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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

DATE: 9/17/90  
TO: Bob Simon

Here's a batch  
of family ltrs that  
Pres. has seen -

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**SHIRLEY M. GREEN**  
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August 20, 1990

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

Dear Mr. President:

I want you to know that my family and I stand behind your decision to send troops to the Middle East. I do not say this lightly since four of my five children are in military service. My twins are already over there and the other two could be soon.

I fully understand what this conflict could cost my family and our nation in the lives of our bravest and best young people. But I also realize that aggression against a peaceful neighbor can not be tolerated and the interests of our nation and the civilized world must be protected.

My sons knew when they joined the military service that their signatures meant they were willing to give their lives for their country and freedom if the need arose. I am very proud of them sir, as I too am proud of you for standing in the face of the tyranny that Iraq has presented.

I pray for you and your staff daily that God will guide you in the decisions you make, and that He will protect the proud young people of our military forces. God bless you.

Sincerely,

*Patricia A. Witzke*

Patricia A. Witzke

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August 23, 1990

Dear President Bush,

We are writing this letter to you to show our appreciation for what you are doing during this most trying of times in the Middle East.

We have a Daughter and Grandson and Son-in-Law who are being held hostage in Kuwait. Each day brings more fear and greater concern for their well being and eventual safe return to us. We have trust and confidence in your decisions, knowing that all that the future of our Country and for that matter the entire World, depend on the outcome of this situation.

We, of course, hope that this situation can be resolved without the use of military force but have resigned ourselves to the fact that if military action is taken it is only for the good of all concerned. Knowing this, we are ready to accept whatever the outcome of this crisis is. Even if the worst were to happen and our family is not restored to us, we could not hold it against you or our great Nation.

We are enclosing pictures of our daughter, Denise, our grandson Christopher (Cooles), and our Son-in-Law. They are part of our family and we love them all. So much concern for the picture and trust in your decisions on whether or not the picture is being sent to you with our sincerest regards, our prayers for you and our Armed Forces during this crisis.

May God watch over you and guide you in your decisions. We pray to protect our Fighting men and women as we defend ourselves and ALL PEOPLES to have no enemy on this earth.

Yours Truly  
*Conrad & Eleanor Pickering*  
Conrad and Eleanor Pickering  
12234 Mayfield Dr.  
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Support - Son in Saudi Arabia

780 NW Gleneagle Dr. #20  
Sherwood, Oregon 97140  
August 29, 1990

PSIA  
President George Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
District of Columbia  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

For the past several weeks I have listened to the news media and citizens criticize you and I am infuriated.

It is apparent that people speak before they think. I am referring to your vacation which you justly deserved. It saddens me to think that people can be so critical. They must not realize that you are constantly kept abreast of world affairs and still have to make critical decisions. And, I don't understand the Father/Professor who sent a letter to the New York Times. Didn't his son know when he enlisted that he might face difficult situations?

As a Mother whose son is serving with the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division in Saudi Arabia, I commend you for the decisions made and to be made. I have confidence that the right decisions will be made - all of which weight heavily upon you.

Today, while listening to a news broadcast, I was appalled by the report that Senator Mark Hatfield stated that you acted prematurely in sending our troops to Saudi Arabia. After contemplating Senator Hatfield's remark, I sat down and wrote him a letter cautioning him, as well other Senators and Representatives, to use good judgement before speaking as we need to be united in our efforts. Our servicemen and women need encouragement, appreciation, and a united government.

I pray that all our military people, as well as those who are held hostage, will soon return safely to their families and be welcomed home by a united America. Let's not have another Vietnam.

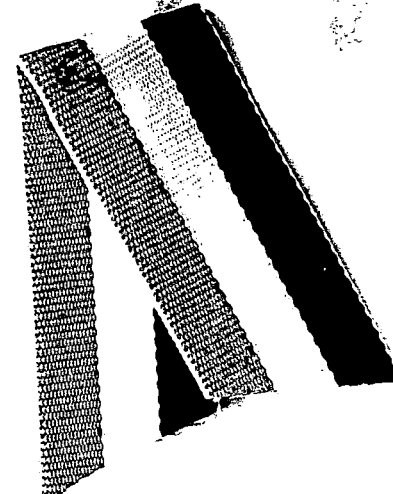
God be with you, and thank you for listening to a concerned citizen and Mother.

Sincerely,

*Jane Aamold*  
Jane Aamold

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Mr & Mrs William C Burge  
9 Vernal Rd  
Bryantville, MA 02327



August 27, 1990

President George Bush  
White House  
Pennsylvania Ave  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr President,

Enclosed you will find a red, white and blue ribbon pin that we are making and distributing to our close friends, family, and special people like yourself to honor our thousands of troops involved in Desert Shield.

Mr President, we support you and are praying for you and Mr Cheney, Mr Pickering and all the rest of your staff who are working so diligently toward a peaceful settlement in the Mid East.

Our second son has been stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia for the past year and a half and was just sent over to Saudi last week. He is with the 24th division mechanized. You can imagine how nervous we are but are very proud that we have a family member serving and protecting our great nation.

We hope you will wear this ribbon along with all the other proud folks here in Massachusetts.

Very truly,

*Bill & Sue Burge*

Mr & Mrs William Burge

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Ken Samuel, Executive Director

August 27, 1990

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express sincere approval for the way you are leading this country and most of the world in dealing with the likes of Saddam Hussein.

My wife and I have three sons, all married to fine women, and all have preschool children. The oldest son is a minister, the middle son works with me in this child-care program, and the youngest serves in the 24th Infantry (Mechanized) out of Hunter Army Air Field at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. He leaves this week for duty in Saudi Arabia. We are grateful for our family and proud that our youngest son, James, can serve at this time. Of course, we are very concerned about him and all the other men and women standing against this "madman of the Middle East".

