Washington.

Sincerely,

Brent Scowcroft

*my friend,
I must also note, that it
corresponds very precisely with
the conversation you and I had
in Paris a couple of weeks ago.*

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December 7, 1990

TRANSMIT TO: FLORENCE GANTT

FOR: ROBERT GATES

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

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TO FEDERAL CHANCELLERY

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR KOHL FROM
THE PRESIDENT.

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DEAR HELMUT,

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN ON YOUR SPLENDID AND HISTORIC VICTORY.
I ENJOYED OUR CONVERSATION ON SUNDAY.

LET ME THANK YOU ONCE MORE FOR YOUR WONDERFUL HOSPITALITY
DURING MY VISIT TO SPEYER AND LUDWIGSHAFEN. I WAS GLAD TO HAVE
THE CHANCE TO JOIN YOU IN CELEBRATING GERMAN UNITY AND ALSO TO
HAVE A MORE EXTENDED DISCUSSION THAN WE HAVE HAD FOR A WHILE.

I WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON OUR DISCUSSION ON THE URUGUAY ROUND,
BECAUSE THIS IS ONE MATTER THAT CANNOT WAIT. I KNOW THAT THESE
ISSUES, ESPECIALLY AGRICULTURE, ARE SENSITIVE FOR THE COMMUNITY
AND FOR YOU PERSONALLY, BUT WE ARE NOW AT A POINT WHERE WE MUST
BREAK THE DEADLOCK SOON OR RISK A FAILURE OF THE URUGUAY ROUND.

WE SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE STAKES. A FAILURE OF THE
URUGUAY ROUND COULD CAUSE A FAILURE OF THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM.
THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF OUR COUNTRIES AND THE ECONOMIC
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THREATENED. WITH TIME RUNNING SHORT, GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES NEED TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PREVENTING THIS.

ON OUR SIDE, WE ARE TRYING TO MOVE IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION. LAST WEEK I SIGNED A FARM BILL CALLING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF AROUND \$13 BILLION IN SUBSIDIES OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD. THIS IS TIED THROUGH LEGISLATION TO OUR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE A POSITIVE OUTCOME IN THE URUGUAY ROUND. WE DO NOT WANT TO REINSTITUTE THOSE SUBSIDIES BUT WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE IF THE ROUND FAILS. AND I MIGHT ADD THAT OUR FARMERS ARE AS AGITATED AS GERMAN OR FRENCH FARMERS ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

WE KNOW THE EFFORT IT TOOK THE EC TO PUT FORWARD A POSITION ON AGRICULTURE, BUT WHAT IS ON THE TABLE NOW IS FAR REMOVED FROM WHAT WE AGREED AT HOUSTON WOULD BE NEEDED TO BRING THE ROUND TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. AT A MINIMUM, THE EC NEGOTIATING POSITION MUST INCLUDE SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS ON MARKET ACCESS, INTERNAL SUPPORTS, AND EXPORT SUBSIDIES. ANYTHING LESS WILL PRECLUDE AN AGREEMENT.

FRANCOIS AND I HAD A GOOD DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES IN PARIS, BUT HE GAVE NO SPECIFIC ASSURANCES. INDEED, I HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM OUR TRADE REPRESENTATIVE THAT THE FRENCH POSITION ON

AGRICULTURE APPEARS TO HAVE HARDENED, AND THAT THIS IMPASSE COULD BLOCK PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS AS THE FINAL WEEK OF TALKS BEGINS IN BRUSSELS. THE DEADLOCK CAN BE BROKEN ONLY BY EC AGREEMENT TO REDUCE EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND TO BEGIN TO OPEN UP EC MARKETS. YOUR LEADERSHIP WILL BE THE KEY, AND I HOPE YOU CAN TAKE STEPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY FRANCE, TO UNBLOCK THE COMMISSION'S NEGOTIATING POSITION AND AGREE TO REAL COMMITMENTS IN THE THREE AREAS I MENTIONED.

I APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THIS, HELMUT. BAR JOINS ME IN SENDING WARM REGARDS TO YOU AND HANNELORE AND OUR THANKS FOR YOUR KIND HOSPITALITY. AGAIN, WE ARE ALL DELIGHTED

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WITH YOUR SUPERB ELECTION VICTORY.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
TELEPHONE: (202) 462-1340

FROM THE AMBASSADOR

22 November 1990

The Honorable Brent Scowcroft
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House G/WW
Washington DC 20503

New from Scowcroft.

I enclose a message from the Prime Minister to President Bush. I would be grateful for your help in transmitting it to the President.

The message refers to an announcement, to be made in London shortly, of further British military deployments to the Gulf. I enclose details of that announcement

yours sincerely,

Andrew Heck

for A M Wood
Charge d'Affairs

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By CAP NARA, Date 4/7/15



TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT, DATED
22 NOVEMBER

Begins

Dear George

By the time you receive this message, you will probably already have heard this morning's announcement from 10 Downing Street of my decision to make way for a successor, and to resign as Prime Minister as soon as the Parliamentary Party has completed the necessary procedures for electing a new leader. I shall of course remain in charge of the Government until my successor has been appointed.

You have always shown me the greatest kindness and consideration, and I have very much admired your leadership. It will be needed more than ever over these next few months in the Gulf. But I am sure you can count on my successor, whoever he is, to give you full support: and Cabinet today will take the decision to send additional forces to stand alongside yours in Saudi Arabia.

Denis joins me in sending you and Barbara my warmest good wishes for the future.

It has been marvellous to work with you and I shall continue to give full support to everything we believe in.

Yours ever.

Margaret

Ends

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The Secretary of State for Defence will announce at 1530 GMT on 22 November the following further British military deployments to the Gulf:

- a) A UK Mechanised Brigade (8,500 men) and support elements (5,500 men) to establish a UK Armoured Division. The Division will be fully operational by the end of January.

- b) Two extra mine counter measures making five in all. The extra ships will be on station in the Gulf by mid-January.

British Embassy, Washington

22 November 1990

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VIA Privancy Channel

TO: Charles Powell #10 Downing Street, London

FROM: Brent Scowcroft
Assistant to the President for National Security
Affairs

Dear Charles,

To say I am saddened by the recent turn of events would be a gross understatement. Both professionally and personally I have come to rely on you without hesitation. You have my eternal gratitude for making my job much easier and, especially, for being a friend. Whatever the future holds for you, I am always available.

Charles, I would appreciate it if you would pass the following note to the Prime Minister.

Warm regards,

Brent

Dear Prime Minister:

I was absolutely devastated by the unexpected news of your departure. While the special relationship will survive, the quality you brought to it cannot be duplicated. You have been a pillar of strength, confidence, wisdom and friendship through the

most complex and difficult of times. We simply could not have done it without you and, with trying days ahead, we shall sorely miss you.

With respect and warm regards,

Brent

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MR GATES, ^{per 31 Nov 90}
morning

This message was received at
9:20 last night. Copies were not
sent to Eagleburger, CHENEY, or Powell.
How do you want us to do this?

We did forward the message
to Ankara through privacy channels
as requested by Paris. (FLO)

Dennis Cheney

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in house.

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WASHINGTON

October 12, 1990

TO: CHARLES POWELL
#10 DOWNING STREET
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FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Charles --

Attached is the CIA analysis we discussed
on the telephone yesterday.

