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To the President's Staff:

8/24/90

I realize that the President
can't read all of his mail, but,
as the wife of a man on his
way to Saudi Arabia, (189th Maint-Ft. Bragg)
I truly understand how worried the
President is. I am worried too, but I
know that our President is a fine leader
and I wrote this letter to encourage
him. His strong leadership encourages
me and I only wish to reduce his
burden if such a thing is even
remotely possible. Please
let him know how we feel!!
Thanking you for your
help in advance,
Mrs. Greg R. Bridger



August 24, 1990

Dear President Bush,

I'm praying that you receive my letter because I want you to know that you've been on my heart lately.

Watching you on television lately has me a little bit worried. I'm really sorry that your vacation has been so stressful. I don't agree with those people who feel that you should be back in Washington. It is my sincere wish that you will be able to find that peace that "passeth all understanding" that Paul writes about in Phil. 4:7.

I truly believe we are in a crisis which requires guidance from God above. It is my prayer that



vision will be made based solely
on what is right in man's eyes. This is
no time to worry about reflection. Personally,
as a 32-year old woman, I have never
felt safer, with you in the White House.
I also believe that most Americans are
so truly proud of you. Flags are flying
all over in my hometown.

I am the wife of an Army Sgt.
He will be supporting the 82nd in
Saudi Arabia. He will deploy around
the middle of September. We have two
children; Kara, 10 and Nikki, 7. We

will support our country proudly.

We do not want war,

However, my husband will
be ready to fight. I will
be ready to volunteer at
the medical facilities.



every one any capacity that I am
doing so I am already busy
going my mother's WFM club to women
my husband's company. There will be a
big factor should we go to war. Tonight,
I'm making homemade lasagne, my
husband's favorite. And I want??
I guess what I'm really trying to say
is that where behind you and we will
be paying that all your decisions will
bring honor to our country. We also want
you to know that we accept the grave
reality of what could happen without
commitment toward you and your
people in leadership.
Actions speak louder
than words and I am
actions must speak let
them speak if you could

that idiot to commit his troops
in the region, the U.S. along with our
allies could mount a massive attack and
PRAY HARD. However, if we allow him to
choose a battlefield and he may do just
that; then I fear he'll choose to hit Saudi
in some way complicating matters. However,
if we could convince him to put his
substantial troops in Kuwait, we could
get done a whole lot faster. But what
do I know? I try never to write a letter
without a little humor. Disregard my
military speculations. Hopefully, the sanctions
will work! God promises alot in
II Chron. 7:14 too.



Take Care of yourself
Mr. President. I was watching
you play golf and I noticed
your back seemed to be

pay you a little. You should be doing
to build your back muscles that
hold your spine in place. Stress is bad
for the spine. I wish I could make it
go away. You may need to see your neurologist.

I also got very jealous when I
saw you fishing. That is my favorite
pastime. Bass fishing can't be beat
in Florida where I am from. Maybe
we can get together someday. I'd love
to take you to a lake in Florida
where the bass use to know me. I
could almost swear that they knew
I was there. But I could make
them forget with the
biggest live shiner bait
you could imagine. Where
I get those shiners are
a family secret. Catching



about as much from an

ing a few pounds here almost

you would enjoy it!

There is so much ahead of us

and hopefully Americans will forget

"let" long enough to support our

troops and live more conservatively

After this is over, we need to reassert

ourselves to the task of conserving our

natural resources. I think we could

raise the budget deficit, the homeless,

the economy and the Saddam if we could

just want less for ourselves and be

willing to sacrifice for others in all ways

We love you and

may God bless you in

all that you do!

Yours truly,

James O. Bridges

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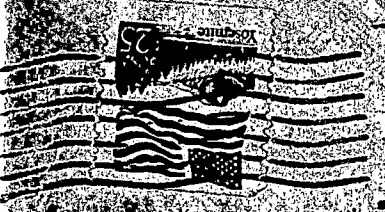
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President George Bush
Flemmingsport, Maine
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[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the envelope.]

Aug. 28, 1990

Dear President Bush,

My husband left for Saudi

Arabia last week, after having just

moved our family to Fort Bragg in

July. Of course, no family wants

to send a loved one into harm's way,

but he is proud to serve this great,

free country. He believes in what

America stands for, and what she

means to other countries around the

world who are threatened by ruthless

tyrants. And he knows all too well

what the cost of our actions could

extract from many Americans ... he

lost a brother in Vietnam. But that

only strengthens his resolve to perform

his duty to his country, his family,

& the fullest capacity ... to ensure

that the lives of American soldiers

are not needlessly wasted on the

battlefield. He has always said his

job is to safeguard peace, not to

make war. Yet, he is prepared and

willing to give his life proudly to

ensure that his children, and the

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children of freedom-loving people
around the world, can live in a
world free of tyranny.

I would like to tell you how
deeply grateful I am that you
are his commander-in-chief. I have
such confidence in you. I believe
you sincerely care about our country,
and the principles for which she
stands. And I know you care
about the men and women in the
armed services who are risking
their lives for all of us here at
home.

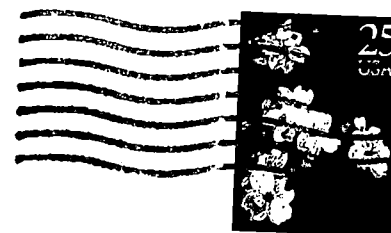
When I think about our past
presidents, I can only say that if
a crisis such as this has to involve
the U.S. (as it surely does!), I just
thank God that it's happening when
you are president. I am inspired by
your clear thinking, direct manner,
and firm stance. You seem to be
unshakable.

The press, as usual, seems to be
trying to stir up negative public opinion

over your "vacation," and I'd like to tell them how many of us feel about that. We are glad you are trying to find some time to relax and enjoy yourself... to alleviate some of the stress and tensions you are under 24-hours of every day. A person who cannot relieve stress cannot make decisions. The old adage, "physically fit... mentally alert" holds true... especially for presidents! To, Mr. President, if you can find even a tiny measure of tranquility on the golf course at dawn, or on Fidelity fishing, or sitting at the breakfast table with a cup of coffee - we applaud your efforts, because we know that will enhance your ability to make clear and rational decisions concerning the lives of so many. Kudos to you for not allowing Saddam Hussein to hold you hostage. Too bad the press won't stop trying!

Sincerely, Janice Peck

Major & Mrs. Terry Peck
7712 Ancon Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28304



November 21, 1989
North Carolina

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Re: son in law left for middle east

Rt. 9 Box 1239

Lexington, NC 27292

8/14/90

President Bush
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Sir:

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This is to let you know that I thoroughly support the role you've chosen to take in the Middle East situation. The decisions to take a stand & send military re-inforcements have been the correct ones. I also appreciate the work you've done to create the back-up support the United States has from other countries.

I have a daughter and son-in-law who are Air Force active duty. This afternoon I learned that my son-in-law will leave tomorrow for the Middle East. I'm very proud that they serve our country & that he is willing to go. For the rest of the family, we suddenly realize what this might really mean. Suddenly we change our plans to assist our daughter with the care of their 2 little ones and realize that for us (and for thousands of other families) "They also serve who only stand and wait." The enclosed article from our hometown newspaper says it well.

Sincerely,

White River Current
Calico Rock, Ark. 72519
Barbara De Angelis, editor
+ publisher

Page 3, August 9, 1990

"Hummingbird"

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By Barbara De Angelis

My daughter called today to ask "Mom, what do you think I should tell the boys?"

It was a tough question. What do you tell an eight-year-old and two five-year-olds about the conflict in the Middle East, half a world away? How do you explain to them that their Daddy is protecting the interests of his country and helping to ensure that other nations are safe from invasion? How do you tell them that while he is doing this he is, perhaps, in danger?

Perhaps, even more important, and more relevant to small boys, is how to explain to them that Daddy, who was coming home around Labor Day, after several months absence, will undoubtedly be late.

"Do you think they'll start shooting, Mom?" Her voice had that "tell me it's not so" tone she used to use on the way to the doctor. "Mommie will I have to have a shot?"

I reviewed my philosophy (never lie to your children). "Yes, dear. It will hurt a little, but we'll hold hands and, after a bit the hurt will go away."

"Tell them the truth, as gently as you can," I said. "They will figure it out anyway and their fears, unspoken, will be far worse than reality. Besides, better to know Daddy is not home because he is doing an important job that requires brave men, than they wonder if Daddy's mad at them."

"Truth is, honey," I said, "nobody knows what will be tomorrow, but we must plan for the worst, and hope and pray for the best."

"I love you Mom," - "I love you too dear, and the boys, and Chuck."

I hung up the phone, and thought . . . "They also serve who only stand and wait."

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Kelly Koytalencz
703 Maxwell Dr.
Goldsboro, NC 27534-5447

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

My husband is among the brave men and women deployed in the Middle East. He is in the Air Force and was one of the first to go. It has been over two weeks now and in that time the base of Seymour Johnson has set up many support groups for the families left behind, plus it is really wonderful to see the community involvement in this area. Many people have criticized you for continuing your vacation during this crisis. I just wanted to take the time to let you know that you are doing a fine job and we are all behind you 100 percent. I understand the image that you are trying to present to other countries and heaven knows

we are all entitled to our rest, especially you. No one can expect you to carry this burden alone. If we lash out at you, please forgive us, we are only acting out of emotional strain. We all pray that this conflict will soon be over and our loved ones returned safely. God Bless and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. H. Oystalewicz

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August 19, 1990

Dear President Bush,

I am the wife of a proud American Flying Man, currently deployed somewhere in the Middle East. ~~As anxious as I am for my husband's health and well-being, I want you to know that I appreciate your methodical approach to world diplomacy and trust you unequivocally to make the right decision.~~

The intense media coverage of the crisis has brought the complex situation in the Middle East back into the public eye. Conflicts do not happen over night. This situation has been brewing since World War II and the formation of Israel. Rather than focusing exclusively on Iraq and the crisis of the moment, we should turn our attention to the long standing disputes in the region. If we get at the root of the problem, Saddam Hussein will have nothing to exploit for his flimsy propaganda. If we are going to deploy our military might at a moment's notice, then we should not shy away from solving international disputes before they reach the flash point.

We have worked hard to foster friendships with several Arab countries. Now is the time for dialogue with both moderate Arab nations and with Israel in order to come to a negotiated settlement, not of Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, but of the nearly fifty years of Middle Eastern tension. I'm not suggesting that we abandon Israel. It seems to me though, that de-fusing the powder keg would be the friendliest thing we could do for the Israeli's in the long run. I understand that they need the Occupied West Bank as a buffer zone. I also understand that the situation will never be peaceful until the Palestinians have a homeland. Creating a Palestinian State in those contested areas, with the insistence that it be maintained as a demilitarized zone, would serve both interests.

There are other problems as well, including the disputes over holy cities such as Jerusalem and Mecca. As difficult as it would be, the best solution would be to create city states, such as the Vatican, so that these cities belong to no one nation. Jerusalem's sovereignty would be particularly difficult to arrange, since several major religions claim it. Nonetheless, a special international government separate from it's several religious sects, would lend stability to the entire region.

Finally there is the tremendous disparity of wealth in the region and the continuing appearance that we are a rich nation, protecting our affluence by supporting the wealthy oil sheiks. As an oil producing nation ourselves, we should join OPEC and help support the price of oil by keeping a lid on supply. We and the rest of the world need such incentives to conserve oil and to explore alternate more environmentally sound sources of energy.

I know that these ideas sound radical and may be unacceptable for reasons beyond my knowledge. I also understand that we don't want to give the appearance of capitulating to aggression. You are the first president in a long time capable of solving the problems still plaguing our world fifty years after Hitler turned Europe into a war zone. Five years ago when we were stationed in Germany and visited the Berlin Wall, we never could have imagined that 1990 would find two Germany's reconciled. Now I truly believe that anything is possible. Thank you for your conviction, your competence, and your courage. You are in my prayers.

Elizabeth Griffith

Elizabeth Griffith
Air Force Wife

Guyith
304 Bayleaf Dr.
Goldenshaw NC 27534



President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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The demythologizing program of the New Testament as done

September 22, 1990
German theologian, Rudolph Bultmann, has been successful,
101 S. Hanover Apt. 8C
Lexington, Ky. 40502

Dear President Bush and Barbara:

My son is in Saudi Arabia. In a recent letter from him he wrote, "One thing is sure, "This kingdom will never be the same. The large U. S. presence has changed it forever. If this really does last it will not be good for the U. S. in the eyes of the Arab world. Also it will not be good for Saudi-U. S. A. relations."

I enclose a paper which I hope you both will read. The people of the United States are mostly fundamentalists in their Christian Faith as are most members of the armed forces. If truth is recognized the United States will be aligned against a civilization which is also made up of fundamentalists of the Muslim faith. I believe Christianity is in crisis if the present standoff comes to actual warfare. The scripture, Corinthians 11 3:6 "The written(letter) code kills but the spirit gives life." will be shown as truth.

History shows theology is ahead of the Church. As you know the astronomer Galileo was forced to recant. We should realize that "History is not was but is" as William Faulkner said.

I hope, President Bush that you will always consult with Barbara, a woman a mother, a wife. She reminds me of the words Pascal wrote, "The heart has reasons the mind will never know."

I have admired your demeanor, your firmness and the evidence of your character during this crisis. I also believe in the wisdom of your secretary of state whose sense of values seems more important to him than his present position.

Sincerely

Elsie R. Cross

Elsie R. Cross

Teacher	Jesus	Holy Spirit
Word (Logos)	Flesh	Spirit
Love	Resurrection	Life
Spirit	Dust	Life
Truth	Way	Life
Mind (Intellect)	Body	Spirit
Church	Church	Holy Spirit

Sep 15th 1990
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FROM THE DESK OF

Sandra Wilbourn

Mr. President - Mrs. Bush,

I just wanted you both
to know that I support you
here at home and I'm one
of many people in Bakely Georgia
that do support you.

encl. I'm enclosing an article
that I wrote to my son.
I hope he can get this in the
mail from me when I get
his address.

Glenn is stationed in Calif.
Camp Pendleton. I did not get
to see him before he left but
I talked with him the
morning of Aug 16th. He was
very proud to do his job.
Glenn left I believe on Aug 17th.



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FROM THE DESK OF . . .

Sandra Wilbourn

Mr. President and Mrs. Bush
~~You are a wonderful example~~
~~of what the American family~~
~~+ people should be. God~~

Bless you both as you carry
the burden of this terrible
Crisis on your Shoulders.

I don't know anything about
the Stars and Stripes Newspaper,
or where it is from. I would
like every Soldier to see this
article and let them know
they are loved.

God Bless you

Sandra J. Wilbourn

302 n. main St

Blakely, Georgia 31723

Sgt. Harry Glenn Holloway
M LSS 374 Utility Platoon



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Dear Mr. President,

My name is Kris Novahaw and I am a 26 year old Christian mother of two. My husband was stationed at Camp Lejeune and recently left on deployment to Saudi Arabia.

I am writing to share with you our confidence in your efforts and faith in God behind them. I have to admit I was out of touch with the news, but when I found out Michael was going I quickly absorbed all I could about the situation. It was when I saw you addressing the Nation at 9am one morning that I knew God was with you in bringing about justice in this situation.

When my husband left on the previous Sunday I felt joy, pride and some excitement for him. He said he felt the same way. We agree with you in prayer & applaud your efforts. "Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you."