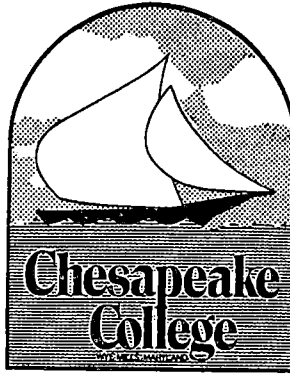
Yesterday in an adult Bible class that I teach I expressed to the group how frustrating it is for one evil-bent, misguided man, Mr. Hussein, to cause so much suffering, expense, and turmoil in the world, and how helpless all of us feel about the situation. I told my class that if there was anything I could do by being in Saudi Arabia I would go! Of course, we pray daily for you and everyone involved, but I am willing for you to call upon me to be of service if there is anything I can do.

I am 52 years of age, hold a college degree in English from Indiana University, and am battle-scarred from 23 years of working with children and young people in this small program where I serve as administrator. Let me know if and what someone of my age and experience can do. May God bless you!

Respectfully,

Ken Samuel

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August 21, 1990

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of  
The United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

It is with a great deal of apprehension and a heavy heart that I write to you this morning. My son, Marine 2nd Lieut. David E. Hodil is on his way to Saudi Arabia, along with so many more of the cream of the young men and women of our Nation. It is my wish that you know that we support your policies in the Middle East and my husband and I concur with your decision to commit American Forces to Saudi Arabia and to impose sanctions on the country of Iraq. You could do no less!

Seriously doubting that you ever see my letter, it still gives me a small measure of comfort to write it, knowing that I have placed a most precious gift in your capable hands. We have two older married children and are also the proud grandparents of four. We have such high hopes for our youngest son and his dedication to God and Country, and the high ideals and standards he has set for himself are a source of pride for his family. We live on the lovely Eastern Shore of Maryland where my husband works for the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources as an Administrator. I am a Secretary at Chesapeake College.

One of the more interesting facts about David is that he had to secure a "Medical Waiver" just to get into the Corps, a fact little known by his fellow Marines. David, you see, came down with Cancer at age 19 when he was beginning his Sophomore year at Mississippi State University and had to stay out of college for one full year, battling his disease, with three major operations, and a weight drop of over 40 lbs. Needless to say, David's courage and determination has been an inspiration to a lot of folks. He returned to college, graduated with high marks, and was off to Quantico, VA for OCS and TBS Schools. His Dad and I are rightfully very proud of our Marine.

It is certainly not my place to advise my President of what to think or do with regard to foreign policy, for I am painfully aware that your burdens at the present time are greater than anyone dare imagines and greater than anyone would want them to be, but I do wish to tender our best wishes to you and to Mrs. Bush and to say that we are behind you all the way! With hope for the future, I remain

Yours sincerely  
*Patricia D. Hodil*  
Patricia Dilworth Hodil  
9415 Romancoke Road  
Stevensville, MD 21666

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411 Valley Rd.  
Newark, DE 19711  
August 16, 1990

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

Dear Mr. President:

Never before have I written to the President of the United States nor any member of congress. But I feel that with all that is happening in the world you would appreciate an understanding letter.

I am married and have only one child--a son. He will be twenty-five years old on Monday, August 20th. We will not celebrate his birthday as Tuesday his ship, the USS Moosbrugger, set out heading for the Middle East.

No mother wants her son to go to an area where there is political unrest with the possibility of war. But I write you to tell you I support what actions you are taking. I realize that you are knowledgeable and well-informed and are doing what you feel is best for all Americans.

I know our son and know he is ready and able to serve his country. He has been instructed by competent superiors; he is strong, wise, and makes sound decisions.

In my prayers for all the men and women in the military, I'll also pray for you. Mr. President, God bless you and God bless these United States.

Respectfully,

*Rita P. Girardi*  
Rita P. Girardi

LA

Re: Son aboard U.S.S. <sup>Guam</sup> August 20, 1990

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Dear Mr. President

My son Tom is a petty officer aboard the U.S.S. Guam. He's proud to be a part of the military and to serve his Commander-in-Chief. Those of us at home, including his wife and 7-year old daughter, will do our best to keep things at home as normal as possible so that he can concentrate fully on his job. We know that your job is particularly difficult. It must be a great responsibility to be in charge of all the men and women who's lives depend on your decisions. We have complete confidence in those decisions and want you to know we are behind you 100%.

May God bless you and guide you.

Sincerely,

Charlene Larson

1337 Johnson Dr.

Ventura, Ca 93003

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August 23, 1990

Dear Mr President,

I feel at this important time that it is important for you to know how the American people feel about the happenings in the Middle East. I must say that I am in full support of all your actions and those of your advisors. We must all unite together to let the world know we are prepared to do whatever is necessary to protect our friends, interests and our people. I feel that from this ~~tragic~~ tragedy we should have learned we cannot and should not cut our defense budget. We must maintain the highest defense, security community (NSA etc) ~~at~~ with no questions asked.

I am proud to say that my husband has over 30 years with NSA and that my youngest son has just been sent to Saudi Arabia.

You are doing a wonderful job and I'm sure in the days and weeks to come you will continue to do the best job possible. May God help and be with you in this time of need.

All my best,  
Judith Wilson  
12 Bot Circle  
Baltimore, Md. 21221

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Dear President Bush,

Aug 30

I think you've done a super job in getting the snake coiled against the wall. I also think he will make any strategic retreats that he has to in order to get the U.S. out of the desert. If Israel had not bombed his nuclear plant, this would not be the case. If the U.S. accepts its original demands & leaves without destroying his arsenal, the snake will uncoil, get rid of Israel at 2:00 A.M. some day & then what do we do. Hitler's objective will be fulfilled.

I have a nephew who served in Vietnam for 4 years - is now a colonel in the army & his son is serving in the marines. They are both in the desert & my heart would be broken if anything happened to either of them. But it is my fervent hope that you will strip the snake of his arsenal - no matter what it takes.

Also there are countries hiding behind their constitutions & treaties that were made years ago when history demanded such documents.