Brent

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Washington, D. C. 20505



DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE

21 September 1990

PERSIAN GULF: Weather Impact on Military Operations,

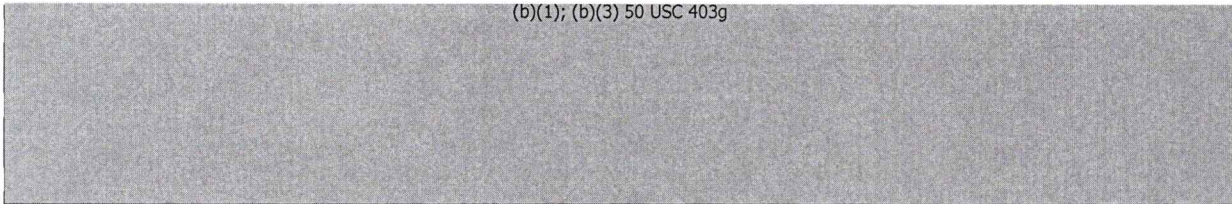
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Summary

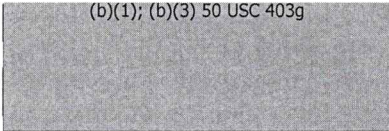
Climatic conditions in the Persian Gulf region--focused on Kuwait and the Iraq-Saudi Arabia border areas--during the months of October through December are marked by dry, mild weather interspersed by the movement of occasional frontal systems with associated severe squall lines and sudden thunderstorms. Overall, the impact of weather on military operations during this time period is less adverse than during the other six months of the year; however, periods of severe blowing sand and dust do occasionally occur reducing visibilities to less than 1 kilometer, making ground and aerial operations extremely difficult. The incidence of blowing sand and dust increases significantly during February and March with the onset of drier, warmer weather. Heavy precipitation can occur causing flooding along the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers and flash floods in dry river beds, presenting problems especially for ground forces. Naval operations can be impeded by high seas (waves 12-15 feet) associated with the windstorms. (b)(1); (b)(3) 50 USC 403g

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Introduction

Climatically, the northern part of the Persian Gulf region between October and March is divided into two periods: the Fall Transition period from October through November, and the Northeast Monsoon period from December through March.

- o The Fall Transition period marks the change from the summer's southwesterly winds to the winter's northeasterly direction and the beginning of the winter storm season.
- o The Northeast Monsoon period begins when the transition is complete, the predominant low-level winds blow steadily from the northeast, and the number of frontal passages and associated thunderstorms increases. Temperatures drop significantly and the majority of the sparse annual precipitation, 2 to 4 inches, falls during this period, usually out of the sudden thunderstorms accompanying the cold frontal passages (Figure 1). (b)(1); (b)(3) 50 USC 403g

For military operations, visibility is often the weather parameter having the most negative impact. Visibilities are reduced by blowing sand and dust associated with windstorms and weather systems moving through the area. Also, heavier precipitation during the fall and winter can cause flooding in the lower courses of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers and flash floods in the dry river beds, hindering movement of troops and ground equipment. (b)(1); (b)(3) 50 USC 403g

Special Phenomena

In the Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia border areas, three weather phenomena can occur during October through March and significantly hinder military operations: strong, gusting winds; abrasive sand and dust storms; and sudden, heavy thunderstorms causing flooding.

a. **Winds:** Strong winds have been given local names because of their significance or seasonal occurrence. The most common is the **Shamal** which means North. The winter Shamal is a wind that blows from the north-northeast in areas along the Persian Gulf. This condition occurs after the passage of cold fronts to the southeast. According to weather station reports, it can set in suddenly at anytime and usually lasts from 1 to 5 days. The winds usually die down at night and build back up during the daytime hours due to surface heating. Offshore, the stronger winds can create rough sea conditions resulting in wave heights of 12 to 15 feet.

b. Sandstorms and Duststorms: Sandstorms and duststorms, the result of strong winds, are one of the most important regional climatic features adversely affecting military operations. These storms--with durations from a few hours to a couple of days--often reduce visibilities to less than 11 kilometers and occasionally to less than 1 kilometer (Figure 2). Blowing sand and dust most commonly occur in the mid-afternoon when surface winds are the strongest. The abrasive nature of the sand and dust can create problems for both personnel and equipment. Although, these storms strike more frequently in the summer months (partially because of the lack of moisture and drying out of the soil), they occur on average 1 to 3 times a month in the fall and winter, especially in the interior plains.