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September 12, 1990

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a copy of a poem that I wrote for our troops in and around Saudi Arabia. ~~It will soon be printed in various local newspapers as a ray of hope for our troops and their families.~~

I am hoping that it soon will be our National poem and that it will reach each one of our men and women over there. Perhaps it will with the help of General Powell or someone else in your administration.

I was inspired to write the poem when my brother and my brother-in-law were sent to Bahrain recently from George A.F.B., California.

I sincerely hope that you are interested in recognizing my poem on a National level, and that it will counter some of the bad news that we hear so much about today. Maybe it will help to boost their morale and they won't feel so far away.

Thank you. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Danielle Townsend

Danielle Townsend
(619) 246-9788

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SEPTEMBER 3, 1990

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

RE: IRAQI SITUATION

DEAR PRESIDENT BUSH:

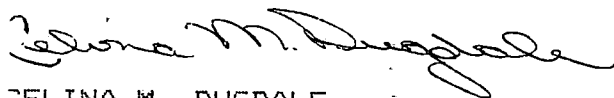
I REALIZE THAT YOU WILL PROBABLY NEVER SEE THIS LETTER BUT IF IT HELPS ME FEEL BETTER ABOUT THE SITUATION THAN I GUESS IT WILL HAVE SERVED IT'S PURPOSE.

UNTIL NOW I HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE PROBLEM AT HAND, BUT AS OF YESTERDAY I AM MORE INVOLVED THAN I EVER HOPED TO BE. YOU SEE MY LITTLE BROTHER, A1C JAMES C. GALE, WAS DEPLOYED TO SAUDI ARABIA FROM HILL AIR FORCE BASE, UTAH. HE'S NOT IN A COMBAT UNIT BUT THE FEELINGS OF HELPLESSNESS ARE THERE JUST THE SAME.

I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE IRAQI SITUATION AND I'M AFRAID I DON'T UNDERSTAND ALOT OF WHAT IS HAPPENING. BUT I DO UNDERSTAND ALOT OF PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THE TAKEOVER IN KUWAIT. THE WAITING AND WONDERING WHO IS GOING TO MAKE THE NEXT MOVE SEEMS TO BE THE GAME RIGHT NOW BUT ISN'T THAT ENDANGERING MORE LIVES? STRENGTH COMES IN NUMBERS AND I APPRECIATE THE FORCES THAT HAVE COME TOGETHER TO COMBAT HUSSEIN AND HIS ARMY BUT CAN'T SOMETHING BE DONE SOONER AND MORE DIRECT IN ORDER TO END THIS ORDEAL AND RETURN THE HOSTAGES AND SERVICEMEN BACK TO THEIR FAMILIES?

I RESPECT THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE FOR OUR COUNTRY AND KNOW YOU WILL EVALUATE EVERY POSSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE DECISIONS MADE ARE THE CORRECT ONES.

SINCERELY,



ZELINA M. DUGDALE
5653 GAZELLE DRIVE
LAS VEGAS, NV 89029

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Re: granddaughter in Navy, stationed in Med Sea

TO MR. GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

YOUR HONOR;

DEAR PRES. BUSH,

YOUR IDEA OF STACKING ALL THOSE TROOPS IN THE PERSIAN GULF AREA IS HAVING A GOOD EFFECT.

ACCORDING TO T.V. AND PAPER REPORTS THE TEMPERERS ARE COOLING AND IT LOOKS LIKE WAR WILL BE AVOIDED IF SO ALL UNITED STATES TAX PAYERS WILL BE HAPPY TO PAY A PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN TAXES TO COVER THE COST OF THE IDEA.

WE WILL ALL BE THANK FULL FOR NO W.W, III

I HAVE A GRAND DAUGHTER WHO IS A 20 YEAR VETERAN IN THE U S NAVY. AND NOW STATIONED AT THE BASE OF THE GREEK ISLAND OF CRETE IN THE MED. SEA.

MANY MANY THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHT FULL IDEA.

H B WOODWARD

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Dear President Bush:

Friday 9-14-90

They only don't
in the manner in the
dearest. Over though my
heart is heavy and my
eyes are with him

always, I wanted you to
know that I support

~~your actions against~~ ~~Diago's~~
~~Leader Saddam Hussein?~~

My prayers are with
you and our wonderful
country. God bless you
and your family.

Sincerely,

Barbara Christy

24 W. Mulberry St.
P.O. Box 804
Uray, Ohio 45373



9-9-90

President Bush,

I know you will never personally read this letter but I certainly hope my message is conveyed to you. I am the mother of one of the army boys in Saudi Arabia. He is with 101st INF - AASLT. His name is Tony Leonard. He is 19 yrs. old and a very idealistic guy. He is a good, smart boy (man) he has never been in any kind of police trouble. Never has used drugs or alcohol. He is very patriotic and pre-entisted. I am a concerned parent as all other parents are. It would totally devastate me if anything were to



I am so glad to know that
 you are doing everything possible to
 make use of our large contingent people
 for you have every competent people
 in charge. I am on I. V. that
 the boys are getting enough water. The
 more is getting through. I really
 that society is necessary, but
 that is the hardest thing to accept.
 Not forgetting where your child
 is and what is happening to
 them. And what is going to
 happen in the future.
 I hope you will go
 make President
 Bush. May God
 keep you safe
 (over)



Back Creek
mother
PFC Tolly J. J. J.
131st. INF (M45LT)

The Blue Mountain
(America)

our boys are all over the
may the good in and bring us
and safe everyone. Now that
right of the fact that each of them
keep are loved by someone in the
stated and everyone in an concerned
in of am.

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Re: Brother in law in Saudi Arabia / Kind words

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to you about my concerns for the situation we are in. I have a personal stake in the outcome of this situation because my Brother in law has been sent to Saudi Arabia. He is in the army and was stationed at Ft. Stewart until about Aug. 24th. I am concerned for him. He is only 19 years old. He's not like most 19 year olds. He doesn't do drugs, he's honest and has integrity. He is very gentlemanly and polite. I guess you could say he has all the good characteristics a young man

might have raised in a small town in Washington State. He is the type of young man I'd hope my 2 year old son grows up to be like. Most importantly he has a family that loves him very much. To get to the point Mr. President I know you have tough decisions in front of you that may determine the outcome of lots of lives. I know you don't take such a decision lightly, But, I had to let you know the scenario of probably a lot of the young men over there. Before you decide, if you could just imagine one very special young man to

to the Thawite family. Thankyou
and good luck Mr. President.

Debra Harvill
1145 W. 9th St #2
Corona, Ca. 91720

28040 Ed Bickham Rd
Franklin, Pa 15038

President Bush,

My name is Frankie the of the above
relation, I am writing to you for you.

To give you things, out of house like

because my son Brad had a car, SS#35-57-1219

is over there, I want your home, I don't

want from Bill. I don't want anything to

disappear, to him, but that's the other way

I have my own to get over, to get

made to be fully 12. I know you are doing

your best, I think to write from my wife

day. I am so sure, I can't stop, I don't

forget from the day, I pray for

you, and the same home note.

I want my child home, my family is

in it. Please know me the President

Frankie the
28040 Ed Bickham Rd
Franklin, Pa
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200 East Sixth Avenue
Roselle, New Jersey 07203
September 16, 1990

Dear Mr. President;

Just a short letter to voice my support of your handling of the Mid-East crisis. I fully believe you have done the right thing in committing our troops. My son is there carrying his machine gun with the 7th Marines.

I have only one stipulation. If shooting breaks out, turn our military forces loose and let them go for complete victory. Keep the politicians out of direct involvement in military operations. We can't stand another Viet-Nam with many dead Americans and nothing to show for it.

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The Iraqis will not fight by the
rules of modern civilization. If they
use poison gas on our troops, we
should respond with everything in our
arsenal including battle field nuclear
weapons if feasible. If we fight,
let's fight to win!

Sincerely,
Malcolm C. Smith

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Mr. President

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I would like for you to know
I think you are doing a really
good job.

Our son in law Larry Eaton -
82nd Airborne Div. Ft. Bragg, NC
31505 Infantry is in Saudi Arabian
very proud to be serving his country
I have a question, I have always
assumed that when there is
trouble in a foreign country
that the State Department
asks the people to leave the
country. If so, why do we
have to pay for them, for us to
go over and get them out?
Keep up the good work
Thank you
Marta Bridwell

2930 E. Dacuna
Springfield, Mo. 65804

50115 in Persian Gulf's zone 7-9-90
about Media Coverage

Mr. President Bush,

and I am writing this letter

to you, I think you should
one file of a file. I would
want your file. All the

discussions you have to make
and wondering if you make
the right one. Maybe I

think you should write in
fact. You probably to
try to lead this, I'm

just a mother and may
don't in the USS 1055th

over in the middle east.
I just have one question

it might be stupid and
if it is in there, I'd
like to know why is

the Army getting all
the coverage on it. I know

they are taking that for
and doing it well but

what about the money &
the money. I think I thought

like to say hi back home

1529 Crowell Road
Vienna, VA 22812
August 27, 1990

Personal & Confidential

Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

You are doing a superb job handling the difficulties in the Middle East. You have the full support of the Dowd family for your efforts, including your opportunity to vacation at Kennebunkport.

We have a young man who is part of the 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade on the way to Saudi Arabia. We are very proud of him and he told me that he was ready to serve his country and to do whatever it took if he was called upon to fight.

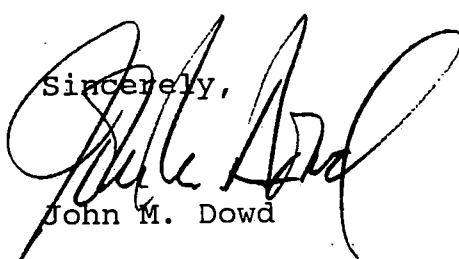
Two of my brothers and I served in the Marines during the Vietnam war. We lost one brother on March 1, 1967. I made a promise to my wife, at that time, that if any one of my children ever had to go to war for his country, that I would do everything possible to make sure that he fought pursuant to a Declaration of War by the Congress of the United States.

If in your wisdom it is necessary to go to war in the Middle East, then I respectfully request that you seek a Declaration of War from the Congress. In my experience, this country seems to live with itself, even during difficult times, when we follow the procedures and mandates of the Constitution. I am confident that the Congress will follow your recommendation in this regard. You will have our support if you seek such a Declaration.

Thank you for your time and attention. You have our best wishes and prayers in the difficult days ahead.

Best regards.

Sincerely,


John M. Dowd

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Amherst Jct., WI 54407
August 25, 1990

President & Mrs. George Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear President & Mrs. Bush:

~~I am a collector of celebrity autographs and I would~~
be very pleased to add yours to my collection. Do you
have a picture available to the public?

~~I want you to know that you are admired and respected~~
by the American people. Although I have a friend in
the Saudi Arabia area and a son-in-law preparing to
leave to serve in the Air Force over there, I support
your decision to stand up to Saddam Hussein. We all
hope the matter will be ended soon.

Thank you for your kindness in answering my letter.

Sincerely,

Virginia Krogwold
Virginia Krogwold

3rd Sept 1990

are you are doing for the Citizens of the USA
- For the World seeing them Today Times

I came to the USA in 1960 &
became a Citizen in 1966. America has been good
to me & the House with the pretty Brown
a realty. I married a wonderful Marine &
we were celebrated 21y this October. We were not
Blessed with children, but have wonderful Family
- friends

When Mr. President we just leave. He
 says he has no one gets hurt in this situation.
 But we mustn't forget Bill III to this Mr. Hussein.
 I thank you for him also that he will come to his
 senses. Each night 9. P.M. for your family
 I pray also to St. Francis of Assisi,
 what there is peace let there be
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25 August 1990

Fred Kurz
Saudia Flight Operations
P.O.Box 167, CC942
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

President of the United States

Washington DC
USA

Sir,

I have been an expatriate worker living in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for the past ten years. With that background I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the immediate, swift, strong, action which was taken against the Iraqis. If any military action has ever been justified, this is it, for the issues are vast. I hope it will be possible to make clear to the American people just how valuable an action you have taken.

Sincerely,

Fred Kurz

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son in Iraq

September 11, 1990

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President George Bush
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D. C.

Joseph E.
Steven M.
Patricia A.
John F.
Mary C.
Jerome C.
Claire M.
Christine N.

Dear President Bush,

I am writing to you on behalf of my son, Joe, the oldest of our eight children who celebrated his 34th birthday last month in Kuwait City.

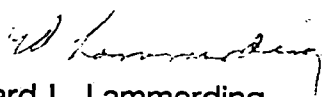
The last report concerning our son was communicated to me by an evacuee who arrived home on Monday. She reported that Joe was hiding with her husband in Kuwait City waiting for emancipation. This lady indicated that the greatest concern of the Americans in Kuwait was the hopelessness and frustration experienced when Western forces did not immediately react against the invaders. During the past four weeks, the evacuee and her family have observed the wanton destruction of Kuwait City and the barbaric treatment of Kuwaiti citizens.

Our son, while being protected by a Kuwaiti family, listened to the execution of a neighboring Kuwaiti for harboring a Westerner. His hosts informed Joe that he was welcome to remain with them but that they would be grateful if he would seek a new hiding place. Our son was fortunate in being able to immediately relocate to his present "safe house".

The perseverance of Kuwait's citizens in protecting and providing sustenance to Americans confirms my son's comments over the past five years that the Kuwaitis are indeed our friends. While we are very much concerned about our son's welfare, we are also troubled by the suffering being endured by the Kuwaiti people in our citizens' behalf.

I speak for my wife and our seven children in America when I say that we all appreciate what you are doing and we wish you to know that even at the peril of our son, Joe, we favor affirmative action to provide relief and remove the Iraqi menace. We are afraid that the longer the wait, the more pain, suffering and devastation will be imposed upon the innocent. We encourage you to authorize an immediate military response to the invasion and bring an early end to this tragedy.

Sincerely,


Edward L. Lammerding

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Beverly T., President
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Debra A. Rogers
22315 Caminito Danubo
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Sept. 10, 1990

President and Mrs. George Bush
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20501

Mr. President and Mrs. Bush,

I am writing to let you know that we (HMH-465 wives, MCAS Tustin, CA) respect and appreciate your concern and all that you are doing with the Gulf Crisis. Many times, I'm sure, there are letters written from wives who have a complaint of some sort. Most of us have positive attitudes, know and accept that it is our husband's job to serve the Marine Corps where every they need to go.

We are very grateful for the organization of the FACTeam support that is in operation in our area. We thought you and Mrs. Bush would like to see a sample of the types of 'Updates' that are being sent to the wives on a monthly basis, in this area. That's all, no complaints, we love America and are proud to be a wife of a Marine.

I pray for the decisions you must make daily and am truly thankful you have taken that responsibility.

Respectfully,

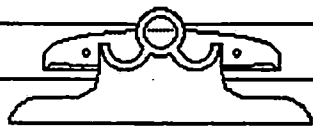

Debra A. Rogers

Kuwait Watchers

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HMH-465 FACTEAM UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 1990



FACTeam Chairperson

Hello Warhorse Women!

This is our first update and I guess that makes it official. We are truly a FACTeam now, and I must say we really have a great bunch of gals! We number about 85 and I look forward to getting to know each of you better. You've all been so willing to help and for that I *thank you*. This willingness to help will make us a strong group, and a strong united group will make it easier for all of us to get through this time in our lives.