So far as I know, the 10 commands  
were etched in stone - but treaties  
& constitutions should be amended.  
I deeply resent the protection of Japan  
& West Germany while I am living  
on a small pension & disability checks  
which will be taxed to pay for 60%  
of Japan's protection. My doctor charges  
me 100% for his services & if the  
U.S. needs to assume the role of  
world protectorate; so be it. But,  
it needs to examine that worth  
& reassess its price tag for this  
service - because, unfortunately  
we are slowly becoming incapable  
in the free enterprise system & need  
to compensate our bank accounts  
from the countries who can afford  
to pay hard for what we can  
deliver & that is service.

The world, including me, has  
been in a state of awe at the show  
of our military strength.

Put Donald Trump on your  
negotiating treaties with our rich  
allies & let's get some economic justice  
for our place in this game.

Sincerely  
Marcia Gold

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suggest/costs of support

August 22, 1990

Mr. George Bush  
Honorable President of  
The United States of America  
White House  
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As a patriotic U.S. citizen and a U.S. Navy veteran of the Viet Nam conflict, who spent a deployment in Viet Nam during 1968, I now find myself with much at stake in this Middle East Crisis as well. You see, my only son, Kevin, is a member of the 5th U.S. Marines and is presently deployed somewhere in Saudi Arabia.

The purpose of this letter is threefold:

First, I want to commend you for the way you have handled the crisis to this point. You have brilliantly bought enough time, through the expert use of the media, to build the necessary troop strength for the defense of the friendly Arab countries. I feel that the American people, and the rest of the free world support our actions.

Second, I feel strongly that the oil producing countries involved with this crisis and the American people must and will support the added costs of this operation. As an example of how this might be done, I suggest we ask the oil producing countries who we are helping in this crisis to discount their oil prices to the supporting countries. The price per barrel would go with market demand but then the purchaser of that oil would pass the amount, over the discounted price, to the governments involved. This would be an easy method to monitor and control. If, for our purposes, this would not generate the necessary funding, then a modest Temporary Gas Tax might be in order. It could be short term and require renewal on a regular basis in order for it to continue. The public would accept this concept.

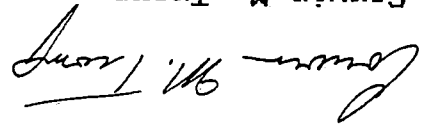
Mr. President

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Third, please do not allow this crisis to turn into another Viet Nam. If my son must risk his life, and I must risk the loss of my only son, then let it be because we were taking the necessary actions to thwart this Hitler like tyrant from imposing himself on peaceful nations in the Middle East. Many are at risk including hostages and the military personnel there. Surely I want no lives lost, but we must take decisive action, without hesitation, if or when required, even at the risk of losing the precious lives of hostages or military personnel. Less loss will occur if we react in this manner, rather than the way we did in Viet Nam. I believe history would judge your actions favorably.

Good luck, and keep up the good work.

Very Respectfully,



Corwin M. Tromp

17 — (Son expecting to be sent  
to)

Aug. 20, 1990

Dear Mr. President,

P. 51A My third-great-granddaddy gave his  
life for the Confederate States of America,  
my father fought the Japanese in the Pacific  
my uncles and cousins fought the Germans  
in Europe, my aunt - a W.A.C. - died in  
service to her country in WWII, my cousins  
fought the Communists in S.E. Asia, my  
husband is retired Air Force (SAC) and was  
wound twice, my son is in SAC now  
and expecting to be sent to the Middle  
East.

My family has never been unwilling to  
put themselves in harms way for their  
country, and that hasn't changed.

My request is simply this: If we  
have to fight instead of letting a few  
bombers turn Iraq into a sheet of rotten  
glass (which is my experience) then PLEASE  
let us fight to WIN and destroy Saddam  
and his army and his oil fields. Don't  
allow Congress to cause our sons to die  
with their hands tied behind them as  
was the case in Viet Nam.

the need to make an example of  
 Saddam or other Arab tin soldiers will  
 spring up to try their hands at gaining  
 control of all the mid-east oil in  
 order to fund the virginal nations' heritage.  
 If we armak they that enough,  
 they will be discouraged from trying  
 that.

A ban on the tank mentality, the  
 book among them. Fear is the only  
 thing that will quell their arrogance.

We also better get busy developing  
 new nuclear energy and developing  
 scientific engines for water, etc. as so  
 to end our position dependence on such  
 materials as seen as possible.

I trust you, in god your my  
 best Commenter-in-Chief. Best of  
 Congress have things up.

And then you and place angles around  
 our type in the mid-east.

Sincerely,  
 Jackson Lynn Mason

Son in Saudi

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Ronald L. Ward  
14902 Pepper Ct.  
Woodbridge, VA 22193

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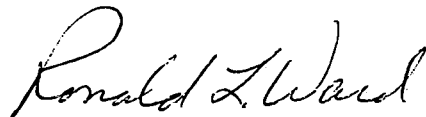
My son is a Lance Corporal in the Marine Corp and is currently on duty somewhere in Saudi Arabia. I am deeply concerned for his well being and pray that the situation in the middle east will be quickly resolved in a peaceful manor. Unfortunately, based upon what I hear and read, it appears more and more unlikely that a peaceful solution will be found.

If armed conflict is inevitable, I firmly believe that my son and many thousands of our troops will have a better chance of survival if we take the initiative. To wait until Iraq strikes the first blow would be to sign the death warrant for many thousands of our fine young men. I realize that to strike first is not considered to be the acceptable thing to do. However, if our intent is to win with a minimum of loss of life then I strongly feel the simultaneous destruction of Iraq's offensive capability is essential.

Mr. President, I am not a "Hawk". I love our great nation and fear for my son's well being. However, I don't believe that America can afford to engage in another Korea or Vietnam. If we are going to be engaged in armed conflict then I pray that our objective will be to win. All actions that are to be taken must have the objective of absolute victory. Anything less would be a complete waste of lives.

Mr. President, I do not envy you as you are forced to make the life and death decisions that you will surely have to make in the coming days. Please accept my prayers and complete support in whatever decisions you make.