c. Flooding: Flooding occurs infrequently in the lower courses of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers and the tributaries of the Tigris and is most likely to happen in the winter and early spring (December through March) due to the heavier precipitation throughout the region, especially in the mountains of Iraq. Snowmelt from the higher elevations of Iraq compounds the problem of runoff during this time period. Flash flooding is a common problem in many of the dry river beds, or wadis, when sudden thunderstorms occur. (b)(1); (b)(3) 50 USC 403g

Implications for Military Operations

The special weather events encountered during this period can hinder military force operations in a variety of ways. Although infrequent during October through March, the more severe storms--especially sandstorms and duststorms--can significantly impact operations should they occur.

- o **Aviation, Airborne, and Airmobile Operations.** Restricted visibility caused by blowing sand and dust will impair close air support and airborne operations. Parachute operations in winds over 13 knots (15 mph) can scatter personnel, supplies, and equipment. High wind velocities and gustiness may seriously degrade aircraft operations and performance.
- o **Armor and Armored Cavalry Operations.** Restricted visibility affects observation, control, and coordinated maneuver. Strong winds and blowing sand and dust could hinder engine operations and contaminate unprotected equipment.
- o **Artillery Operations.** Poor visibility will restrict visual observation and target acquisition. High winds will deflect projectiles from their normal path and decrease accuracy and the ability to acquire and lock-on a target.

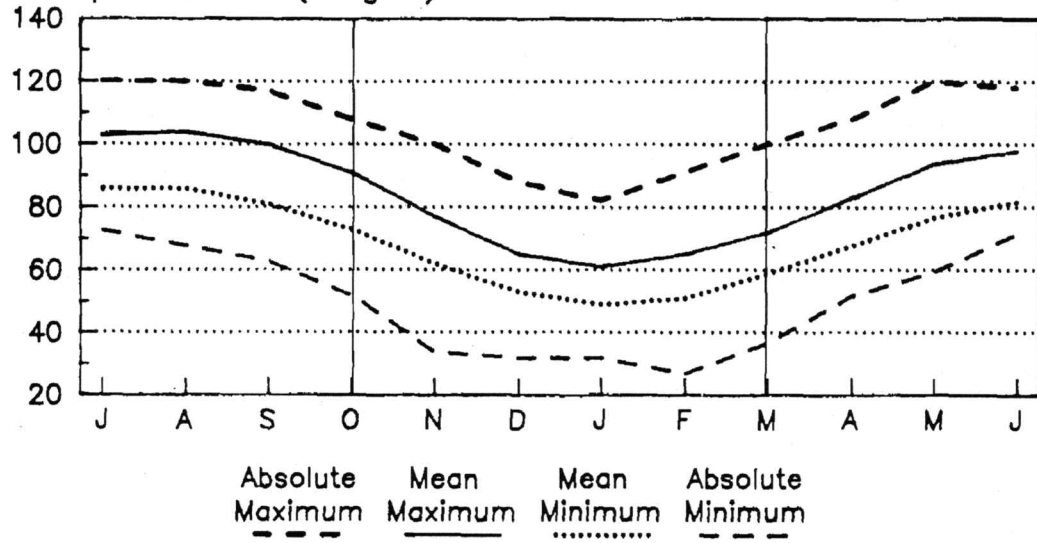
- o **Chemical and Biological Operations.** From the perspective of defending against hostile forces, restricted visibility tends to conceal contaminating clouds, which increases the likelihood of being taken by surprise from chemical and biological weapons. Moreover, the relative lack of precipitation, even during the rainy period, allows for fuller effectiveness of the agents. Blister agents are particularly effective in the desert environment found in this region. High winds will aid in the dispersion of agents but will cause increased evaporation and dissipation for all but the most persistent agents.
- o **Communications and Radar.** Poor visibility places more dependence on radar operations. Wind blown sand and dust can limit radar and radio capabilities. Radio communications can be reduced by as much as 50 percent during a sand or duststorm. Past experience, however, has shown that reduced visibilities do not degrade AWACS performance.
- o **Equipment and Supplies.** Reduced visibilities will delay logistics operations. High winds can damage or destroy unprotected equipment. Blowing sand and dust can damage painted surfaces, engines, and weapons and will contaminate fuels, lubricants, and water supplies.
- o **Naval Operations.** High seas, associated with the passage of frontal systems and the winter Shamals, can have negative impact on any operations conducted on the high seas or along the coast. Waves 12 to 15 feet have been observed during the occurrences of the windstorms. Amphibious landings and carrier operations would be limited during these times.
- o **Personnel.** Restricted visibility increases the likelihood of personnel becoming lost or having accidents. Detection and identification become more difficult, and field functions require more time. High winds and associated sand and dust can have an unnerving effect on personnel as well as an adverse physical impact by causing irritation of the mucous membranes.
- o **Trafficability and Transportation.** Although, trafficability becomes better after light to moderate rains because of the compaction of the sands and soil, heavier rain periods can cause flooding which hinder ground movement of troops and equipment. During sand and duststorms, poor visibility will increase accident rates and impair the driver's ability to judge distances and speeds. (b)(1); (b)(3) 50 USC 403g