By now you have heard from your FACTeam Caller. A special thank you goes out to the eighteen girls who will be our regular callers and to those who will be substitutes. These girls will be attending a workshop to prepare them for any crisis that may arise. Be confident that these girls will be able to direct you to the proper place for help with any problem. Your FACTeam Caller will notify you regularly of social events and any news we may have received about our guys. Keep her name and number handy and don't be afraid to call her should you need her

HMH-465 Team Leader Listings Barbara Johnston

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Linda Benjamin	559-5677
Norma Collier	857-3655
Gina Engemann	643-2075
Martha Ferguson	543-1765
Patricia Kunkle	733-2078
Norene Long	688-1263
Bonnie Ludwig	544-3016
Brenda McCarthy	262-9571
Judy Robinson	966-0179
Marian Redsun	756-1270
Jill Reeder	559-9388
Brenda Sission	651-9459
Denise Sosler	731-8606
Rhonda Wheeler	857-0663
Michele Woods	532-5122

assistance. Remember - We're all here to help each other.

This will be my fifth long separation from my husband and I've tried them several different ways. These separations are hard at times, but through them I have learned a lot about myself. You will too. One important thing I've learned is that it's best not to try to do it alone. I did one by myself in a military town, two with the support of military wives in a military town, and one in a civilian community surrounded by loving, caring family. I can tell you from experience that these military wife's support groups are important. No one understands what you're going through better than another military wife whose husband is or has been deployed. No one will force you to reach out or become involved, but I assure you, if you do, the time will seem to pass faster and you won't feel so alone.

I'd like to stress two important things. Please don't listen to rumors. They're numerous at a time like this so prepare yourself for them. All important information that you will need to know will come through official channels, any other information should not be taken seriously. Also, be careful what you say. Not only is the safety of our husbands at stake here, but also consider that something you say might be misunderstood and misquoted. This is exactly how some rumors start.

Before I leave you with one last thought I'd like to thank *Norene Long, Deb Rogers and Michele Woods* for their help in organizing our FACTeam. I'd also like to thank *Deb Rogers* for being our Update Editor and for her help in other numerous areas. I'll never be able to thank these gals enough for their support and help.

My last thought? This is your group girls. It is designed to help us all get through this deployment time. This group will only be as good as what we put into it. I need and welcome your participation.

Until next time - God bless you all and God bless our Marines!

Barbara Johnston

P.S. We need to organize an activity committee so if you want to help or have any ideas please speak up!

* PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS:

Name (including rank) / S.S.# USMC
HMH-465, Work Section
FPO San Francisco, CA 96608-6060

Example:

Cpl. John Doe / 123-45-6789 USMC
HMH-465, S-1
FPO San Francisco, CA 96608-6060

* This is the current mailing address.

Mail should take about 4 - 6 days to arrive, all mail will be sent 1st class and must weigh under 12 ounces. If you will be sending tapes, please mark the package:

Magnetic Recordings Enclosed.

Please remove any yellow ribbons that you may have displayed at your home. It is for your own security not to advertise that your husband is away.

FACTeam (Family Action Contact Team)

WHAT IS IT?

The FACTeam is a group of several spouses from a unit, usually under the leadership of the Commanding Officer's wife. The members are trained to provide resource assistance to unit dependents.

WHAT RESOURCES DO THEY WORK WITH?

1. The Commanding Officer of the Unit.
2. The Group Chaplains.
3. The Family Services Center.
4. The Navy Relief Society.
5. The American Red Cross.

WHAT PROGRAMS DO THEY PROVIDE?

1. A "telephone chain" among dependents.
2. A newsletter.
3. Family fellowship support events.
4. Pre-deployment briefings.
5. Welcome home briefings.
6. Contact for resources to meet individual needs.
7. An answering machine giving up-to-date information.

Our Next Social will be
October 6 - 7:00 PM
See flyer on page 7
An Adult Only Event



Stress & Separation

by Dr. Dennis Greenberger

The wives and children of active-duty Marines are under a great deal of family, marital and personal stress. Frequent moves, combined with their husbands being gone for long periods of time, create stress that only the healthiest of people and marriages can survive. Military marriages and families have unique problems because of long separations of the father from the wife and children. Recent research has demonstrated that marital separation due to military assignments precedes a variety of psychological responses in the wives left at home. Many wives become depressed, and feelings of aloneness, loneliness, isolation and anger are common. Behavioral difficulties with children, marital problems and physical illness are reported with a high degree of frequency when the husband is deployed for a prolonged period of time.

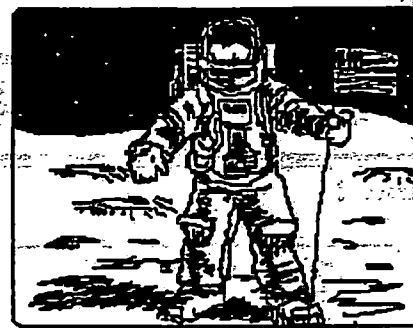
Depression has been the best documented reaction to the husband's separation due to military deployment. Research, comparing a group of wives whose husbands were assigned so that they were living together, showed that the group whose husbands were deployed had significantly more depression than the group whose husbands were at home. Depression in these women was characterized by feelings of sadness, frequent crying, insomnia, decreased energy, loss of appetite, loss of weight, feelings of helplessness, feeling of hopelessness, low self-esteem, feelings of worthlessness, loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities, and thoughts of suicide or death.

What differentiated those women who were separated from

their husbands and didn't develop an illness from those women who were separated from their husbands and did develop an illness was a concept called social support. Essentially, social support is the quality and quantity of a person's inter-personal relationships. It is whether or not, and to what depth, you can talk to those around you. The women who were able to talk about their feelings did not develop more serious difficulties, while those women who remained "bottled-up" and didn't talk to others about their feelings went on to develop a variety of physical and emotional problems.

Military wives are at "high risk" to develop physical, relationship and psychological problems. **What can you do to cope with the stress of military life?** The first step is to realize that you are not alone, nor are you as helpless as you may feel. It is critical to talk to other people about your feelings. The person you talk to may be a close friend, a family member, a FACTERM member, or a professional such as a minister or psychologist. By identifying the feelings you are experiencing and by discussing these feelings with somebody you trust, you can make your husband's absence less painful. Venting the pent-up frustration, anger, depression and loneliness not only releases tension, but helps to bridge the gap between you and others.

(Dr. Greenberger is a clinical psychologist in Orange County, where he specializes in treating military families.)



Where's Daddy Going?

There are positive aspects to separation, in that it can be growth inducing, foster maturity and independence. It prepares children for the separations and changes they will ultimately face in a lifetime.

The pre-deployment period is stressful for parents and children. Confronted with an extended absence of a parent, family members sense a loss of continuity and security. Children may not be fully aware of why daddy must leave. Very young children may become confused and fearful that mommy will also depart.

Children are not very good at expressing fears and feelings in words. Anger and a desire for revenge, and guilt for feeling that way is often demonstrated in a child's behavior. Change is puzzling to children. They want everything to remain the same. When change occurs, children usually have a way to release anxiety and now to go for help. At a time when a parent's responsibility to the ship becomes most demanding of his time and energy, mom feels overwhelmed anticipating six months with responsibility for her children, home and car.

What can be done about relieving stress in the pre-deployment period? Think about these ideas which have been helpful to others in similar situations:

Talk to your children about the deployment before it happens. Communicate your thoughts and feelings about separation. Be open and honest. Some parents worry that advance warning will only give a child more time to fret. However, children can sense when something is about to happen and worry more when they are left in the dark. Knowing about the deployment in advance helps in adjusting to the idea.

Dad needs to spend quality time with each child before he leaves. Younger children (under eight) will be willing to accept a half hour of face-to-face communicating. Don't be afraid to hug your child. A displacement

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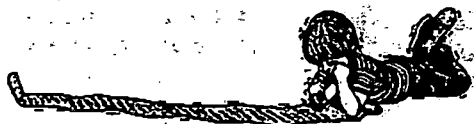
affection is powerful communication. Older children (eight and over) appreciate being consulted when deciding how long and where this "special" time will be.

Use this time to share pride in your work, the ship and squadron and the purpose for your deployment. Children of school age are beginning to understand that some events must happen for the good of everyone. It's a little easier to let go if dad's job is seen as essential to the mission of the Marine Corps.

Often, when asked if something is bothering them, children will say "no", but there are ways to get through. Make some casual comments about your own worries or ambivalent feelings about the impending deployment. Sometimes that enables parent and child to share similar feelings. It also helps a child realize his parent is a real person who can cry as well as laugh, and it models an appropriate way to release feelings — talking about them.

Visit your child's teacher. Frequently children react to the deployment by misbehaving in class or performing poorly in their schoolwork. A teacher who is aware of the situation is in a better position to be sensitive and encouraging. Dad should leave at least three stamped, self-addressed envelopes with the teacher with a request for periodic communication regarding the child's progress as well as a special product of the school or classroom, such as a class newspaper or school PTA newsletter.

Children need to see dad's workplace. Very young children need to see where dad eats, sleeps, and spends some of his day when away from home. This provides them with concrete images of where daddy is when he can't come home. Older children can learn a great deal from dad about the function of the ship, the sophisticated technology, interdependence of each division with the other, and of course, career direction.



Plan for communication. Expect children to stay in touch with their dad. A lively discussion needs to take place before deployment. Encourage children to brainstorm the many ways communication can occur in addition to letter writing, such as cassette tape exchanges, photographs with their father while he is at sea, encoded messages, "puzzle messages" (a letter cut into puzzle pieces that must be put together before reading), unusual papers for stationery and pictures drawn by preschoolers.

Help children to plan for the departure. While dad is packing his seabag, allow your child to assist in some way: rolling socks in balls or folding a handkerchief or tee-shirt. Suggest a swap of some small token, something of your child's that can easily be packed into the seabag in return for something of dad's (key ring, old hat or cap, ribbons or other uniform devices.)

Discuss the household chores and let your children choose (as much as possible) the ones they would rather do. Mother and father need to agree with each other that the division of household chores is reasonable. Mother's role as disciplinarian needs to be supported and demonstrated by father.

Become familiar with some of the excellent children's books that deal in a sensitive manner with a wide variety of family change situations.

A SPECIAL FAMILY AND A NEW ADVENTURE by Hoffman and Sitler

WILL DAD EVER MOVE BACK HOME by Paula Hogan

ALL KINDS OF FAMILIES by Norma Simon

IF YOU LISTEN by Charlotte Zolotow

THE GOOD-BYE PAINTING by Linda Berman

THE GIVING TREE by Shel Silverstein

Reading them to your child can help to clarify facts and identify feelings.

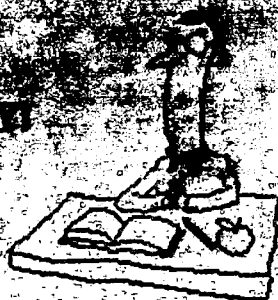
Turn on your sensors and tune in on your child's worries about the deployment. Just because a child doesn't tell you about his concerns doesn't mean he is not troubled. Children don't usually recognize the cause nor will they tell you.

Dad should communicate with each child individually. There is no substitute for a letter with your own name on the envelope. Send postcards, snapshots, and tape recordings of the sounds of the ship. Use unusual stamps, felt-tipped pens, colored pencils, and different styles of lettering. It's very possible you will admit feelings of sadness, self-doubt and loneliness to your spouse and children. Most parents will agree that these are acceptable risks, and the feelings revealed are much easier to deal with when they can be expressed within the comfort and security of the family.

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind blow at your back
May the sun shine warmly on your face
May the rain fall softly on your field
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His hand*

An Irish Blessing

DAAD IS HERE ALREADY!



School is back in session! That means the kids will be busy with homework,



new friends and teachers at school to keep them a little busier (and more occupied when they are at home). However much fun it was to have the children with you during the summer, I'm sure many of you appreciate having just a little bit of help from school in keeping the children busy with constructive things to do. I certainly hope that you can find some very well-deserved time for yourself to catch up on your friends, hobbies and simply do whatever your heart desires.

Keeping a sense of being a family while Dad is away on deployment is not easy. There have been days when his memory has been very keen on your children's minds but it is still hard to have an active feeling that you're interacting, sharing and keeping in close emotional contact with Dad. Of course, that can't be done as effectively now as when he is here, but there are still some things you and the children can do that are both fun and will help promote a sense of togetherness that will be enjoyable for you now and will make for all the better a welcome when Dad finally returns. The following are a number of suggestions that you may want to try with your children. The idea is to keep a very active means of communication with Dad even though you are not going to be able to talk or be with him for some time yet.

1. Postcards, photos and letters: Depending on your children's age, sending letters is a wonderful way of staying connected. Even 2 year olds can scribble something on a sheet of paper and Dad will be delighted to see it. He might not even be able to tell it apart from one of Picasso's masterpieces! Writing an entire letter is quite a chore for a child younger

than 12 (it's work even for an adult), but including a few brief words along with your letters, or even a couple of lines on the back of a recent photo, gives everybody a warm sense of staying in touch and keeping Dad involved with the family even while he is away.

2. Keeping track of children's accomplishments: Children really enjoy it when their parents make a big deal out of any and all of their accomplishments. Putting that pencil mark on a growth chart, keeping track of the amount of weight that they have gained, showing you the new word that they've learned how to spell and understand, showing off their new ability to skate or ride a bicycle, etc., are all very thrilling and ego-enhancing experiences for children. They need that to keep growing in their self-esteem and to have a strong sense that they are valued people with admirable qualities. Have them keep records of this and let them know that not only do YOU value it, but that Daddy is going to be thrilled to see what they have accomplished once he gets back home. This again will promote a sense of family unity and also make the welcoming all the more meaningful as the children share with their father the accomplishments and joys that they have experienced during the time that he was away.

3. Have them keep a journal: From around the age of 10 on, many children enjoy keeping a journal of their activities and their thoughts during the day. This is the kind of thing that can be encouraged now while their father is away with the thought that they can sit down and discuss it and show it to their father when he returns. A variation on the personal journal is keeping a sort of "family journal". This can be done if your children are too young to write and can, again, keep a sense going of being a family unit. A monthly calendar that has a little bit of room to write on, on each day can be sufficient. Just a couple of words on what the family did together during the day is the kind of thing that can make for happy memories and lay the groundwork for a warm family reunion when Dad returns.

Dr. Flores is a Psychologist in private practice in Santa Ana and a Professor of Child Psychology at Cal State University at Long Beach.

American Red Cross Someone is counting on you

Due to Operation Desert Storm, volunteers are urgently needed in both the El Toro Medical Clinics and El Toro Red Cross office. Many active duty staff have been deployed from the clinic which has necessitated the combining of military sick call and acute care clinics. Youth volunteers working alongside summer reservists have been invaluable since June, however these persons are now returning to their schools and homes. Volunteers are needed to work in acute care/military sick call, pharmacy and pediatrics.

The ARC has deployed over 100 Red Cross staff members to the Persian Gulf area to operate Red Cross communications and recreation stations in that area. Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with vastly increasing communications and casework operations in our Base Red Cross office.

No experience is required to volunteer your time and services. Spouses of active duty personnel and retired citizens are welcome to become a part of our volunteer staff. Red Cross will provide your training and pay for baby-sitting. Volunteers may commit as little as 4 hours per week or work many more if they choose. For more information, call 726-3261 or come into the El Toro Red Cross office, Bldg. #83 to fill out an application.