Sincerely;



Ronald L. Ward

cc:

Senator John W. Warner, 225 SROB, Wash., DC 20510-4601  
Senator Charles S. Robb, 517 SHOB, Wash., DC 20510-4603  
Representative Stan Parris, 2434 RHOB, Wash., DC 20515-4608  
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Senator Sam Nunn, Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,  
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*Suzanne*

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Sincerely,

*Patricia A. Witzke*

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(husband chose to go) 170

Lena

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to let you know that my family and I support you. My husband Lt. Commander Wayne Phelps is serving on board U.S.S. Saratoga CV-60 as ship's R.N.

He is also sensitive; sensitive to the needs of our young sailors and men and to the special critical care expertise he brings to Saratoga.

Our family currently has the added burden of our only daughter at Walter Reed to undergo open heart surgery. She is 18 and this is her 8<sup>th</sup> surgery and the only one which neither my husband or I have been able to be with her. You see, sir, I have liver problems from my work as an R.N and was only released from hospital yesterday. I wanted to tell

you that despite our circumstances  
my husband chose to go as he  
recognizes the need and support we  
must all give. Our family supports  
you and knows you are doing every-  
thing possible to seek peaceful  
means. But as my husband stated in  
his letter to me: "We have no choice.  
Our resolve is firm. We are in  
excellent optimistic spirits and no one  
is complaining."

I just wanted you to know.

Sincerely,  
Judy Phelps

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August 29, 1990

The Honorable George Bush  
President of the United States of America  
White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

As the mother of a Marine, Lcpl. Frank Merone, presently serving in Saudi Arabia, I wish to convey to you our family's complete support and prayers. May God continue to guide you in your actions.

I came to this great country as a refugee from World War II. We were grateful to be welcomed into this Land of the Free where we were allowed to work and reach the American Dream. One of my most memorable days was the day I became a United States citizen.

I am extremely proud of my son who is so eager to serve his country - in a way he is repaying a little for all that my family has received. Yes, I worry and pray that he and all our men and women come home safely but I know he is where he is needed and wanted to be.

Our Congresswoman, Susan Molinari, had the flag over the Capitol flown in his name and will bring me that flag - I shall treasure it always. She has been a tremendous support to all of us here on Staten Island. We have formed a "Operation Desert Shield Support Group" and she was kind enough to attend our first meeting.

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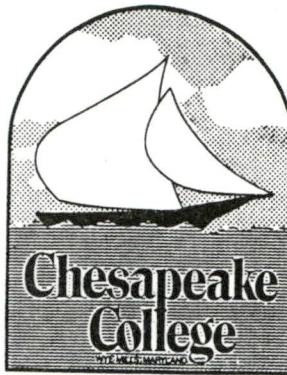


Trudy Merone

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Yours sincerely,  
*Patricia D. Hodil*  
Patricia Dilworth Hodil  
9415 Romancoke Road  
Stevensville, MD 21666

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Dear President & Mrs Bush:

Our family just wanted to drop you & your family a short note to say how proud we are to have you as our President. We have five sons and one in the Air Force and may be going to the Middle East but we still feel you are doing the right thing.

Our prayers are with you daily and we also realize the person your wife must be under and our prayers are with her to.

May God guide you in each decision you have to make.

God Bless You.

Sincerely  
The Suckles Family  
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August 23, 1990

Dear President Bush:

I say that with all do respect for your position as the Leader of this country. I couldn't think of a better person to be in the White House at this time, because your Army has the most precious parts of my being, which is **My ONLY SON (Frank Stewart III) in the 82nd Airborne from Ft. Bragg NC.**

That is why I thank **GOD** you are the man placed at the head of the Nation. You and your wife are exactly what this country and Mother's need right now. My son means so very much to me, because we have been through so much together. I thought what looked like bad times then would never end, but **GOD** brought us through. So please Mr. President, put great thought and consideration on this current issue so that our **sons, daughters, husbands, mothers, and fathers** can return **HOME** in good minds and bodies. I pray in **JESUS'S** name.

Sincerely,  
Sylvia Stewart  
*Sylvia Stewart*

P.S. I truley believe that you are a **GOOD MAN!!!**

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PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
2600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.  
WASHINGTON DC

25 August 90

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

Thank you for your stand on the Middle East crisis.  
For what it's worth my full support, thoughts and prayers are with you and will be, whether the crisis is settled by diplomacy or warfare.

In general I believe in avoiding physical actions, in settling issues, sincerely believing in the sanctity of life and in negotiating and/or compromise to settle differences.

However, there are limits to avoiding conflicts and when the willingness, to negotiate and/or compromise is easily viewed as a willingness to "back down" from physical actions, there is little choice for a man or a country of men.

America's actions, as a country, since WWII and the American Press' over-eagerness, along with private citizens in exalted positions (such as Jane Fonda during Viet Nam), to brand America as the "Black Hat" whenever any country violated

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our rights as a nation, are (in my opinion) a major cause of madmen, like Saddam Hussein, to believe America will never stand firm to protect our interests and/or that of our allies or countries that, in time of need, rush to be our allies. Your stand, along with the 8 years of firmness on the part of former President Reagan, is correct in this crisis.

In fact you had no other choice without the forfeiture of any chance for America's again becoming the country it can be, and should be.

Your naming Saddam Hussein, for the liar and murderer he's proved himself to be, was mild. Your comparison of him to Hitler was far more accurate. Had Hitler been stopped early on the world would have been spared the grief, by both sides, of WWII. In view of the greater potential of destruction, by nuclear and/or chemical weapons, today stopping Hussein is even more critical.

( My gut reaction is Hussein be eliminated, once and for all, by whatever means possible. Even

to the point of an open reward for his death.

In addition, I feel it's time that all politicians, irregardless of party, stand up and be publically counted. And those ~~unwilling to fully support a firm stand~~ by America, including, if necessary, a ~~total commitment to warfare~~, should be voted out of office ASAP. In my mind the failure to support your country, in times of crisis, is to support it's enemies. In a word - TREASON. This includes all citizens, whether an elected/bureaucratic official, a newsperson or a private citizen, especially those in public life.