Figure 1

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Annual Mean Temperatures

Temperatures (Deg F)



Annual Precipitation

Precipitation (Inches)

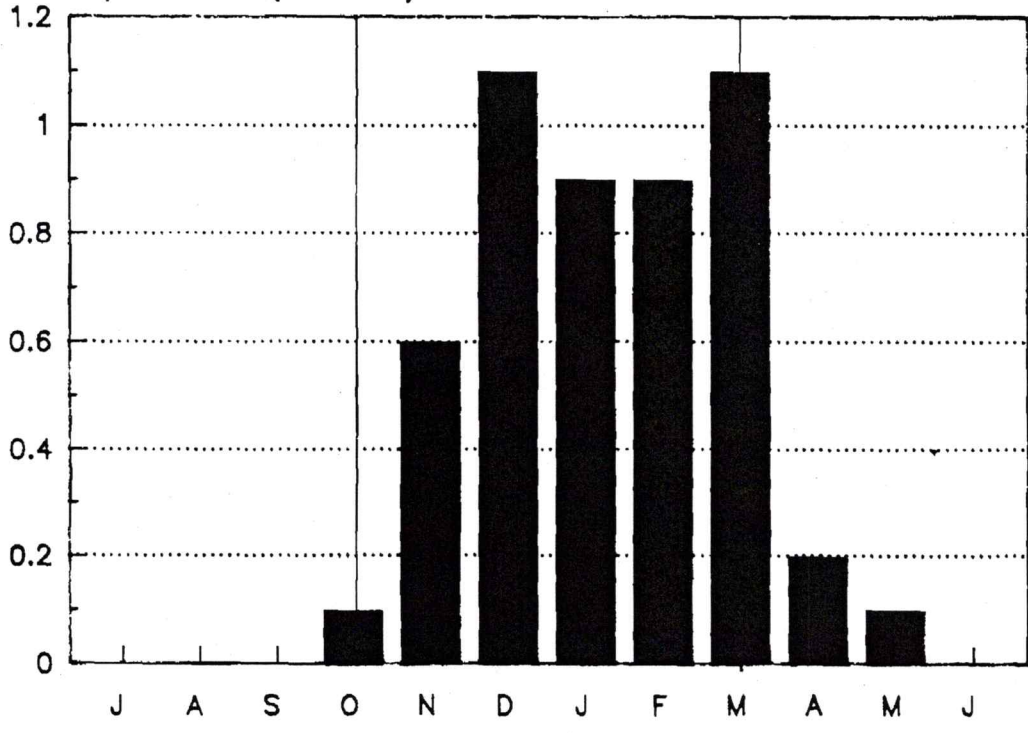
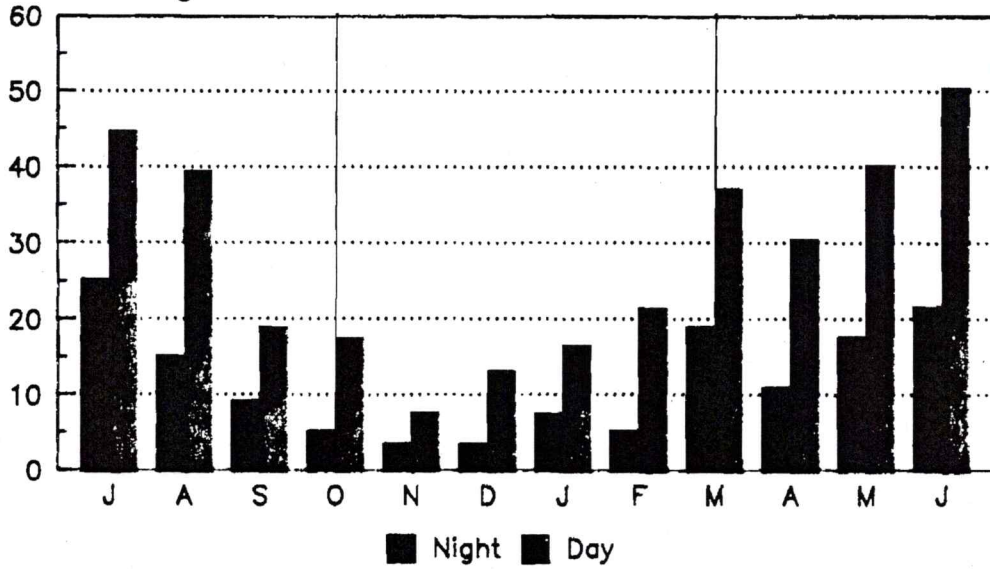