**"SOMEONE IS COUNTING
ON YOU!"**

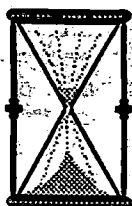
FREE HAIRCUT!!

**Tripp's Hair Salon
381 E. 1st Street
Tustin, CA 92680**

One day in October

'Tripp's Hair Salon' will be donating Haircuts to military dependents with a valid military ID. Call for your appointment or for more information.

Call 382-0361



DEPLOYMENT

Some of the things mentioned in this article has already have taken place. I kept the information intact as a reminder that **our emotions are normal**. Many families have already experienced what it's like when their husbands and fathers are gone. For others, this may be the first time they have been exposed to "going it alone". Separation can be stressful and worrisome but it can also be educational and constructive if handled properly. Try to remember that all the squadron families are going through the same things at the same time. Just because you are not together does not mean you cannot gain strength from one another.

Being apart from a loved one is perhaps one of the most difficult things to deal with while our Marines complete their mission. While nothing can ease the pain completely, we would like to present these ideas on how to cope with being separated.

LOVING AND LEAVING

When your spouse deploys, a piece of you goes too, but that's what you want...for part of you to be with him. You find that you will also keep him present with you. You may sleep with his picture on your nightstand, or leave a pair of his shoes by the front door.



When your spouse leaves, you go through a series of different emotions. About six to eight weeks before he leaves (of course we had less time that is usually given to prepare), you begin to "psyche up" and you both get very busy thinking of details that need to be tended to before he leaves. You both may feel excited, intimidated, and maybe a little worried about how you will manage.

About three to four weeks before he leaves you will begin to put distance between each other. You may become irritated with each other and

perhaps even have a fight (or two). This distancing reaches its peak about two or three days before he leaves when you both think he should be gone so you can begin counting down to the reunion — which may seem like an eternity away! This distancing is normal and allows you to let this person who is so very important to you go away...for awhile.

When "the day" arrives, you may drive him to work and be thinking that someday, something, somehow will keep him home. Whatever you say to each other seems awkward and not quite right, and afterward, when you reflect on not seeing each other for a half year or more, you may wonder why you couldn't have had a more romantic, more "right" goodbye.

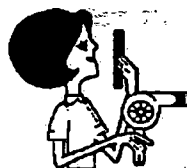
YOU ARE NORMAL

For the first day or so after he leaves, you may feel like a robot, just going through the moves, almost like you are in shock. You might just want to stay home. You may wonder if it was easy for him to leave you. After all, he seemed to be excited about going. You may feel overwhelmed by all the responsibilities you are now facing. Then you may get angry with him, with the "C.O.", with the Marines, with the whole world! How could he leave?!

You will get over that too, and find you can handle the separation. You'll probably find yourself getting into a pattern within a few weeks. If you don't find some comfortable pattern and you continue to feel upset, call your FACTeam or the Family Services Center and ask assistance to get you over the hurdle.

If you find a routine that works while he is gone, stay with it! That regularity, that ritual is very comforting.

Before he comes home, you may begin planning for the homecoming. There are decorations to make, special meals to plan, a diet to begin. A new hairdo? A new hair color? There are the niggling worries —



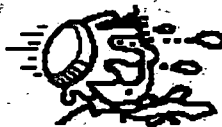
*Will he have changed?
Will he still love me?
Will he approve of the changes in me?
Will we have the same closeness as before?*



As the time grows nearer, you will probably get more and more excited, sleep less and less, and launch into a frenzy of housecleaning. In your mind you play over and over again various versions of the homecoming. You imagine —

You see the reunion in slow motion, like in the movies. With sunlight and fields of flowers and you two are the only people in the world.

In the last few days you seem to find yourself caught up in the many different moods. Butterflies keep you up all night. You should be happy that he is returning, and you are, but you are also apprehensive. For the passing months you have been the head of the household and you didn't have to answer to anyone for when and where you go and what you spend money on. You have had the bedroom all to yourself and you have taken care of the family finances. Maybe you feel like your hard earned independence is at stake. Could it be that you resent him?



You are proud of surviving, and maybe even thriving while he has been gone. You missed him terribly, but you have also learned you can manage quite well while he is away. You want him to be proud of you and how you have managed while he has been at sea.

THE BIG DAY arrives and you probably haven't slept well at all, and he hasn't slept either. You have spent hours trying to look your best. There may be raindrops instead of sunlight, and fields of people instead of flowers.

The hug and kiss are every bit as good as you remembered them, and

Deployment

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he raves about how good you look and you tell him he is a sight for sore eyes, but you're not too sure about his recently grown mustache.



He says he is proud of the way you kept the home fires burning and he doesn't mind that you didn't save more money and you want to believe him, but there is something in his face, perhaps a hitch in his voice...

Understand that he too is apprehensive about the homecoming and wants it to be right. He may also be a little unsure and wonder if

THE STAGES OF DEPLOYMENT

PRE-DEPLOYMENT

- Increase in family and work stress
- Change in ability to cope
- Distancing (3-4 weeks)
- Detachment and withdrawal (up to 7 days prior)

DEPLOYMENT

- Shock (first 72 hours)
- Emotional disorganization (first 6 weeks) (withdrawal, anger, confusion, delayed stress reaction in some)
- Recovery and stabilization (mid-point)
- Anticipation of homecoming (last 6 - 8 weeks) (excitement, worry, fear)

POST-DEPLOYMENT

- Renegotiation of marriage
- Personality and physical change in spouse
- Personality and physical change in children
- Financial changes
- Change in goals
- Reintegration and stabilization (4-8 weeks)

maybe you have learned to do without him too well, that he isn't needed or wanted anymore. You know he is wanted and you should tell him, over and over.

When you are back together again, take some quiet time to sit and hold hands and talk about what has happened. You need to listen to him and he needs to listen to you, and you both need to talk. You have a thousand questions to ask, and he does too, and you both need reassurance that everything is OK, but you both have grown through the time spent apart.

Your husband won't change his deployed habits overnight, and you may forget that you have had a different routine while he's been gone. Be patient with each other and give each other space and time alone as well as the time together.



The time to re-establish old patterns and establish new, better ones takes several weeks, so don't expect to fall into "how it was" overnight. Take time to enjoy the pleasure of reuniting as a couple.

"HOTLINE"

Phone Number

This phone number is a recording which will keep us up-to-date on what's going on with the squadron and at home. **This number is effective now.**

Sorry there is no 800 toll free number.

(Please note that no messages may be left on the recording, it's for listening only.)

(714) 726-5794



From the Editor's Desk:



I'm sure we are all experiencing many new emotions. I hope that the information that's been provided in this FAcTeam Update will give you a headstart with this deployment. It's main purpose is to help make you aware of all the possibilities which may occur during the separation from our loved ones. My intent is positive in supplying you with this information, in that it will help you to be strong and independent and hopefully to make this period of time easier for you.

We all need to keep busy and to remain in contact with each other, this FAcTeam Update is just for that reason. We will be planning events on a monthly basis and if you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact me.

I was able to meet some of you ladies at the picnic September 1st. I hope to meet more at our next FAcTeam Social. We will have a sign up for "personals" that will be going into November's Update. See you there!

Deb



Mail information to:

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NOTE: Information to be included in the FAcTeam Update may be submitted at any time, however, if you would like it to be in the following edition, it should be received no later than the third week of the month.

October FACTeam Social

(Adults Only)

Saturday, October 6, 1990

7:00 pm

Margaret Gilhooley's Home

24292 Rochelle Street

Laguna Niguel

What to Bring:

Any type of Hors d'Oeuvres (*can be anything even as simple as chips and salsa*) or a Dessert.

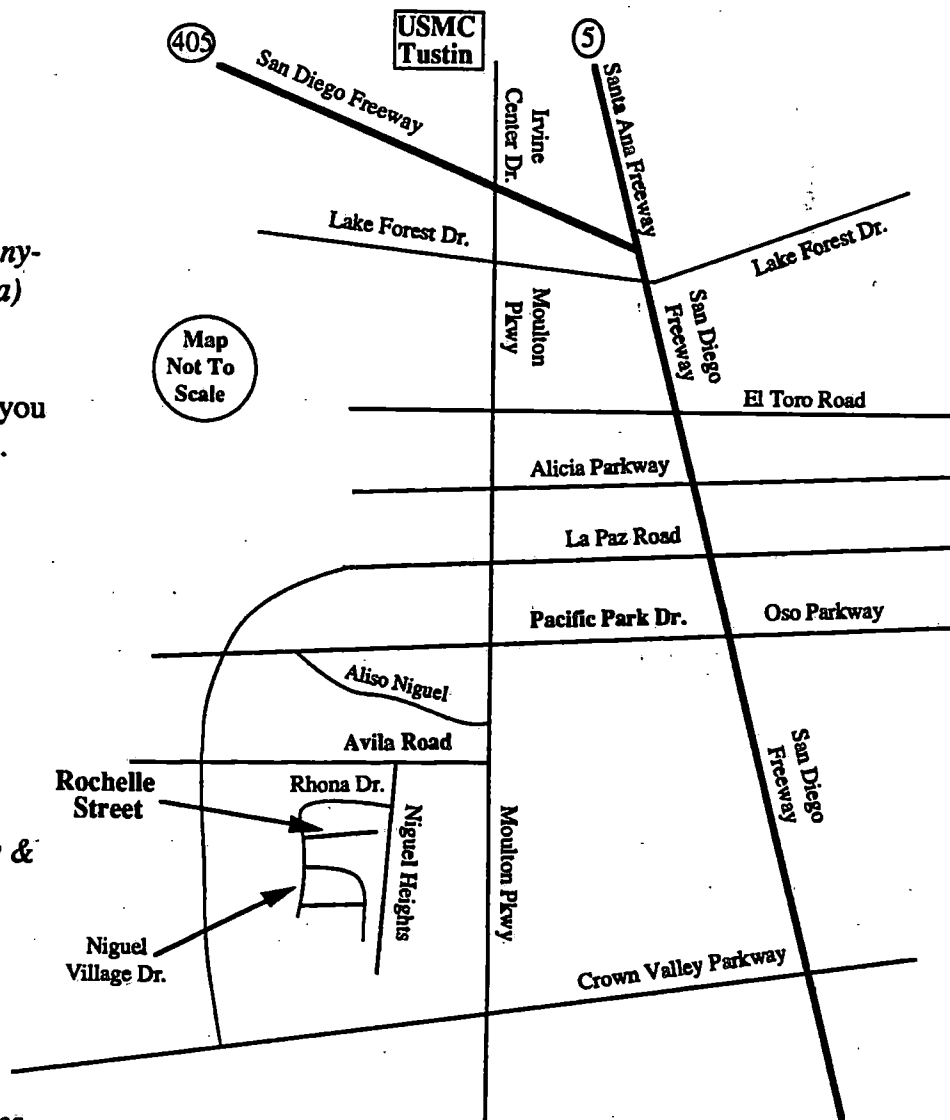
Coffee and Punch will be provided, if you prefer something else to drink, bring it.

Dress:

Casual

Directions:

From MCAS Tustin;
Take Santa Ana (5) Freeway South or
San Diego (405) Freeway South;
Take Pacific Park Dr. Exit
(*This exit will be marked Oso Parkway & Pacific Park*)
Right turn onto Pacific Park Dr.;
Left onto Moulton Parkway;
Right onto Avila;
1st Left onto Niguel Heights;
1st Right onto Rhona Dr.;
(*This road curves to the left and changes into Niguel Village Dr.*);
1st Left onto Rochelle St.
House is on the Right side in the middle of the block. Park where you can.



R.S.V.P.

Margaret Gilhooley

831-1145

by October 1, 1990

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September 3, 1990

Heinz Beck
21752 Montbury
El Toro, CA 92630

To the President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have never written nor seriously considered writing to the Commander in Chief, but I can no longer help myself. I doubt whether you will ever hear of this letter, yet, I am still concerned as I will freely express my opinion and hopes.

For a number of years now I have gotten very frustrated that this country is expected to help out whoever holds out their hand, even though our country itself is in financial trouble. We can not be expected to police and pay for the whole world's troubles. We do, however have an obligation to help our friends in need. I am angry that I have not heard on the news, (realizing that we will only hear what we should) that certain other wealthy countries, such as Japan and various European Nations, have not pledged precise and sufficient amounts of money to almost totally offset the cost of the Middle East conflict. Also, why are their young men and women not at the front lines in equal numbers, considering size of country? Is it that our boys blood is cheaper to spend and can flow more freely? I pray this will not be another Vietnam where the soldiers were looked at as if they were the enemy.

My older son, who is the first really educated of the Beck families, is now in the Middle East. He is a Captain and Medical Doctor in the Air Force. He is obviously my love and hope for our future. I am convinced that he will do his best in whatever situation he will be placed. I pray that if all avenues of negotiations have been exhausted, and war must break out, you, as our President and Commander in Chief will make the decision to go for the kill at the outset. To even think that we would consider a prolonged fight in the desert and have so many of our young soldiers killed would be unforgivable. If war does start, I, at age 53, if need be, would consider joining the forces, providing I would be allowed to join the front lines.

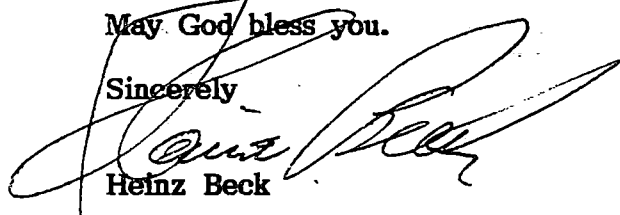
I love this country more than most American born, and I do my part by working very hard, and in not living above my means. Here in Southern California it's life as usual. The poeple keep on driving towards San Diego, etc. etc., as if whoever uses the most gasoline will win a big prize. What does it take for the public to wake up? I wonder.....

While I am writing I would also like to say that if we ever hope to balance the budget, and a substantial tax increase is needed, so be it. There is no Santa Claus. When the going gets tough the tough tighten their belt.

May I close by saying that I pray that you Mr. President will find the answers and act in the best interest of the peoples everywhere.

May God bless you.

Sincerely


Heinz Beck

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Support / Son in Dhahran Aug. 24, 1980

Dear President Bush,

I really feel the need to write and let you know how supportive our family is of you and the way you have been handling the situation in the Middle East.

—We have an 18 year old son who as a member of the 82nd Air Borne is now in Dhahran. Certainly there has been concern on the part of him as well as for myself, my husband, his brother and his fiance. But we recognize that this is an imperfect world and there are going to be times when the U.S. Government and its citizens are going to have to take a stand to either defend democracy or to protect smaller nations against such tyrannical actions like the one Hussein has taken.

We appreciate your decision to spend time in a "working vacation." We know that this has been an extremely difficult time for you and even though you may not be truly vacationing the message this is giving the rest of the world and especially that jerk Hussein is a good one.

You're in our prayers daily as is our son Scott and all the other guys & girls over there. There must be thousands of letters pouring into the White House now. I realize that you will not personally read this, but I hope your staff is passing along to you all the support

that is coming to you at this difficult time,

God Bless you,

Peggy Bartholomeu

p.s. Take some time out to be alone with
your wife. From everything I've read and
seen on the news she appears to be a
really neat lady!

Bartholomew
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Ontario Ca.
91761



President Bush
The White House
Washington D.C.