Unlike many who are complaining of the inconvenience, resulting from your stance, and/or the potential of financial losses from increased oil/gas prices or decreases in the stock market, I have so little, financially, to lose it doesn't matter to me.

Nothing to lose except one thing... My only son, Sgt. Shawn Sanford of the 82nd Airborne.

Sincerely,  
R. J. Higgins

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President George Bush  
The White House, Wash D.C 2004

Dear President Bush

My apologies for a hand written note but I'm not close to a typewriter at the moment!

Just want you to know that I think that so far you have done a fine job of handling this Iraq situation. I would ask that you not allow the media and the liberals to turn this into another Vietnam or Korea. I don't think America could survive more of that type of vacillation. Hit them with everything we have and teach a lesson that will not be easily forgotten. I don't think that I suggest such a thing lightly - I have a son who is Deputy Commander of a Fighter Wing which is already there - so do have great concern.

As previously stated, I feel you are doing a good job and are a very good American. I appreciate both - thank you.

Respectfully  
R B VanSice

341 D Hwy 41 So  
Silver Star, Montana  
59751

Re: Iran / Marine in Middle East  
"The Harder You Work The Luckier You Get"  
Support



This is just a fan  
letter. Hang in there  
I think you are doing  
what's right

Sox to em!  
Stop this Hitler who  
wants to control the world  
with oil.

Shari Fraker  
(Mother of a Marine in  
Iran)

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SPLT / Son to SA

August 16, 1990

Dear Mr. President:

My son David is a Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class with  
the 501<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion, attached to the 101<sup>st</sup>  
Airborne at Fort Campbell, KY. David is leaving  
tomorrow for Saudi Arabia. Because you are  
a parent yourself, and a compassionate man,  
I know that the decision to send American  
troops was a difficult one for you and your  
advisors to make. It is not easy for me to  
let my son go. I have shed not a few tears  
in the last few days. Between the tears I  
reflect on how proud I have always been of  
David, and how proud I am now that he has  
been chosen to represent his country. I want  
to assure you that whatever David is asked  
to do, he will do it well!

We pray for you, for our servicemen, and  
for world leaders. Mostly, we pray for peace.

Yours Very Respectfully,

Betty Johnston

2821 Santa Rosa Ave.

Altadena, CA 91001

I Aug. 29, 1990

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Dear President & Mrs. Bush,  
This is a letter from a  
Marines mother!

My son Staff Sgt. Michael  
R. Conner is in Saudi Arabia  
with 7th M.E.B. - L.A.V. from  
29 Palms, Calif.

My heart aches for my  
son, his wife and two  
children (sons), and his  
brothers & sisters.

Nonetheless, Mike made  
a choice, and joined the  
United States Marine Corp.

He also chose to make  
the Marine Corps his career.

He is a good Marine, and  
his record proves that.

I am proud of my son and  
I back him 100%.

I'm sure there are thousands  
of parents out there that can  
and will say the same thing!  
There may be some choices

our children make that  
 we do not agree with,  
 but as loving parents, it  
 is important to be  
 kind our children.  
 makes two brothers both  
 seemed four years each in  
 the marine corps, and they  
 took from us were as  
 his own mother do.  
 you see, we love Mike  
 with all our hearts.  
 We understand the  
 awful position he and  
 thousands of other army,  
 father, daughters, children,  
 brother, wife are in right  
 now, we also know the  
 answer that the father  
 of the Marine that wrote  
 you that letter is undergoing  
 But that was his own  
 choice!

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Mr. Boardman & Mrs. Bush

& support you - and

you & can forgive you

of anything should hope

to my son. Because as

a Christian's mother God

said: you must forgive

in order to be forgiven.

Thank you Mr. Boardman

and Mrs. Bush, for taking

the time to read a letter

from a 'maime' mother.

God bless you both.

Sincerely

Margaret A. Allison

PO Box 138 - 62646 RM

Lucerne, Calif.

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in 6 years.

John E.

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Decision time for middle east  
support

August 11, 1990

5/11 Dear Mr. President,

My youngest son called me  
this morning to say he's  
"leaving" He's in alb., N.M.

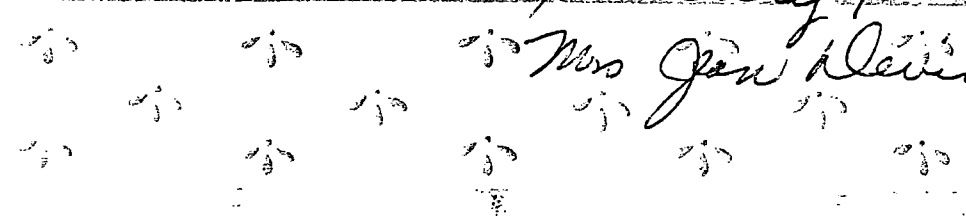
His 5<sup>th</sup> year in the Air Force,  
in Sec, a Sgt. and a fine boy.

We know you could do  
no less than have at least  
"a show of force."

Please send him back to us  
as soon as you can.

We pray for all the boys  
& girls & for your guidance

Sincerely,  
Mrs Jan Devito



Mr & Mrs. Donald DeLoach  
355 W 20 St  
Deer Park, L.I., Ny



Mr. George Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20003

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Number / middle Tina James  
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Chico Ca 95926  
Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1990

Dear President Bush & Mrs Bush,

Hi, my name is Tina James and my Husband is in the 101<sup>st</sup> Screaming Eagles. We both think you're doing a very good job in handling the Mid East Crisis

The Mid East Crisis came up to suddenly for us, that I wish I could have told my Husband one more time that we Love him.

My Husband was suppose to call us at my sister house on Aug<sup>th</sup> from Germany to wish our "Little Princess" "Good Luck" before we left for the Royalty Miss National Pageant. But he never called, I turned on the TV and saw what was going on in the Mid East and I knew he wouldn't be calling for some time.

Being a Army wife you think you are prepared for these, But I don't think you ever

are Really prepared for and sudden  
deployment.

