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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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August 14, 1990

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *CW*  
FROM:               EDWARD E. McNALLY *EM*  
SUBJECT:           TOMORROW'S ADDRESS AT THE PENTAGON

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Your remarks (8-9 minutes, on teleprompter), drafted in cooperation with Richard Haass and others at NSC, are intended to state clearly and forcefully why we are in the Persian Gulf and what America's interests and objectives are. At the same time, the remarks are also designed to disabuse any who may be swayed by Iraq's false claims that their naked aggression represents some kind of "holy war" between America and the Arabs, or between the "haves" and the "have-nots."

McNally/Simon  
August 14, 1990  
Draft Six (B:IRAQ)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: THE PENTAGON  
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15, 1990, 11:30 A.M.

At ease! \\ Thank you, Secretary Cheney and General Powell. And thank you, each of you, for joining us today -- and for your hard work in defense of freedom and America every day.

Over the past ten days you have launched what history will judge as one of the most important deployments of allied military power since the Second World War.

As I told the American people last week, let no one underestimate our determination to confront aggression. It's you -- the men and women of the Department of Defense -- who turn these words into deeds that transform hope and promise into reality.

I have just received a briefing from Secretary Cheney and General Powell. Our objectives remain clear: **the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of all Iraqi forces from Kuwait; the restoration of Kuwait's legitimate government; security and stability of Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf; and protection of the lives of American citizens abroad.** If we stay the course, and we will, we will achieve these honorable goals.

We have worked for decades to develop an international order -- a common code and rule of law that promotes cooperation in place of conflict. This order is imperfect; we know that. But without it, peace and freedom are impossible. \\ The Rule of Law gives way to the Law of the Jungle. \\ So when the question is asked: where does America stand? I answer:

**America stands where it always has -- against aggression.**

Today, the brave American and allied forces are keeping watch along the sands and off the shores of Saudi Arabia. They are there for a purpose: To serve the cause of justice and freedom -- a cause the world supports. \\\

But Saddam Hussein would have us believe that his unprovoked invasion of a friendly Arab nation is a struggle between Arabs and Americans. That is clearly false. It is Saddam who lied to his Arab neighbors. It is Saddam who invaded an Arab state. It is Saddam who now threatens the Arab nation. We, by contrast, seek only to assist our Arab friends in their hour of need. \\\

Saddam has claimed that this is a holy war of Arab against Infidel. This from the man who has gassed the men, women and children of his own country -- who invaded Iran in a war that cost the lives of more than half a million Muslims -- and who now plunders Kuwait. \\\

Atrocities are being committed by Saddam's soldiers and henchmen. Saddam's thugs seized Kuwait with all the discipline of a street gang, beating and killing, raping and looting. \\\

Saddam would also have us believe that this is a struggle between the "haves" and the "have nots." But Iraq is one of the haves -- next to Saudi Arabia, Iraq has the largest pool of oil reserves in the world. Thanks only to Saddam's ruinous policies of war, his chief accomplishment to date has been to transform wealth into poverty. It is the Iraqi people who suffer today because of the raw territorial ambition of their ruthless leader.

Our action in the Gulf is not about religion, greed, or cultural differences -- as Iraq's leader would have us believe. Nor is it about five cents a gallon at the gas pump. What is at stake is truly vital.

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We are also talking about maintaining access to energy resources that are key -- not just to the functioning of this country, but to the entire world. Our jobs, our way of life, our freedom would all suffer if control of the world's great oil reserves fell into the wrong hands. And let me assure you -- there are few hands more wrong than those of Saddam Hussein. \\\

We have made our stand -- not simply to protect resources or real estate, but to protect the freedom of nations. We are making good on longstanding assurances to protect and defend our friends, who have the courage to stand up to evil and are asking for our help.

We are striking a blow for the principle that might does not make right. \\\ Kuwait is small. But one conquered nation -- like one neighborhood bully -- is one too many.

A half-century ago our nation and the world paid dearly for appeasing an aggressor who should -- and could -- have been stopped. We are not about to make the same mistake twice.

World War II also taught us that the lust for power must be curbed early. Saddam Hussein seeks to dominate the Middle East and all its resources. He must never get the chance. Now is the time to make sure. \\\

Today, Saddam Hussein's Iraq has been cut off by the Arab and Islamic nations that surround it. The Arab League itself has condemned Iraq's aggression. We stand with them -- and we are not alone. Voluntary sanctions are working. The armies and air forces of Egypt, Morocco, the United Kingdom, and the Gulf Cooperation Council states are shoulder to shoulder with us in Saudi Arabia's defense. Ships of numerous countries are sailing with ours to see that U.N. sanctions -- approved without dissent -- are enforced. Together we must ensure that no goods get in - - and that not one drop of oil gets out.