ALI M. SHARIFI

Sunday
August 26, 1990

The Honorable George Bush, President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C. 20380-0111

My dear President Bush and Mrs. Bush:

I am enclosing a letter that I have just written to our local newspapers, radio and TV stations. I thought while I am writing letters I would write to you and your wonderful wife to say how proud you have made me as an American, wife and mother. Sure I'm concerned about the gulf crisis but I want you to know that as a Mother of a Marine I'm behind you and your decision 100%. My son's name is Hossein Ali Sharifi and he is one proud American and Marine just as my oldest son, Rostam was. I love my children with all my heart and Hossein's decision to be a Marine, like his brother, was one of the proudest moments of my life. Someone has to defend our wonderful country. I have been in the middle east several times and my husband and I both applaud your stand against Irac. There is no doubt in my mind that this sadistic monster would not continue to take over any country to get his own selfish means. He doesn't care about his army, people or country.

I know your a very busy man with alot on your mind, I just wanted you to know that we're trying our best, with few results, to assist you in our small way. To Mrs. Bush I would like to say that she is my idea of a First Lady, gracious, beautiful and a wonderful Mother and Grandmother. We love you and pray for you both and your family. Last and not least, please know that if my dear son is lost, I will handle it with pride and dignity as I know my country's first and best lady would do.

Thank you for your time Mr. President and Mrs. Bush. God Bless our beautiful and free country, America.

Sincerely,

Doris Sharifi
Doris Sharifi

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COMPLETE LINE OF FLOOR COVERINGS,
WINDOW COVERINGS, AND WALLPAPER
SALES AND INSTALLATION



ALI M. SHARIFI

Sunday
August 26, 1990

Dear Sir:

Last Thursday, as I sat watching the gulf crisis on TV, I decided to finally get involved. So I did what I thought was the correct channel to take. I called the mayor in my city, San Bruno where I live. I ask him if we would declare a proclamation to request that each family fly our flag. I also told him of my huge collection of American memorabilia in my place of business. He told me he had a meeting but that he would get back to me the next morning and suggested that I call Dave Madden at the San Mateo times and get something going. I did, but Mr. Madden wasn't in. I talked to another person in his department and told them I would like to request that they do a story on my displays and ask that all parents in the bay area, California, or the United States send a 5x7 picture of their son, daughter, brother, sister or friend that is in the military and in the middle east, so that I could display these heroes in my glass cases for all to see. The young lady I talked to said "great, we're definitely interested, it's a great idea". Before I continue I would like to take a minute to explain to you about my display. My oldest son was killed while a member of the United States Marines. He was killed on the fourth of July and was 18 years old at the time. My youngest son, Hossein, graduated from the Marine boot camp in April, 1990 and is presently in Saudi Arabia. I enclosing a copy of a card his Dad and I received from him last week before he left. I am a flag waver from way back. Over the past twenty years, I have collected every thing I could find that had to do with my America, my flag and anything red, white or blue. I fly my flag and the POW flag everyday at home. I am proud of my sons and the way they feel about being United States Marines. My display is well known to the Marine Corp and the new recruits are brought in to see it. My customers have viewed it for years. If it's red, white or blue I probably have it or will have it.

Anyway, I decided I might just as well call your paper, some radio stations and even the TV stations to get my idea going. It seems that when the activists

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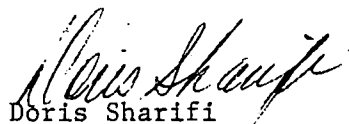
are out marching everyone rushes to get their story, it's time we patriotic Americans who actually have children there get to tell our side too. Your newspaper also said, great idea and took my address and said someone would be back to me right away. I also got the same story from KGO, KSAN, channels 7, 5, 20, 2 and channel 4. ONLY channel 4 stayed in contact and came out on Friday, August 24 and taped my displays. The young men that came were amazed to the extent of my collection. I was told it would be on the news at either 5:00 or 6:00 on Friday and as the pictures came flowing in I should stay in touch so they could come back and do a follow up of the young men and women of our armed forces. Unfortunately there was a football game on channel 4 that evening and the report was on at 4:00 when alot of people were still working or on their way home from work. I did receive alot of calls from people that have since then come in to see my displays. However, I'm disappointed that the rest of you people thought that what I want to do wasn't important enough. KSAN told me that they would begin the announcement on Friday, but I haven't heard anything.

This morning before I came to work I was watching the news on TV while reading your paper, I take the Times as well. In Palo Alto and San Jose some vietnam veterans were marching against the American involvement in the middle east. One former paratrooper said it would be another Vietnam. I can understand how these former veterans feel. Many of them were drafted and were brave not to hide in Cuba or run to Canada. Others joined to defend our country and received hostility when they came home. Not from me, I look back and wished I had written or expressed my pride and loyalty to them. I guess I'm like so many Americans, we sit and say "for shame" to the Jane Fonda's of America. But I'll be damned if I sit silent while my brave son and so many others defend our constitution. You can walk away from your job whenever you want but these young people took an oath and although their scared they have a job to do and by God they'll do it well with or without our support.

I have had contact with Major Call, a Chaplin in Oakland. He is willing to get together a support group for parents, wives, sweethearts, etc. He has told me to pursue my photograph idea for all the world to see. He needs enough to have many people before he is authorized to set up this group. Please help Major Call and me to help them. Please ask everyone to send these photos and I will display them with pride in my cases with my sons.

Thank you for your time and God Bless America.

A concerned and proud mother.


Doris Sharifi

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whats up Mom and Dad
I Just wanted to say
hello and tell you how much
I Love you both.
AND Don't be worried because
Im a MARINE.

Love
Hester

~~Remember~~ Remember this,
MARINES Die
thats what were here
for, But the CORP lives
forever, so I live forever.

Semper Fi.

I just hope you know
that you can depend on me.
I'm here to listen,
offer encouragement,
or do anything I can
to help make things a little easier.
Because Im a Marine.

Linda Staten



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Dear Mr President (and your lovely, beautiful wife too)

I think you're doing GREAT!!!

Not to take anything away from Pres. Reagan, but I truly believe that the Bush Administration will go down in history as one of the "great communicating administrations of all times."

A. You come across as honest and sincere, anxious that anyone who hears you know exactly what you are saying (i.e. no political double talk)

B. Your choice of Cabinet members, C.O.S., etc - are the same way, articulate, forthright, firm in their convictions and not to be tricked or bullied into a quick answer.

C. your numerous press conferences gave the public a chance to listen to you first hand and formulate our own opinions, instead of a 30 second spot on the news, slanting whichever way the "anchor" chooses. This is so important to those of us who try to be informed and think independently. Aside from your abilities, I believe this has helped your approval rating enormously.

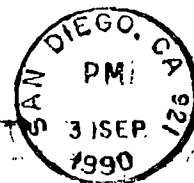
one of the main reasons I worked on your campaign is that I have two guardian children, sons, one of them serving in the army and in 1988 my other son was within a year of completing his 4 years in the Navy. I have been a part of your first hand experience with battle, that you would not necessarily send my sons to war under

1. It was absolutely needed, and
2. If they went, they would go with everything they needed to win.

I haven't changed my opinion. My Army son will be leaving for "West Side" at sometime and I'm proud to say he knows why he's going. He does his wife.

I've also explained that the bigger picture is that when "West Side" is scheduled, successful, the U.N. is going to have the opportunity to begin functioning as originally intended, because you had the gift to say "this is unacceptable behavior in this day & age". I beg your pardon. You deserve it. It has been a colony a strength of purpose and will. We're all fishermen, no one will stand the upturning of body, mind & spirit. God bless & keep you - We're proud of you.
 Love First

Bonnie Feist
424 Orange Ave
Coronado, Ca 92118



President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

I thought you might enjoy the
 experience my son (as my customer)
 out of hand at Santa Barbara. We
 went to a local place called John
 O'Grady. The little lady who owned
 us was surprised my son called her
 breakfast. I told her she was
 leaving her first son and maybe the
 middle (and) the next day.
 When we got up to leave all the
 waitresses came out and hugged my
 son and I said "Goodbye". She
 was a very moving experience! She
 as well met the waitress who said!

Robert S. Rush
 1840 Fairburn Ave. #103
 Los Angeles, Ca. 90025
 (213) 470-2211
 Honorable George Bush
 President
 The White House

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 11/77

I guess you might say the
experience shows we are all behind
you 100% on this one.

Sincerely yours,

Bob

8-29-90

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT -

I BELIEVE IN YOU AND YOUR
STAFF. I ALSO AGREE WITH THE FORCES
BEING DEPLOYED TO SAUDI ARABIA, EVEN THOUGH
MY HUSBAND LTC JEFFREY LOCKYER (C/13RD PLT)
FROM 29 PALMS, CA WAS SENT THERE.

AS A MILITARY FAMILY MY SON AND I
WRE LEFT BEHIND WONDERING WHY OUR
MILITARY IS WAITING SO LONG TO TAKE
BACK KUWAIT? WHY DIDN'T TROOPS JUST GO
RIGHT IN AND SHOW SADDAM THAT
THIS WAS "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!"

I ALSO QUOTE YOU "FOR A KINDER
AND GENTLER NATION" IN THIS SITUATION
PLEASE DO NOT USE THAT CONCEPT IN
THIS SITUATION.

MR. PRESIDENT, I SUPPORT MY
HUSBAND AND LOVE HIM VERY MUCH
I ALSO MISS HIM MORE THAN I CAN
EXPRESS. I UNDERSTAND THIS IS HIS
JOB AND I AM VERY PROUD OF HIM.
WE HAVE ONLY BEEN MARRIED SINCE MARCH.

I LOVE this country and I know
he does too! THE LAST THING he told
me before he left was "Money, I love
you, gotta go kick some IRAQIE butt,
be home for dinner." then he just
smiled and WAIVED. THERE IS NO
doubt In my mind he will come
home alive from the GULF.

MR PRESIDENT, I PRAY EVERYNIGHT
my husband will be home soon,
and PRAY for you SIR to make the
right decisions to end this whole
MESS. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

In closing may GOD BLESS
you and BARBARA And may GOD
BLESS the troops and the whole
USA! BE STRONG!

REGARDS,
MERRIE LOCKYER
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PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
WHITE HOUSE
PENNSILANIA AVE
WASHINGTON, DC

Linda O'Donnell
HQs, USMCA, Munich
APO NY 09407.
10 Sept, 1990.

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing you as a daughter of twenty yr army soldier who served in Korea, the wife of an active duty CSM serving in Europe who started his service time in Vietnam as an Infantry man. Last but not least the mother of a 19yr old Private First Class serving in Saudi Arabia as an Infantry man. Mr. President our child is in my thoughts always, but as his mother I'm proud of him and all the others like him! He is our only child yet he alone decided to serve his country and follow the orders of his Commander-In-Chief. We are all proud to be Americans serving our country around the world. I just wanted you to know our thoughts are with you at this time of difficult decisions. God be with you.

A proud P.F.C.'s Mom
Linda O'Donnell

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5333 Branridge Road
Florissant, MO 63033
August, 22, 1990

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C.

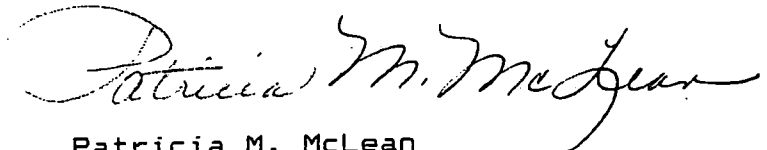
Dear Mr. Bush,

I am writing not only as a concerned citizen but also as the proud parent of a member of the 82nd Airborne serving in Saudi Arabia. To say that we are very concerned about the situation in the Middle East, would be a gross understatement, but please know that my husband and I both support your decision in this matter and that you, our son, and all the troops are in our prayers.

We sincerely hope that the crisis can be settled without shots being fired, but please, if this degenerates into a shooting war, go after these people with everything we have. Don't let this war be fought in the press and in the congress as Vietnam was. Let the generals fight this one with all the weapons at their disposal.

God bless you, Mr. President.

Sincerely,



Patricia M. McLean

Dear President Bush, SON IN PERSIAN GULF Aug 22, 1990
p. 51A I'm writing to you on the best thing
I can find, praying this won't get lost in the
shuffle of papers.

I am the mother of a 19 yr. old boy - a
man now - serving, where we believe, in the
Persian Gulf. His name is Eric Lamanna and
his ship is the U.S.S. Tarifax County a LST 1193.
He always - since age 5 - wanted to serve in the
military. I believe it was and is a call from
God on his life. - Charles Duke - the astronaut,
prayed for Eric once, that the anointing that
God gave him ^(to serve this country) would be even greater on Eric.
I believe God heard that prayer. He even sent a note
to Eric - blessing him tremendously.
My husband and I have committed Eric and
'his call' unto the Lord - with complete surrender
that God's will be done in his life.

I'm saying all that to say, this is just
one of the many you have, over there,
fighting for our country.

President Bush, Eric is our 4th, our baby - we
always called him our Sunshine because
that is what he has always brought to our
lives.

President Bush, we trust that the Lord
is leading you and His guidance and
counsel is ever before you. We are
100% behind you. We continue to
pray for you, our country and for
all those serving in the Persian
(over

Gulf.

May God continue to be with you, as
I know you seek Him for wisdom.

Sincerely,

Judy Samana

24038 N. Valley

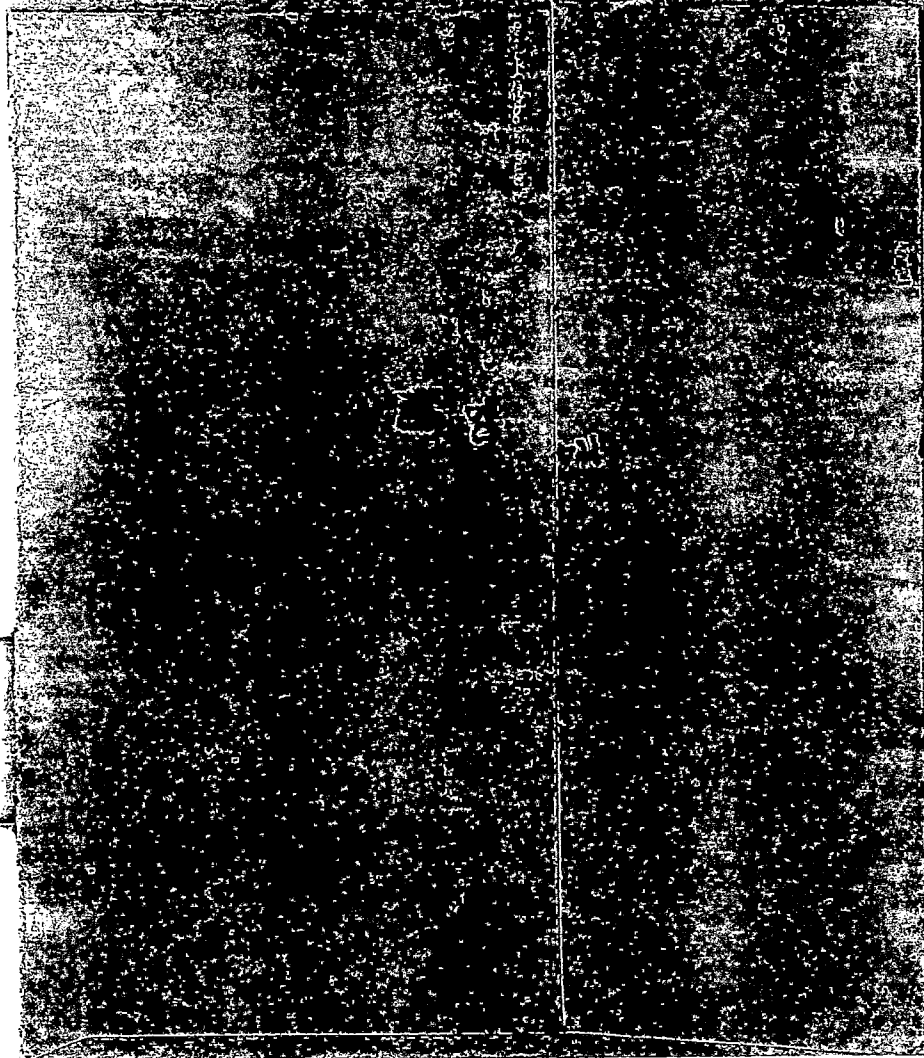
Lake Zurich, Ill 60047

A promise from the Lord!