My little girl ERIN-LORAINE 3 years

and I went to the Pageant we had  
fun, but deep down all our thoughts  
were on Daddy.

ERIN-LORAINE was crowned

Royalty Miss Tiny Nevada and a few more  
awards that she can't wait to show  
her Daddy.

We pray every night for Daddy  
and all the other Daddys husbands, sons  
brother fiances to come home soon!

But it wasn't till yesterday

when I was watching my little girl  
ERIN-LORAINE was playing school  
with her dolls, she was teaching  
them the song "It's a small world"

It hit me "A small child small

lead the way" The song so innocent  
and she was dancing for her dolls

That I thought maybe us  
as adults should listen to the words

Jam,  
Screaming  
Mid E  
came  
I wish  
one man  
to call us  
From Gerry  
Princess "G  
left for H  
Pageant. B  
on the TV  
on in the M  
usability see  
Be  
think you are  
these. But I

It's a World of Laughter  
and a World of Tears  
It's a World of Hope  
and a World of Fears  
That there so much  
to share and its time  
to anywhere

There's only One Man  
and a golden sun  
and a smile means  
friendship to everyone  
Though the Mountains  
are high and the Ocean  
are wide. Its a Small  
world after all!!!

So last night when we prayed we  
asked Heavenly Father to bless  
our soldiers but to bless the Mid  
East too!

Once again Thank-you again  
and maybe you would like to ask Heavenly  
Father to soften the Mid East Hearts  
Maybe if enough of us did this we

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President Bush  
Name is  
in the 101's  
Kyoure

Really have "World Peace"

Thank-you

Tina James

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Husband U.S. Marine in Mid East

Barbara D. Fronck  
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August 14, 1990

PRESIDENT BUSH  
16 Pennsylvania Ave  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Bush,

I am a United States Marine's wife. I wish to convey to you the distress and concern I am feeling at this time of crisis in the Middle East.

My husband is due to deploy in a few days. I am frighten for him, though I understand the current need for our military presence in the region.

Myself, as I am confident is the opinion of the American people as a whole, will not be tolerant of extended deployment of our troops. It is my hope that we "take care of business", and bring our men home. I trust you feel the same, and that we will be quick and effective in our actions.

I pray for your good judgement, the safety of our troops, and my thoughts go out to the people of Kuwait.

Sincerely,

B. Fronck

LA  
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Re: Son sent to Saudi Arabia - pro mil. intervention

Mrs. E. D. Pendleton  
3028 Knoll Drive  
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8 August 1990

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

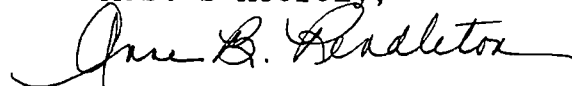
Dear President Bush:

We are an experienced Army family. My first husband was killed in action during his second tour in Vietnam. Some years later, I married his close friend (fortunately for me, a bachelor). My husband served a total of forty-two years in the U. S. Army (enlisted, West Point, commissioned). He served one year in combat during the Korean War and three-and-a-half years in Vietnam. My husband's final assignment was as Chief of the U.S. Military Mission to Turkey for four years (1982-1986). We were pleased to see President Ozal's response to this situation.

Our son, 2nd Lieutenant John K. Lange graduated from the United States Military Academy in May of 1990. As I write this letter, he is aboard an aircraft enroute to Saudi Arabia. I write to express our full and total support of your action in sending U.S. military troops to support and/or defend Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and our own interests in the Middle East.

We are proud of John, we are proud of you and we are proud of our Country.

Most sincerely,



Anne B. Pendleton  
(Mrs. E. D.)

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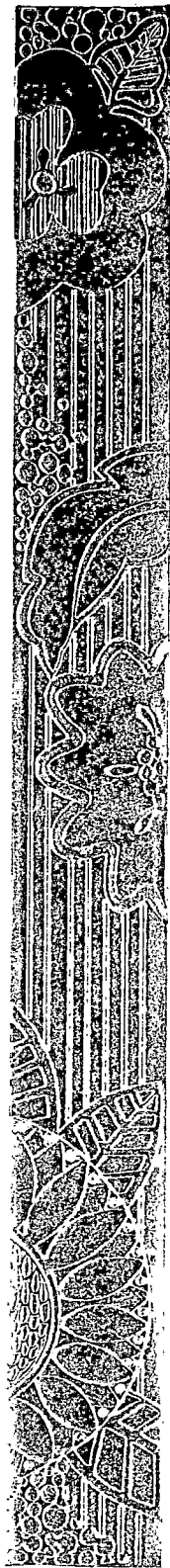
Dear President Bush,

A note if I may to  
offer our Prayers of Support  
in your Campaign with  
the Middle East situation.

I have a son in <sup>1st</sup>  
Marine Recon Bat. who is  
on his way -

We support you 100%,  
with a vested interest, not  
just lip service.

Amper Wi.  
Kary C. Ford



P.S.

Realize your time  
is filled with detail  
that goes beyond a  
personal correspondence  
but as I've been privileged  
to hear from you in the  
Past, I'll include my  
address. - Mom always said  
to be bold @

Harry C. Gerd  
766 Neal Place  
Pleasanton, CA.

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Re: Wife of military personnel

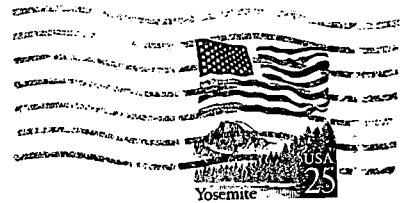
Dear President Bush,

<sup>P/S/A</sup> First of all I want to thank you for your compassion and care you have for our and other countries that stand for freedom. As I watched you on tv. this morning I felt safe knowing the measures we are taking are measures that have to be done. See, my husband is on the USS Inchon right now and I don't know if he is in the Mediterranean Sea, Liberia, or the Middle East. It is an uneasy feeling and I just pray that God will bring him home safely along with all the other devoted troops. There is nothing I can do in this situation except stand behind measures that are being taken and realize being a Marines wife is all a part of these chances we take. I just want you to know that I am praying for you, the troops, other military leaders and my husband that God may grant you all wisdom to make right decisions. Mr. President, I stand behind you in all decisions you make

and God Bless

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Mrs. Deanna Porterfield  
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Pres. George Bush  
 The White House  
 Washington D.C. 20500

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August 15, 1990

Dear President Bush,

Touché! I have a nephew serving in the 82nd Airborne and am proud of his presence there in Saudi Arabia, though I certainly hope we don't have to get into it with the Iraqis - that the strength mounted against him (H S) will bring him

to some sense - as  
assume you are hoping  
though if he were gapped  
the way of madman Kaddafi  
was - which certainly seems  
to have quieted the latter  
down - I wouldn't mind.  
Good job!