The American people are with us. Congress is with us. Our allies are with us. And the vast majority of the Arab people are with us. No one should doubt our staying power or determination.

We are in a new era -- one full of promise. But events of the past two weeks are a stark and dangerous reminder that the world remains a dangerous place. There is no substitute for American leadership, and American leadership can not be effective in the absence of American strength. \\\

I know that this strength does not come cheaply or easily. You pay for it every day in the work you do, in the sacrifices you make, in the time you spend away from your families. I am relying on you to shape the forces of the future -- to preserve peace and freedom in the face of new threats and new dangers.

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They are there for a purpose. To serve the cause of justice and freedom -- a cause the world supports. But Saddam Hussein would have us believe otherwise. \\ \\ **Saddam would have us believe that his unprovoked invasion of a friendly Arab nation is a struggle between Arabs and Americans.** But the ties between the Arab peoples and the American people are both long and deep. Since 1777, when Morocco became one of the first to recognize the United States, Arab traditions and Arab immigrants have enriched our Nation. Our friendships with the countries of the Middle East have long been based on mutual respect and cooperation.

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15, 1990, ~~10:45~~ A.M.  
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Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON TODAY, Tuesday, August 14. with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON TODAY, Tuesday, August 14. with a copy to my office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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Jim and Richard Haass concern  
w/ the attached suggestions.  
Please call me if you can't  
read.*

*Thanks,  
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James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
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--It is good to be among so many fellow servicemen and women.

--Virtually all of you have in one way or another been involved in planning, supporting and directing one of the most important deployments of American military power in recent history.

--I come here today to pay tribute to you all and to your many colleagues now in Saudi Arabia or off its shores.

--I have just received a briefing from Secretary Cheney and General Powell. You and they should know that what they have been asked to do is of the utmost importance.

--Our objectives are clear and unchanging: the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of all Iraqi forces from Kuwait and the restoration of Kuwait's legitimate government.

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--The international community has for the first time in 23 years agreed to comprehensive and mandatory sanctions under Chapter VII of the UN charter.

--Individual and collective compliance with these sanctions is almost universal. In addition, the United States, at the request of the Amir of Kuwait, is coordinating a multinational force to ensure that no oil or other goods can either enter or leave Iraq.

--US forces are also arriving in Saudi Arabia to join the Saudis and forces from a number of Arab and European countries to deter and if need be defend against an Iraqi attack on that country or other friendly states in the Gulf region.

--Our goal in all of this is to lead Saddam and the Iraqi people to realize that the illegal attempt to conquer Kuwait cannot succeed and that Iraq will only lose more than it gains by occupation or by attacking another of its neighbors.

--I understand that this strategy could take some time to work. It will also entail some costs. But the costs are more than justified by the stakes.

--Some question our policy, claiming what all this is about is five cents per gallon of gasoline. They suggest that with smaller cars or a bit less driving we could easily accept what Saddam Hussein has done.

--Let me use this opportunity today to disabuse these people. What is at stake is truly vital to the United States.

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--We are not alone. Ships of...countries are sailing with ours to see that UN sanctions are enforced. The armies of...countries are shoulder to shoulder with us in Saudi Arabia's defense.

--Saudi Arabia will again be secure, and Kuwait will again be free. The UN Security Council unanimously condemned Iraq's so-called annexation of Kuwait. Even Iraq seems to have discarded its puppet regime. And I have received reports that the brave people of Kuwait are resisting Iraqi occupation and fighting for their freedom.

--I want to say something else here today about Kuwait and its people. The Kuwaiti ambassador told me of the atrocities and violations being committed by Saddam's soldiers and henchmen. I wonder: how can this most unholy of men presume to declare a holy war on anyone?

--Saddam, almost daily, tries to distract us. He tries to convince us that this is a struggle between the "haves" and the "have nots". But thanks to his ruinous policies of arming and war, his only accomplishment to date has been to transform the wealthy country of Iraq into a poor nation.

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--A great responsibility is being placed upon your shoulders. It is a challenge that you can only meet if given the resources. I pledge to work for a defense budget that provides what you need.

--As Commander-in Chief, I salute you. I thank you. And I join people everywhere in praying for you, for your colleagues in the field, and for the United States of America.

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