P.S. Deut. 20:1

When you go to war against your enemies
and see horses (harts) and chariots (ships) and an
army greater than yours, do not be afraid of
them, because the Lord your God, who brought
you out of Egypt (bondage, other wars) will be with you.
I sent this to my boy - I give it to you.

Our flag - the one we can
Proud to be an American
Proud of our country and
Yellow ribbons around trees - assuring our boys
return



James D. Rice

SAMPLE
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September 5, 1990

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

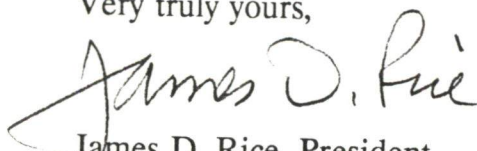
I am writing to inform you of my wholehearted support of your handling of the current Persian Gulf crisis. The unification of the United Nations and the cooperation of the world's leading countries in condemning Iraq's actions and imposing the economic blockade are unprecedented and indicate the full measure of your leadership qualities.

These are trying times with enormous implications involved for each action no matter how small. I am the father of three small boys and it is my desire to see them live long and fruitful lives. I know the actions we must take now will affect all of us both now and five, ten, even fifteen years from now. However, I believe that if America's future is to be safeguarded for future generations, the fathers and mothers of those generations must stand firm in their resolve to employ the necessary actions.

I pray that we will be able to find a peaceful solution to the current crisis. However, it would be foolish to accept an easy way out if it means we will be repeating our actions five years hence only this time facing a nuclear capable enemy.

I know you will continue to do what you think is best for our country and the world. I will pray for you and all of us.

Very truly yours,



James D. Rice, President
DAY BROWN RICE, INC.

JDR/fh

P.S. I think you did right in taking your vacation. These times require a cool head at the top. If taking your vacation helps you stay cool, I applaud your not bowing to the press.

P.S.S. I hope you and your guests enjoyed your time in Houston during the Economic Summit. We were all very proud of having it here and hope we did you proud.

30 August 1990

Dear President Bush,

I am a very simple woman, so please as you read this, excuse my errors.

Ten mornings ago, I kissed my husband of 15 years good-bye and watched him leave for the Persian Gulf. It was the hardest thing our three children and I have ever had to do. My husband is Gunnery Sgt Steven R. Phillips Sr and he left from Mankhead City NC.

I'm writing this to let you know how much I support and respect you. I know the decision you made to help Kuwait was not an easy one, but you made it without hesitation.

Before our men left, I talked to one of my husband's troops who told me that if this crisis turned into a war and he went down, he would, go "down in a blaze of glory." I pray to God this doesn't happen, but if it does I know that the Marines wouldn't have wanted it any other way. That's how much their country means to them.

It's very hard for me to write this as my eyes are

full of tears. I am so proud of our Gunned
faces.

I know with all that's going on, you
probably won't read this, but it was so
important for me to write.

God bless you Sir. I know you & Mrs Buck,
will join me in including our men in your
prayers.

Sincerely,

Debbie Phillips

5765 Utah St

Camp Lejeune NC

28542

Friday
August 30, 1990

Dear Mr. President,

Last tuesday my precious son shipped out to Saudi Arabia from San Diego. He has been in the Marines since January.

It disturbs me to hear lack of support for U.S. motives in sending our troops to defend countries in the Persian Gulf. I believe you were right to act swiftly and to prepare for the defense of those countries. Do not waver, I believe in you.

I believe we must stand firm in our commitment and pray the United Nations makes the moves they should have from day one.

Here is my \$10 check toward the cost of our involvement. We should all stand up and pay extra.

God Bless You,

Judith England

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September 1, 1990

Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC.

Dear President Bush;

Sir, I am not normally the type of citizen who feels a great need to write to my President. However the current situation in the Middle East area of the World, especially the events unfolding in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and the contigious area's of that Geographical area have brought out my desire to take some time and write to the person whom I know must be one of the busiest men in the World today under the circumstances. Therefore I hope you will forgive my intrusion into your busy schedule.

First of all, as the father of a 19 Year old Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps awaiting transportation to Saudi Arabia, I indeed find myself torn between two very important emotions. Naturally my first emotion is for the safety of my son and his comrades in arms. My second emotion is one of patriotism to the greatest nation of the World, our good old United States of America.

Therefore, I have been able to sort things out pretty well in my own life by the knowledge that my son has received the very best training that any of the Branches of the U.S. Armed Forces has to offer. Further, knowing my son as I do, I know that he has the ability to adapt to the situation at hand and through his rigorous training and schooling, is ready, willing and able to give 100% of himself to whatever task is assigned to him. Two short years ago, prior to my sons having reported to USMC Parris Island Recruit Training School I'm not so sure that I would have felt this way. The Marine Corps took a very determined, yet insecure and somewhat immature young man, with the written consent of both his parents, and not only turned this young man into a well disciplined, well ordered and self confident individual. Something that is not all that easy to do in this day and age when our young folks find the lure of Alcohol and Drugs to be so intimidating and under constant peer pressure, to be so ingrain into their young society.

I had been a Police Officer for the last 22 years and have seen almost all there is to see amongst not only our youth, but amongst their parents and other society members as well. Perhaps my occupation as a Police Officer gave me some insight into what a youngsters life is all about these days, its certainly not an easy road for them or for their parents for that matter. But I was very fortunate indeed to be able to keep my children in line for the most part and thank God for that every day that passes.

Much to my surprise and joy, I recently found that my son has on at least 3 occassions, been found to be so superior in his Military Unit as to have been recommended for Meritorious Recognition and possible Rank increase. I have also learned that on many more occassions, he has been nominated and recognized as "Marine of the Month", not only at lower echelon levels, but up to Battalion Level and higher. You can imagine my joy at seeing what my son has become, especially since he is my oldest son.

Being the proud parent of this Marine, you can imagine my emotions when I learned of his involvement with "Operation Desert Shield". Being a veteran of the Vietnam era, I really had mixed emotions Mr. President.

Therefore, I have been watching just about everything I can find on CNN as well as other News Media Outlets. In addition to that, I'm an Amateur Radio Operator and avid Shortwave and Scanner Radio Monitor. These hobbies have made me a sort of insider to the ongoing Air and Sea Lift Operations underway to insert, support and supply our troops involved in this ongoing operation.

However one thing sticks out very prominently in my mind, and the minds of a great many other parents of US Military Personell involved in this whole affair Mr. President. That one thing is that unlike Vietnam, and I don't say this to reopen old wounds or arguments in any way, but this time around, for the greatest part that is, you as the President, have the greatest support foundation that any of your previous predecessors has the ability to gain from the American Public.

Yes sir, I know there are detractors, this is evidenced by the Media report and coverage of Protestors in various area's of the USA, especially those in Washington DC. However, I for one, feel that this are but a small portion of the citizen majority and like other Protestors of various items, find a niche in the Media coverage, only as part of the Media's efforts to show the whole overall situation, I personally don't feel that they get a great share of Media attention, unlike other times in our history.

Mr. President, having achieved such wide based support from not only all corners of the United States, but as is fully appatent, from the greater majority of the World and almost without exception, from the United Nations itself is certainly without precedent. As you know, this is very important Sir and I can only implore that you do nothing to sidetrack this support. In the long run, and I for one believe that this thing is still only in the startup phase, you will need all of the support that you can gather, from all quadrants Sir.

You have been very candid and open with the Public and the Press so far and I would hope that you continue this posture Mr. President. You have to maintain a true sense of openness and truthfullness for the entire time that this situation continues. Any deviation from this course could prove to be a very detrimental course Mr. President.

I applaud your decision to let it be publically known that you were in no way going to be "held hostage in Washington" by the actions of Iraq. And that you braved the innuendo's and accusations of those who felt that you should have been at your desk in the White House during this entire time.

Excuse my language sir, but let the detractors all go to hell sir, you are more than entitled to your vacation time and your rest. God knows that if this situation were to escalate, you would find time for relaxation at a premium. Therefore, you were wise indeed to take and continue with your plans to spend some time in Maine and travel back to Washington DC only as required. I praise and support your decisions in this matter 100% Mr. President.

Having had the privilage to have worked Presidential Protection Details with President Ronald Reagan during his first and second campaigns and his 8 years in office. I am well aware that no matter where you are in this great country of ours or elsewhere in the World for that matter, you are never more than a moment or two from the most sophisticated and complete communications abilities and through your able staff and advisors, are kept right up to date on the latest happenings as they occur.

Both your own style of Politics, and that of President Reagan, have been what is needed to reinforce the public's belief that there is a whole world outside the Democratic Party in this country. And although you are faced with a great many differences of opinion on all subjects, not only this most recent one in the forefront, you have proven to the American Public that you are your own man and not simply a Puppet following the Reagan Administrations Lead. As his Vice President, you were limited in your ability to set procedure, but you have now proven yourself to be your own man.

Perhaps the most significant thing, directly related to the present Iraq affair, is your solicitation of other Nations to not only support our efforts but in addition and most importantly, to suggest and setup a means for their individual participation by either supplying troops to augment ours, equipment to augment our supply efforts, but being quite frank and open in suggesting a method of monetary payments to help the US taxpayer's support of this whole operation. We are in fact the "World's Policeman" by very virtue of our Power and Readyness status. But you have let it be known that we need help and have let the World know in what manners they can and are expected to support us in our fulfillment of the United Nation's Mandates as well as the attempt to keep the greatest of the Worlds commodities, OIL, flowing to all nations of the World.

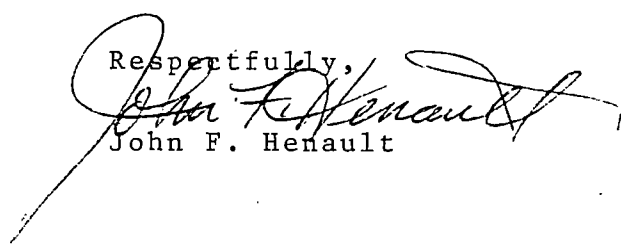
The American Oil Companies may in fact be taking more than a small or even great advantage of the American Economy with their sudden and I'm not so sure justified increase in prices for product already refined and in storage, but hopefully when there is a break in the more important actions around the globe, you will have a complete investigation done on this matter and then perhaps future guidelines can be laid down to handle eventualities such as this. But that is not the most important matter at hand right now.

Your openness and honesty with the American Public in particular is foremost Mr. President, you must keep their greater support behind you on this one Sir. Secondly, you must not be afraid to stand up to the Political interests and be sure to let the Military have charge in actual operations, unencumbered by the Political Interference of the Vietnam Era, and let the Diplomatic folks have their part of the job unencumbered as well. The heat may get high, but with what is at stake here is more important than any Political Adventurism that may come about.

In closing Mr. President, I'd only like to affirm my full support for your actions to date and only recommend that as a past Director of Central Intelligence, that perhaps now is the time to point up our shortcomings in this area and act now to strengthen and improve our Intelligence Community. They have been badly reduced and impaired in the last 15 years or so, but these World Hotspot situations show a glowing need for improved Intelligence Assessts and Resources Sir.

May God lend you all the Guidance and Foresight that you will need to navigate our Country through these troubled times, but in the peaceful times as well Mr. President.

Respectfully,


John F. Henault

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3096 A Colony Loop
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August 31, 1990

Dear President Bush,

I am writing to encourage you in your efforts in the middle east on behalf of free men everywhere.

My husband, Major Steven C. Anderson, recently deployed with his unit to "places unknown" to us. In addition to our deep faith in God, a couple of historical and literary statements have encouraged Steve, our three children, and me in the rightness of our men and country supporting the people in Kuwait.

The story of 300 Spartans at the pass of Thermopylae facing certain death, but defending freedom of their country was a good history lesson, of our sons, for us all to review. The king of Persia Xerxes, sent his messenger to Leonidas, king of Sparta with the message "You will surely die!" Leonidas' response - "But Greece will live"!

The book Johnny, Remain
was also good for us to
remember. The Sons of Liberty, our
founding fathers, fought not
only for the rights of free
Englishmen but free men
everywhere.

These two poignant examples
have helped us to remain
brave and proud for husband
and father of our family
to be involved in the
"fight" against tyranny. We
hope & pray that war won't
come but realize that free
men everywhere must stand
up for what is right.

My husband has often
quoted the Bible in Romans 13
to remind me that God establishes
our "king" (president) and gives him
the "sword" (my husband and other
servicemen) to ultimately accomplish
God's will. Our prayers continue
for you, Mr. Bush. May God guide
you.

Sincerely,

Connie L. Anderson



President George Bush
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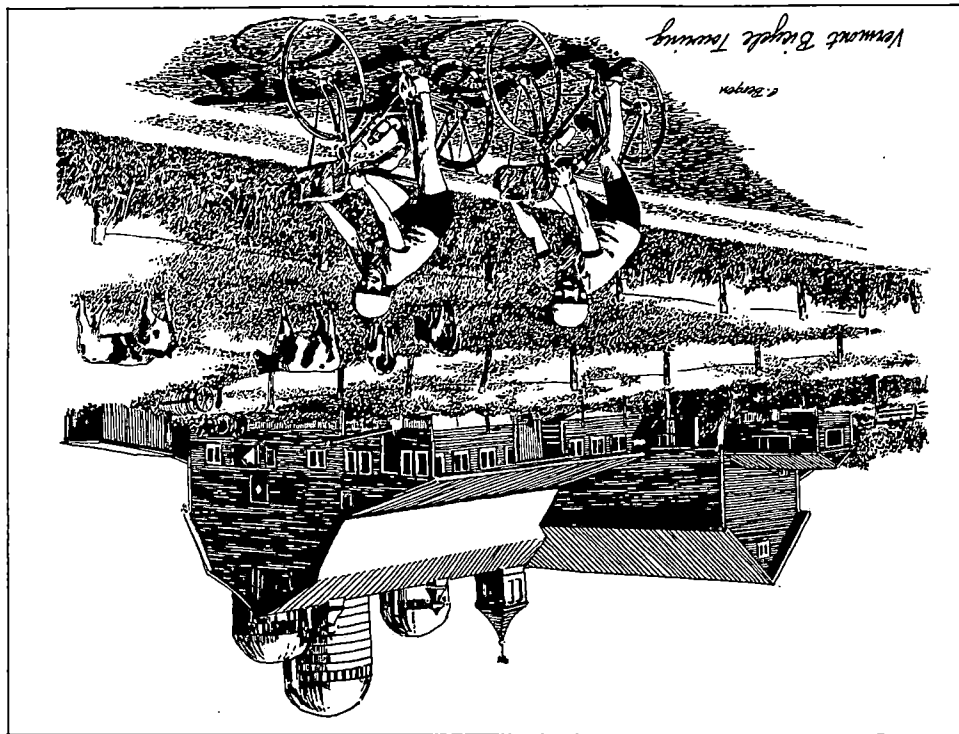
President and Mrs. Bush,

We want you to know
that we are thankful for your
courage and vision for peace
for all mankind.