Sincerely,

Virginia Hayes

P.S. Can we also pursue  
hybrid autos with electric  
capacity as well as gasoline  
not only to keep our air  
cleaner for our own benefit  
but of course to make us less dependent



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Support from ME

Star Route Box 204  
Pocono Lake, PA. 18347  
August 23, 1990

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

Dear Mr. President:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the courageous stand you have taken against the aggression that has been committed by Iraq.

I have a son who is a captain in the U.S. Army. Although I recognize that he and all our servicemen overseas are in danger, the United States and other nations must stop this ruthless and unprincipled individual.

Although retired as a public school principal and too old for the service, if hostilities occur I shall volunteer on civilian level to do whatever can assist our country.

Lord forbid that this man should ever possess nuclear weapons. We can never allow this.

President Bush - God Bless You!

I shall fly the flag daily as a proud American.

Sincerely,

*William C. Reiner*  
William C. Reiner

cc:WNEP TV Channel 16  
Good Morning America - ABC TV

Langley AFB, Va. 23665  
1872 A Washington Court  
Mrs. Lori A. Smith

*Lori A. Smith*  
Sincerely yours,

1. I would like to extend my support of the action your  
are taking in the Persian Gulf Crisis. I believe that we  
need to nip the actions of this madman in the bud.  
2. But as a wife of a staff sergeant deployed over there  
at this time, I beg you that whatever you plan to do, please  
do it quickly. My husband, as well as the thousands of others  
over there are not used to the heat of the Saudi Arabian  
desert. It also seems, and I realize that we do not get the  
whole picture on the news, that the longer we wait to take  
action the more the situation worsens. So for the sake of  
our men and women deployed there and also for the sake of  
the hostages, please do something soon. Thank you for your  
time.

Dear Pres. Bush

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington D.C. 20500

*Robert F. Smith / Smith & Co. Saudi Arabia*

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Dear President Bush, P-51A

at 6:30 AM 8-29-98 - my son-in-law left for Saudi Arabia. He is a Master Sgt. in Strategic Air Command. We are all very upset over this, but he called us last night from McGuire AFB to say good bye and he told us how much he loved us. I think the most important thing he said was this: "President Bush knows what he is doing, and if something happens to me, just remember that it happened because I was trying to keep you safe"

I know that you are probably getting millions of letters like this, but I think what my son-in-law says, speaks very highly of patriotism.

His name is RAY C. Dowd,

and he said he was a little scared to go, but this is what they were trained for.

Thank you for taking care of the world.

I would also like to thank you for handling this whole affair so strongly and we are behind you 100%

Very Sincerely,  
Joyce Houk

Joyce Houk  
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Freeport PA 16229



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She headed to Charleston, S.C., said she is regrettable that the Navy opted to ship her husband to Camp Lejeune, N.C., she accepts the military calling, she said she isn't worried about three months away from her husband of two years.

"It's 90 days," she said Sunday. "It is a year. I'll worry about it. Down inside, I just sort of had a gut feel. I just sort of knew we'd be reunited. The timing that's really sticky. We're in a house (Friday) at 1 o'clock. And I just got a dog."

Riverson said that both she and her husband, a hospital worker, are ready to go wherever -- and wherever -- needed. Like other reservists, they will be proud and ordered to report on Wednesday.

"To be really honest, originally I joined navy for school. But I've always regretted that I do live in America that's why, when that flag goes up on this morning I was getting my son out of the car thinking 'Dad' -- and I could go off and you have to attend and you salute and you're proud."

*He wants to characterize also.*

Capt. Noel Wilson of the U.S. Navy Reserve said he expects the activation to be the beginning of a series of recalls.

Wilson said that the medical personnel from many U.S. Military bases have been sent overseas, and that the newly activated recruits will fill their medical positions at base hospitals in Annapolis, Md., Charleston, or Camp Lejeune.

Because Minnesota has a high number of people trained in health and medical fields, many have been recalled. Most of the reservists called up are medical hospital corpsmen and women, but those activated cover the spectrum of medical services and include doctors and nurses.

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Dear Mr. Bush

I know you are very busy at this point in time. You probably don't need anymore feed-back than what you have had, but please bear with me. I feel I need to express some of my feelings and concerns.

As a citizen of the United States I feel you have very good decisions. I am with you with my full support. I admire your firm stand especially with such a terrible minded person.

As a mother of the sailor who is proud to be part of the United States Navy, I still support your decisions. I must let you know that I am like all other mothers, scared to death for my son. You have a good and proud sailor. Thanks to my employer, Dr. Julian Gomez, and my husband, Antozore, we were able to drop everything and leave to see my son off. Since the airlines were charging \$1,100 for one person round trip,

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we drove to Norfolk Va. and chanced it out to get there on time. God was with us, we made it.

I must tell you, you have good, decent men on your side. My son's C.O. gave my son the day off to spend with us. Even though this was his last day, he, as a proud sailor and concern son gave us a tour of his ship. He reassured <sup>(even)</sup> me the ship was large (larger than the empire state building) and the length being 4.5 acres. His ship is CV67 of K.

As a human being, please continue negotiations for all our people being held against their will. I know that they feel scared and frustrated. God is with them.