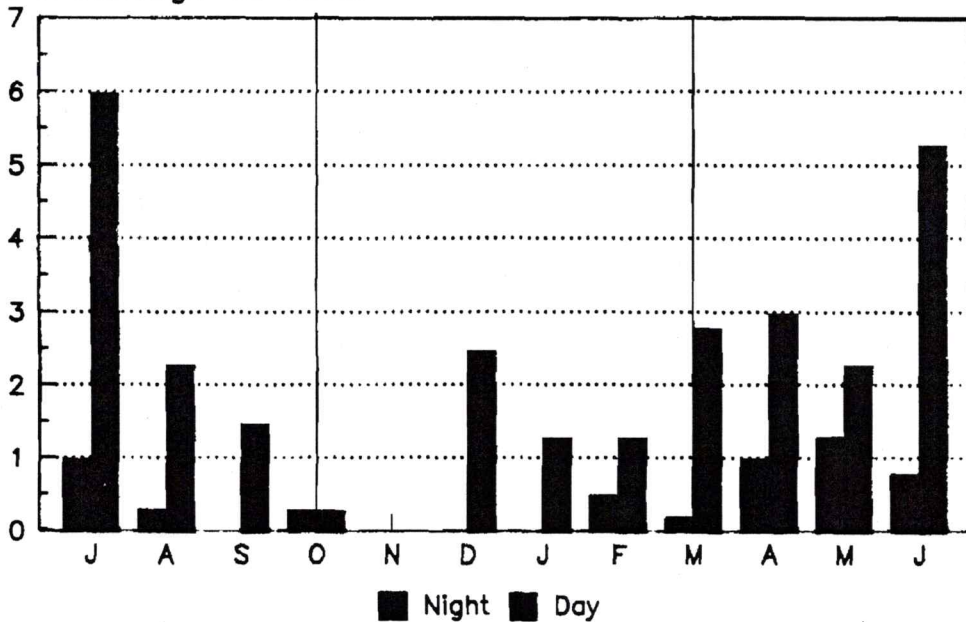
Figure 2

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**Blowing Dust: Light to Moderate
Reducing Visibility to Less Than 11 kilometers
Percentage of Time**



**Dust Storms: Reducing Visibility to Less Than
1 kilometer
Percentage of Time**



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