Our prayers continue for
you to lead our country
forward at a difficult time.

Our world becomes very
small when we realize the
impact of one aggressor in a
strategic location.

As our service men and women
endure the hardships in Saudi
Arabia, those of us not in the
military need to be aware of our
responsibility to conserve energy.
Thank you for standing



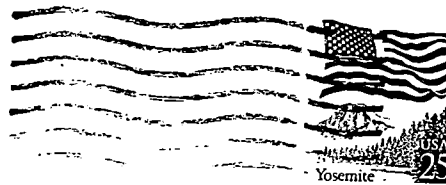
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firm and challenging Congress
to unite to resolve partisan
interests for the good of all.

Sincerely,
Nita Reeves



MRS. ELDON D REEVES
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President and Mrs. George Bush
The White House
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August 23, 1990

President George Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

Red Tape is hell and, since you are the Commander and Chief of our Armed Forces, I am writing to you.

As a father, it is hard for me to write this letter...but as a man, I feel it must be done...that I must at least make the effort.

My son has been in the service for one year now. He was trained as an Airborne Soldier, then sent to Ft. Carson, Colorado. Just after he was sent to Ft. Carson troops were sent to Panama and, if he'd have been assigned to the 82nd Airborne like he thought he was going to be, he'd have gone to Panama.

Now troops from all over the USA are being sent to Saudi Arabia, you are calling on Reserves, and my son still sets at Ft. Carson waiting to serve his country.

He joined the military to serve and help his country. Others that he graduated with at Ft. Benning went to Panama, now Saudi Arabia, and he feels that he is of no use to the country. Of course, I am the only person he tells that to.

Staff Sargent Haddock is an Airborne Ranger, my son's Sargent, and is beginning to feel useless also. (After spending so much money to train these men is a special field...I don't understand why it isn't used!)

As I said, it is hard (as a father) to make this request, and I'm not sure you can do anything, but I am requesting that my son: PFC BAILEY, LASH L. 364-96-6085, Ft. Carson, CO C-1/12 and E6 Staff Sargent Haddock, Ft. Carson, CO C-1/12 be reassigned to a fighting unit, such as 101st or 82nd Airborne.

IF you can help, it will be appreciated more than you know. I am proud that my son wants to be assigned where he may be needed...even if it means that the chance exist that he won't come back.

I know you are very busy with many mounting burdens, and I thank you for your time. You are doing a great job. My wife and I support you 100%. I hope the time soon comes when you can take a Real vacation.

CC: Senator Donald Riegle
Senator Carl Levin
Representative Vander Jagt

Respectfully,


Michael L. Bailey

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To Whom It May Concern;

Obviously, the President cannot see or be made aware of the many letters he receives each week. If you feel the attached letter merits mention to him, or inclusion in a summary I will be honored.

Some quick background for reference. The letter (and Xerox copy of photo) attached is from my son, Sgt. Shawn M. Nolte, USMC. While I found the letter and sentiments touching, Shawn's background makes it even moreso.

I've been in journalism/PR for 20 years; my husband is a professional photographer. Shawn grew up in an atmosphere of intellectual and cultural stimulation and with a clear value system. Until he joined the Corps about nine years ago, we despaired of his future. A typically drifting, aimless young person. The Corps brought to the fore the values and mores we had hoped we'd instilled in him.

Needless to say, we are very proud of Shawn, very supportive of the Corps. We're concerned, obviously, about the possibility of his being sent to Saudi Arabia. However, this administration has handled this crisis with remarkable intelligence and efficiency. That, and Shawn's excellent training, motivation and confidence, go far to alleviate our fears.

So, if you tell the President he received xxx letters of support this week, I simply would like the number to increased by one.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,



Cathy Nolte
108 Rockwood Ave.
Lebanon, OH 45036

Dear Mom and Dad,

Written Apr 8-16
on USS Ponce off
coast of Liberia.

Don't feel bad, you've written and sent plenty. Between you, Alicia, Grandma, Kelly and others I get mail all the time and have more Chow than I can eat.

Being that all is well that ends it looks like we'll be 'comming out of Africa' in a couple days. We have been ashore briefly and some guys are still there pullin guard around the Embassy. We all feel badly that we haven't been allowed to stop the butchery going on here and that the UN has allowed this to go on. I can now imagine the genocide of Cambodia with these assholes as Kemer Rouge. It's tough to sit passively and see the results of atrocities committed by some animals.

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On the good side, we have rescued about 1000 or so people and my ship alone has evicted them to safety. I met a little girl about 4 years old who told me about losing her family and since then I've seen and heard it all. At first I felt sick and shocked. Then mad as hell that we aren't allowed to stop this. We have the ability but once again not the backing. Now I'm just kinda numb and glad to have helped what we have and glad to be going home.

We may not be home long and if that becomes the case do me the favor of telling all your friends to write all their friends and get me the total backing I'll need to stay alive. I'll survive either way cuz I'm good and lucky but I don't want to lose any more of my men to conflict from the states and lack of support and freedom to do what we must. Do that for me.

I'll be thrilled to get home.
 I'm lucky Kelly puts up with me
 and I might just one day go flip
 burgers and play mister mom. I
 hope I get enough time off to see
 everyone but I may not so be
 prepared to come south like I warned.

This will be the last you hear
 from me until we get home. From
 here we go to Puerto Rico then home
 again jig a de jig. I can hardly
 wait.

Kelly, you two and Grandma all
 amaze me and are great role models for
 the kids and I want you to know that
 I'm real proud to be your son.

Who's comming home soon!!!

I'm so happy. I'll give y'all
 a call from stateside in about 2 weeks.
 Tell them.

love

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son.



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August 25, 1990
8712 Mamalu Place
Bay St Louis, Ms. 39520

President of United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Bush:

We just wanted you to know that our family is one hundred percent behind you in your handling of the Middle East crisis with Iraq. Our son, Capt. Robert D. Kroper who is career Air Force, has been deployed to the Middle East and even though we are concerned about him we still support your decision to act as you did.

This is the first time in many years that I have witnessed such decisive action by our President and it makes me proud to be an American.

My wife is from England and I must say we are also proud of the support our country has received from Margaret Thatcher.

Keep up the good work and God bless you and our country.

Sincerely,


Philip Kroper

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August 25, 1990

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Dear President Bush:

Several years ago, when my son was in the Marines, I felt moved to write then President Reagan and express my feelings of pride in my son and in my Country.

at that time, I felt that my son was prepared to make the supreme sacrifice for his Country and I supported the President's Administration in its policies.

Today, my son is in the Navy, aboard the Battleship Wisconsin in the Persian Gulf.

It's very different now, with the real possibility of having a son in the middle of a war; but I must tell you that, as frightened as I am for this son I love so dearly, I have not lost my

my pride in my son and
my country. My support for
both is as strong as it was
when he was a marine and
there was not the imminent
possibility of war.

I thought you might need to
hear this from the mother of
one of the finest America has to
offer: the young men & women
who have chosen to defend
their country.

Sincerely

Ruth Kelly
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Ruidoso Downs, NM
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August 23, 1990

Dear President Bush,

~~First, I want to tell you how much I admire you and Mrs. Bush.~~
I am very impressed by the closeness between you two and your family. My husband and I are the proud parents of seven children, and can relate to your love of family.
~~In fact, one of my sons is on the way to the Middle East now.~~
~~He was very willing to go and serve his country and~~
~~President. I am not worried about him. He has a personal~~
~~relationship with the Lord Jesus, and I know He is with him.~~

I am a firm believer in the Bible, and know that this whole Middle East situation is in the hands of the Lord.

~~I pray that you will be very sensitive to the voice or~~
~~leading of God so that he may use you for His purpose and~~
~~glory.~~

I'm sure you will find instruction and comfort in the word of God as you and Mrs. Bush use it in your daily life. God is faithful and true to His word!. I pray you will trust Him for every decision you make, both personal and concerning our country.

I'm sure you know there are millions of Christians praying for you. Our family is included in that number.

So please continue to be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord our God is with thee!

We love you and are praying for you!!!
In His Name,

Mr. + Mrs. Robert Walden

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President George Bush
Washington D.C.

4 Sep 1990

Dear Mr President

Our country is being put to the test once again and that test is whether or not we have the moral courage to preserve freedom and human justice not only for our own country but for the entire world.

You have shown us your strength in the past, your examples of honor and integrity have been an inspiration to all honest hard working Americans.
You of all people are aware of the extremely hard decisions that you alone must make. Presidents Lincoln and Roosevelt often had to make hard decisions that thousands of lives depended on.

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Despite the counsel of many who would say otherwise, history does repeat itself. You must show the courage necessary to stop the Saddam Husseins of this world now. You must be expedient to demonstrate to the world that the United States of America will stand alone if necessary to stop tyranny.

The Husseins of this world will catapult the world into a nightmare only science fiction novelist could possibly imagine.

At this very moment my younger brother is a Marine infantry officer in Saudi Arabia. He and his comrades are ready and willing to put their lives on the line to stop history from repeating itself. You must act soon, time is on the side of Hussein. As a fellow American please consider the following recommendations:

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① Keep negotiating for as many civilians as we can get.
② Keep sending more tanks and planes for what appears to be an inevitable force of arms

③ Keep squeezing the blockade tighter
④ Hit him soon, with or without

complete international support. You must use surprise, lightning speed with brutal efficiency. You must fatally cripple him in 48 hours or less.

⑤ Send in recon - seal - commando - airborne elements to secure as

many civilians as possible. minutes later our aircraft - heavy & light must obliterate all military targets, nuclear, chemical, aircraft, missile sites, naval ships and his dug in military units in Kuwait. You may not get a second chance.

⑥ Use an Inchon Korea envelopment with tanks and infantry on Kuwait and seize the oil fields and harbors - they must go into production immediately.

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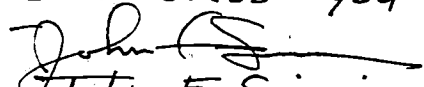
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⑦ Attempt: to use British, French and Canadian troops if possible - but keep their missions simple - but important.

⑧ Do not compromise security, clamp down ASAP on news coverage, the media is self serving and totally irresponsible they cannot be trusted. Key news organizations can go in with the 2nd + 3rd wave assault groups.

⑨ Use all intelligence sources - Israel the finest. Be swift - the 1967 6 day war is our model.

You must personally have the strength both mentally and physically to demand victory at all costs, or U.S. interest in the world will be placed in extreme danger. Lincoln and Roosevelt were up to it, God help us all if you are not. My family and I are farmers in Arizona, our PRAYERS are with you sir.

God bless you
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John F. Senini

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Dee Townsend
President

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September 10, 1990

President George Bush
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Bush:

I would like to say how pleased I am at your handling of the Gulf Crises up to now. Unfortunately, I keep hearing in the news that we are looking for a "negotiated peace". And we know Hussein will never agree to that!

I sincerely believe if we do not go in within the next few weeks, we have lost. Our men's moral will disappear, the other countries in the world will start backing off the embargo and other Arab nations around will feel that can do the same thing.

I am not for war. I am 57 years old and will probably have a son-in-law fighting over there as he is career army. I have tremendous pity for all woman and children in a war zone, and for all the refugees caught in this malestrom, but I also believe in the good of the nation and the world.

I feel it is time the American people speak to you directly and I believe the majority of them feel as I do.

Sincerely,



Dee Townsend
President

Aug. 23, 1990

Dear President Bush,
Just wanted to tell

you that we are paying
for you & that you will
give you & all countries
military leaders & your

staff wisdom in dealing
with the situation in Iraq.

We are with you. You
know things we don't know
(not even the all knowing
neuro-medical). After saying
this it does concern me
about Russia. They are
showing their "trust" &
the Bible says by their
fruits you shall know

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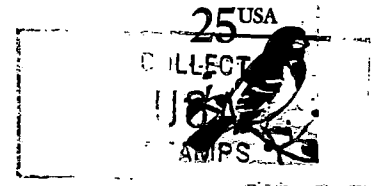
Them? He shouldn't help
Them & stand back & let
them go under. Do you
notice there are no troops
in the north of Iraq?

I just wonder if the
billions of dollars that Iraq
stole from Kuwait was used
to pay the debt Iraq owes
Russia (at least some of it).
Also I hope (despite what
Russia says) we are watching
to see if they ship future
arms to Iraq.

Well I got that off my
mind, ha. God bless you

P.S. Have you
noticed the
news media
never, hardly
ever, mention the 100's killed in Kuwait?
In Christ
Mrs. E. Thyleen Short

Ethylene Short
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President George Bush
White House
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Guy C. Ellison
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President George Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am the proud father of a soldier in the 1st Cavalry Division. As you know they have been alerted to deploy to southwest Asia. I concur with the decision to send troops to that part of the world as the U.S.A. is vulnerable to energy blackmail.

However, Mr. President, this wonderful nation with its technical expertise should not be placed in such a precarious position. As an independent geologist it has been obvious for many years that we were headed for trouble. Why is it necessary to have a crisis before instituting reforms? After the crisis passes the resolve to solve the problem fades.

Having taught the National Security Agency for years about the complex oil business our vulnerability comes as no surprise. Possible solutions to the problem were discussed in these seminars as well as the lead time necessary to sustain a modest increase in production. I would be more than happy to offer my services gratis to educate the rest of the people in Washington. I know that you personally understand the problems as you were involved in the drilling contracting business in Midland, Texas.

We Americans constitute approximately 5% of the world's population and we use 40% of the world's energy. Energy hogs are what we have become and we are paying for it. Energy is still cheap in our society but it can't go on like this forever. Most of the industrialized world pays three or four times as much for gasoline as we do. Let's not mortgage our grandchildren's futures with a balance of payment deficit due to our foreign energy demands.

The U.S. is not an energy poor nation like Japan. We have a vast wealth of coal and oil shale that is untapped and we still are the second biggest producer of oil in the world. However, the U.S. oil reserve position is poor and this to some degree is the result of the dismantling of our domestic oil industry. The vast bulk of onshore oil and gas is found

by small oil companies and individuals. It was dismantled by disuse as the direct result of importation of "cheap" foreign crude by the major oil companies. How cheap is it now with American troops in Saudi Arabia?

The electronic journalists selectively edit the gasoline consumers responses to agree with their bias. They interview some idiot and ask what they think of the ten to fifteen percent rise in gasoline prices. Invariably they think they have been set upon by Ali Babba and the forty thieves. One should keep this in perspective by equating the price of gasoline to the risky business involved in producing and delivering a cup (1/16 gallon) of coffee.

The U.S. had an energy crisis in 1973. The answer to this past crisis was the creation of the Department of Energy. The cost to the U.S. taxpayer yearly of this regulatory body closely approximates the value of our domestically produced oil. What a great deal for the beleaguered American taxpayer. The domestic oil industry had been saying for years that we were running out of oil but no one listened. The Energy Department concentrated on regulating rather than on developing alternative energy sources.