And finally as a wife of a Viet Nam veteran and mother of a son during this crisis please don't allow another Viet Nam war.

My prayers remain with you all. God continue being your best friend and advisor.

Shirley

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Support

President George Bush

August 20, 1990

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

I'm writing this in support of your decisions regarding Iraq. I don't envy your job at this difficult time.

My son (Thomas Troy Nordyke - E3 in - H55) is on the "Ike" (USS Eisenhower).

My son also supports your decisions. In touring the countries of the Mediterranean, he made some new friends and came to realize that the smaller countries need the help from the United States. He writes... "about the reason for our presence in ~~the~~ the Mediterranean... that's what we're here for."

Of course I'd rather have him home, but what he's doing is very important and we couldn't be any more proud of him.

Sincerely,

Denise Ann Weber

4810 Holt, Bellaire, Texas 77401

Denise Ann Weber  
4810 Holt  
Bellaire, Texas 77401

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F T T J R  
CHERYL BRINSON BYERLY  
P.O. Box 273285  
Houston, Texas 77277-3285

August 8, 1990

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

Dear President Bush:

My name is Cheryl Brinson Byerly and I wish to express my unqualified support of your actions regarding the crisis in the Middle East.

I am engaged to be married to GySgt. William C. Wilson currently deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Inchon. Yesterday, 08/07/90, was one of the most painful and proud days of my life. We have been separated geographically, I live in Houston, and was unable to travel to Morehead City to wish him farewell and Godspeed; but, I know in my heart he appreciates my feelings nonetheless. This brief statement of fact all leads to the following paragraph.

Again, I want to make you aware of my unconditional support. Yes, as I am sure you realize, this is a very difficult time for us all; but, I believe as Americans we will be victorious. My one request to you is that we do not allow another situation like the Vietnam conflict to arise. The Vietnam conflict did

CHERYL BRINSON BYERLY

did much to destroy faith and patriotism in our great nation and we should never allow such things to happen again. If our involvement in the Middle East is necessary, and I believe it is, we must take action to end the crisis as expeditiously as possible. I understand that war is unpleasant and there will be many protests from many Americans. We must stand together as a country and support our men and women in their efforts to protect our values. We should not allow the American public to become disillusioned and the service members to be treated as the troops returned from Vietnam. Please, lets work together to keep the patriotism renaissance strong.

I offer my prayer to the men and women in the armed services, you, the American people, and the world; God bless us all.

Sincerely,

*Cheryl Brinson Byerly*  
Cheryl Brinson Byerly

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31 Aug 90

Dear Mr. Bush:

You certainly do not need a letter from a plain plug citizen;  
But you do need to know that I think you are doing a grand job  
with this thing in Iraq--and showing extreme patience.

The Ambassador from Kuwait said on TV that his country would  
pay the bill--figure up what you need and tell him to cut  
you a check.

My son, Charles Jr., a career Marine has volunteered to go over--  
and he would do you a good job. My son-in-law and daughter are  
at the base close to Adana, Turkey. He works on the jet  
planes in the Air Force and I know he will do you a good  
job too.

And my older brother, who went thru North Africa in WW II  
told our father on his return about the aRabs--the only thing they  
understand is the business end of a rifle. And I believed him.  
I am now at the point where I think you will need to sink ships, blow  
planes from the sky, and level everything standing in Iraq.  
I am afraid that our faint of heart americans will not stay with  
you if this thing lasts too long a period of time.

Most respectfully,

*Charles D. Michael*  
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*P.S. Attached is from Amarillo people--*

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# A long 'Desert Shield' won't serve U.S. well

So far President Bush has masterfully handled the crisis in the Middle East, but to retain support at home he must be careful not to embroil the United States in a prolonged and costly military exercise.

Both Democrats and Republicans have been effusive in their praise of Bush's diplomacy. The president has successfully garnered international support for an economic boycott of Iraq, won United Nations backing for military enforcement of the blockade and enlisted the cooperation of Arab military forces in fending off Saddam Hussein's aggression.

Those steps justify bipartisan congressional support. But if the confrontation continues, Bush's popularity may begin to lag. The prices this nation paid during the Vietnam War are still remembered by many Americans.

According to House Majority Whip William Gray, D-Pa., Congress will continue to support Bush's actions "provided we do not get into a protracted struggle where the goals are not clear, where there's loss of life and there does not seem to be an opportunity for victory."

The cost of Operation Desert Shield is also a cause for some concern. The Pentagon has doubled its estimates of costs so far of the troop deployment from \$1.18 billion to at least \$2.5 billion.

"As time goes on, there's going to be a strain," said Rep. Amo Houghton, R-N.Y., a member of the House Budget Committee.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., predicted Congress and the president may have to scale back by as much as \$15 billion the amount they

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hope to shave from the budget deficit next year.

Furthermore, the success of the operation could be compromised unless Congress and the White House manage to reach a budget agreement by Oct. 1. If they fail to meet that deadline and avert the automatic cuts required by the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction act, the Pentagon could face a 35 percent reduction in operating appropriations.

A prolonged military operation in the Middle East is in no one's best interest. Those lessons are part of the tragic legacy of Vietnam. A protracted military struggle based on murky political objectives and without any clearcut idea of victory will not only undermine public support, but also sap the morale of U.S. fighting forces.

So far, Bush has handled the crisis well. His decisive action has given him widespread support. He must keep in mind that the United States cannot become militarily or politically bogged down in a land war on the Arabian peninsula.

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Dear President Bush:

I am writing this as my son, my only son, is on his way to the Middle East. My heart is nearly worrying about him but I know it has to be to preserve world peace.

We think you're doing a Great Job & Support you 100%. If this has to be, it does, but lets get it over with & not let it be another Vietnam... Just do the job & let all those boys come home!!!

My Son - Jehn Sgt. Steven C. Gess is a

Career USAF & I've always been proud of his Choice of Careers & quite proud of his accomplished & the numerous awards received. Hes a wonderful Person Son, Husband & Father... We all miss him terribly & hope he'll be home soon!!

Sincerely,

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