Develop alternative fuels but in the meantime don't drill off this or that coast. Don't put that nuclear reactor here. Don't mine that oil shale it creates a tailing pile. These measures are needed now as an interim solution to our ongoing energy crisis. The domestic oil industry should be stimulated by the present increase in price. The increase in drilling activity should uncover some additional reserves. However, let us not delude ourselves. The domestic oil industry can never satisfy our insatiable appetite for oil. Developing alternative fuels is the answer. It is difficult to do in our free market society but it's needed if we are to survive. Our greatest competitors Germany and Japan are more vulnerable than we are to the price of energy and they don't have trade deficits. We will either learn to compete or perish.

We need fresh ideas in our search for energy independence. One such idea is the electrolysis of water. This yields hydrogen and oxygen. Hydrogen combines with atmospheric oxygen (burns) and what comes out the tailpipe, water. Improved solar cells could be installed on every roof top to charge batteries to power appliances or automobiles.

Breeder reactors should be built to increase the amount of nuclear fuel that we have; then that additional fuel can be used to generate electrical power. Make no mistake, the industrialized energy impoverished countries of the world, France for instance, are already pursuing this course. We may need to design a technique to rid ourselves of the resultant nuclear waste. Digging holes in the subducting

plate on the sea floor so that radioactive waste can be deposited in the holes might be an answer as the waste would disappear for scores of millions of years.

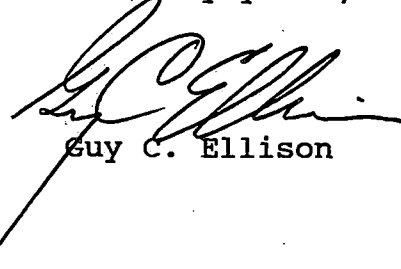
At the turn of the century approximately one-half the crop land in the U.S. was used for raising fodder for horses and mules. The horses and mules used the energy in God's sunshine to move America and till the soil. Today ethanol, ethyl alcohol from corn, is touted as a partial solution to our energy crisis. This is obviously a losing proposition as draft animals are more efficient in utilizing energy than a process that makes alcohol out of corn. This poor solution to the energy problem is subsidized directly by the American taxpayer.

Subsidized also by the American taxpayer is the build up of our armed forces in the Persian Gulf. The presence of the Iraqi Army on the northern boundary of Saudi Arabia is a grab for power through the control of oil resources. We fear that Saddam Hussein could control an unacceptable amount of the oil reserves of the world and we constantly are being informed of the tremendous expenses involved. We shouldn't have placed ourselves in such a dependent position.

Your aware of all these facts I know but I just thought I'd write and let you know how one American feels. One thing you may not be aware of is how much your old acquaintance James F. Cooper appreciated your calling his son John, during John's bout with cancer. John is in remission and is doing just fine now. He's back at Tulane finishing his Masters Degree.

God bless!

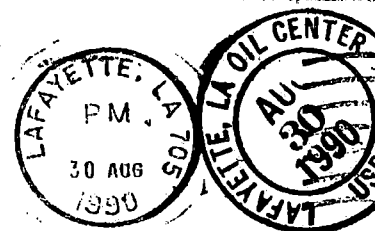
Sincerely yours,



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Patricia A. Pierro
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August 30, 1990

Dear President Bush,

I just received my
first letter from my son
in Saudi Arabia - He is
a proud part of the
82nd Airborne.

He is in good spirits
and proud to be serving
his country. I thought
you should know we are
proud of him and support
the efforts of our country.
S. Pierro

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Dear President Bush,
I'm writing to you after watching
CNN today. CNN said you received
a letter from a Marine's father.
I'm a Marine's wife, pregnant
with our first child. My
husband is also over there.
A lot of civilians don't under-
stand your strategic moves.
They criticize your vacation.
I know your plan and
I thank God your
America's President! You
are doing the right thing
and you have my full
support whatever its worth.
I wanted to let you know
I'm happy with your
leadership in this crisis.

Sincerely,
Curry Wabel

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC

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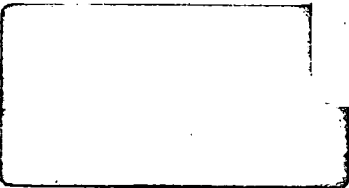
Dear Mr. President:

I realize you will probably never see my humble letter, but I hope someone will at least pass this prayer your way.

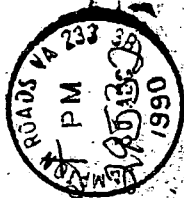
My husband and I and the children are on our way to Mac Dill AFB. Mark may be going to Saudia Arabia. I say a special prayer everyday. I asked the Franciscan Mission Assoc. for permission to give you this prayer and they sent the entire leaflet. The part I have circled gives me great comfort and I thought it might give you comfort too! I also think it is very appropriate, given today's circumstances.

I think the people stationed over there now might like it too!

Sincerely thinking of you,
Anne Stephen



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Dear President Bush,

I know at this time you under a great deal of stress, that is a understatement.

My husband is a reserve and former active military man.

We fully expect him to be called his speciality is in communication he is very well trained and ready to serve.

And we his family are here to support him 15070. We will manage very well and take care of whatever comes our way, so he'll have less to worry about should he have to leave.

We are behind you all the way.

Yours Truly,

Carol Hancock

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President Bush
1600 Pennsylvania
Washington, DC



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August 27, 1990
Juliana L. Harris
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President George Bush
White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President;

My brother is in the Air Force - he has been stationed in Athens, Greece, for several years. He has been in the service of his country for twelve years and is proud of what he does, as we are proud of him.

Two days after Iraq invaded Kuwait, my brother drafted a letter to us, his family. This letter was quite upsetting because, in essence, what he was doing was saying goodbye to us should he not return from this crisis. And as hard as it was to read those words, I understand and wholly support our (the United States) involvement in the Persian Gulf crisis.

I look at my two young boys and I want them to be able to enjoy the same lifestyle that I have become accustomed to. When I watched as that mad man, Hussein, so flamboyantly raped the basic human rights of those hostages on national television, I was appalled. If a man - and I use that word lightly, as man implies someone who is human and I don't believe that he is a member of our human race - is permitted to run roughshod over other countries, not to mention his own people, that will be the end of the world as I know it.

I believe you, as one of the great presidents of this country, in conjunction with all the other world leaders, will bring this situation to a head as soon as possible. I am grateful for your swift intervention in this situation. I selfishly wish by brother were not involved, but I know that this is what he was trained to do, and this is what he wants to do. Therefore, I rest easier.

I appreciate your honesty with regard to this crisis. I'm proud that you are our president, I'm proud of my brother, and I'm proud of all the other men and women who are in the Persian Gulf to put a stop to this mad man who has no regard for human life and liberty, and I'm proud to be a citizen of the United States.

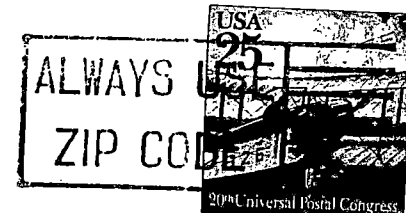
God bless you.

Sincerely,

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President George Bush
The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

This morning on a television show I saw Mr. Alex Melnar talk about a letter he'd written to you concerning worries and fears he had for his son, a Marine serving in Saudi Arabia. Never have I felt so moved then by this father's apparent anguish. He said he had been asked by an Italian reporter why the news report such popularity for you and your decisions at this time but on the street it doesn't seem to be that way. They apparently are not asking the people I talk to.

When the lives of thousands of our young men are at stake can there be an easy decision? Almost every family has been or will be touched by this crisis. My twenty two year old son-in-law waits now at Fort Steward, Georgia for his orders to go to Saudi Arabia, he'll leave a year old son and a young, frightened wife not to mention all of us who love and worry and pray for him, for all of them. My brother in law waits at Fort Campbell, Ky. for the orders that will take him from his wife and two young daughters. Many lives will be disrupted, held by fear, by worry, by the constant not knowing. But many lives have done this before which allow us now the privileges, the freedoms of being an American. Who in their right mind could easily decide

the right and wrong in something so important, that would touch the lives of so many and not feel a deep sense of dread? I feel Mr. President that you fully understand the way America truly feels. I have no doubts that great thought, much concern and a lot of courage goes into every decision you have made and will continue to make throughout this ordeal. As a father you understand the worries, the fears, the pain, as an American you have the pride, the courage and the strength to forge ahead and protect what so many have fought for.

No one goes into what may be a long and terrible battle without fear. America cannot be held by the throat by such a maniacal sort as Saddam Hussein. He nor his type must ever be given the idea they make America tremble by his heartless, cold and insane actions. His mis use of power is appalling, his attempt at portraying himself a protector of children is pathetic. America must stand tall, unshaken, proud and brave because that is exactly what we are.

The people I've talked to (and I have friends + relatives in neighboring states) think you have handled this situation as it should have been handled. They feel you're doing (with great emphasis on proud) America proud. Never have I felt such patriotic unity as these past few weeks. Young men, old men, veterans of Vietnam, mothers who work in factories,

people of all ages and backgrounds have expressed the desire to go or be of help in some way. They realize we truly are our brother's keeper and that if today it's Kuwait, tomorrow it could be Saudi Arabia and next week America. We have the right, the need to protect ours and that which affects us.

I watch with great pride whenever our soldiers are shown on television. Somewhere a mother's heart is heavy but very proud each time a face shows on the screen. As the mother of two teenaged sons I hope I have the courage, the dignity and the strength to endure should I have to let one or both of my boys go off onto foreign soil to protect our country. I can understand Mr. Molnar's anguish but I'm sure in his heart there is great pride at his son, the Marine and I'm sure his son takes great pride at being an American.

Mr. President no leader can ever be popular with everyone. I'm sure you receive lots of mail that assures you of that. I can only hope you get alot more mail like this that lets you know we're behind you. we trust you with our children, our soldiers and thank you whole heartedly for giving us dignity, pride and love of our country at such a crucial time. God Bless you,
Loisetta Burton

L. Burton
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George Bush
President of the United States
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Re: concerned / son in Saudi Arabia
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August 26 1990

To: President George Bush
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Washington DC 20500

From: Judy Hampton
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Dear President Bush,

As I sit here this morning watching the updates on the Persian Gulf situation and wondering where my military son might be, I can only conclude that a life is worth more than the price of oil and gasoline.

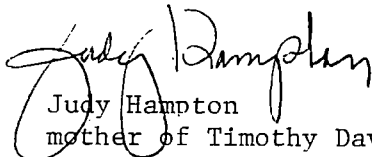
I look around each day and see the continuance of American life without interruption. When are we going to learn to compromise in order to keep peace in the world? We must compromise to save innocent people, regardless of what country they fall a victim.

I dislike the term "human shield," but at this time I think of my son as a "human shield" just as the hostages are being called. My son is a "human shield" to shield off the aggression of Saddam Hussein and to shield off the increase of the price of oil. Is this necessary in your judgment? Definately not in mine. With persistence we can find a way to use less oil, thus making this current crisis unnecessary.

I want my son back. I want to see the hostages returned to their countries. I want all innocent people to go unharmed. Words need to prevail at this time concerning this situation. Peace must be made soon. War must become obsolete.

I love the way of life that we have in this country, but I love my son more.

Respectfully Yours,


Judy Hampton
mother of Timothy David Randolph, Armv--Ft. Stewart, Georgia

My dear Anna
P.S. 354 334
Caring Mr. Justice

Dear Jim. Thanks,

I know you are a very busy man and therefore
we not take up too much of your time.
So we are all quite all right. I know you
have that we are all living in. I know you
have your mind on many very important matters
both national as well as family matters.
Being a father and a parent, I know you
children are high on your list of priorities.

I to am a parent, a mother though, but
more the less a very serious mother & parent.
I know that it just a matter of time
from what Jim is saying on the news, that
there will be a war... I know I know me.

My eldest son, who already told me that
he would enlist if his country called him
we tried to bring him up to us up to
we have a freedom and justice for all people.
I feel very proud of my son for
standing up for what he believes to be
right. I would like to think that we
are not also more because we are
standing up for freedom for people.

Right. I know I know to say I know.

Jim

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I have no doubt. I hate to think
that my son, as well as the others
that are already over there, are going
to risk their lives for some man's greed
for more money involving oil.

I'm trying to understand - I want
to know who are we are for President?

So far now I'm still trying to
understand the list I am on. My
husband was in the Navy at that time.
He was lucky, he came home. We
may not be so lucky next time.

I'm not sure I will even get to
read my letter, but I had to try. I
had to let you know what was on
my mind. I needed to find out
some answers. I hope I hear from
you when you get a minute.

We are in our prayers. I figure
we need all the help we can get.
We take care with love to you
and the whole bunch. Sincerely,

Chris Lerman
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Mr. George H. Bush
 President of the United States
 White House
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Dear Mr. President,

*husband in Saudi Arabia
support + cannot see him*

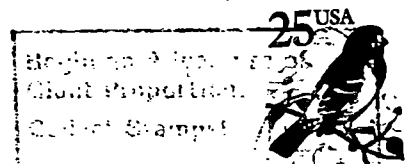
I am the wife of a Navy Sailer on the U.S.S. Saratoga. As you already know, his ship is in the Persian Gulf. When he first told me, this was where he would be ship to, I got upset at the fact that you would let something like this happen. I realize now that this is my husband's job. When he first went into the Navy we did not anticipate him having to face something like this. I am sure he stands behind you 100%, and me being his wife will stand behind you, as will he. My husband is an only child, and the last in his family to carry on the name. I have heard some rumor, that in this case he could, if it was war time he could go to a neutral zone if he wishes. Is this true, or does someone in his family have to die in the war first, since he was not drafted? If you could send me information on this subject his mother and myself would appreciate it.

I think you should send a secret force into Iraq and take out their leader. I think it was very rude of him to say the things he did about you, when he brought it on himself. The people of Iraq are ill mannered, and uneducated. They have burned the American, British, and Russian flags. We, on the other hand have not done anything of this kind. It just goes to prove that we are the smarter nation. It also proves their ignorance. I think it would be a grave mistake on their part to push their luck. Do you really think that they will use gases? Will we do the same? I personally think you should drop a nuclear bomb on their butts, and put them out of their poor, pathetic miseries. My father always says, if a mouse gets backed into a corner with nowhere to go, he will come out fighting like a tiger. I believe this is what Iraq will do. Even though they will be defeated. Don't back down. They just like to act tough. It's all talk and no action. My father also told me, don't ever start a fight, end it. Don't trust anyone, even your very best friend will stab you in the back, if given the chance. Tell our military forces in Saudi Arabia not to be so froggy, and not to jump the gun. For this is a sure way to begin a war, as you know. Will our boys be coming home after the crisis is over? I know that there is a shortage of funds in the military. As the CNN has reported, this operation will cost the tax payers a lot of money. Do you think Iraq will hold the Americans that are there as a way to make you pull out military troops? Do you think he will bring them any harm? If so what will you do about it? If the Saudis wanted you to pull out military troops, would you do it? Do you think that there will be a war? If so would you recall a major portion of the Reserves? Why don't you just let Kuwait go back as a part of the Iraq territory? Do we have enough oil supply to last for a long period of time, if need be?

If at all possible I would like for this letter to be replied by President Bush himself.

A concerned American Citizen,
Angela Gay Barnes Rogers

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