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VIDEO ADDRESS TO THE IRAQI PEOPLE \ THE WHITE HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 12, 1990 \ 7:30 A. M.

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THE ACTIONS OF YOUR LEADERSHIP HAVE PUT IRAQ AT ODDS WITH THE WORLD COMMUNITY. BUT WHILE THOSE ACTIONS HAVE BROUGHT US TO THE BRINK OF CONFLICT -- WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE. // IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO BRING THIS CRISIS TO A PEACEFUL END. //

WHEN WE STAND WITH KUWAIT -- AGAINST AGGRESSION -- WE STAND FOR A PRINCIPLE WELL UNDERSTOOD IN THE ARAB WORLD. LET ME QUOTE THE WORDS OF ONE ARAB LEADER, SADDAM HUSSEIN HIMSELF: "AN ARAB COUNTRY DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO OCCUPY ANOTHER ARAB COUNTRY.... GOD FORBID, IF IRAQ SHOULD DEVIATE FROM THE RIGHT PATH, WE WOULD WANT THE ARABS TO SEND THEIR ARMIES TO PUT THINGS RIGHT. IF IRAQ SHOULD BECOME INTOXICATED BY ITS POWER, AND MOVED TO OVERWHELM ANOTHER ARAB STATE, THE ARABS WOULD BE RIGHT TO DEPLOY THEIR ARMIES TO CHECK IT."

// THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF YOUR LEADER -- SADDAM HUSSEIN --SPOKEN ON NOVEMBER 28, 1988, IN A SPEECH TO ARAB LAWYERS. //

TODAY, TWO YEARS LATER, SADDAM HAS INVADED AND
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

90 SEP 10 P7:17

September 10, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMcG*
SUBJECT: VIDEO ADDRESS TO THE IRAQI PEOPLE

Attached are the proposed remarks for the video address to the Iraqi people, prepared with input from the NSC.

Taping for the video message is scheduled for this Wednesday.

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McGroarty/Dooley
September 10, 1990
6:30 pm
[IRAQ.TV]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VIDEO ADDRESS TO THE IRAQI PEOPLE
THE WHITE HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 12, 1990
XX:XX PM?

I wish to take this opportunity to make an honest effort to explain to the people of Iraq why the United States -- and the international community -- has responded as it has to Iraq's occupation of Kuwait. My purpose is not to trade accusations -- not to escalate the war of words -- but to speak with candor about what has caused this crisis that confronts us.

Let there be no misunderstanding: We have no quarrel with the people of Iraq. I have said many times, and I will repeat right now: our only object is to oppose the invasion ordered by Saddam Hussein. //

On August 2, your leadership made its decision to mount that invasion -- an unprovoked attack on a small nation that posed no threat to your own. Kuwait was the victim. Iraq, the aggressor -- and the world met Iraq's invasion with a chorus of condemnation: 5 unanimous resolutions in the United Nations. / 27 states -- rich and poor, Arab, Muslim, Asian and African -- have answered the call of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and sent forces to the Gulf Region to defend against Iraq. / For the first time in history, 13 states of the Arab league -- a full 80 percent of the Arab nations -- have condemned a brother Arab

state. / Today -- opposed by world opinion -- Iraq stands isolated and alone. //

I do not believe that you -- the people of Iraq -- want war. You have borne untold suffering and hardship, during eight long years of war with Iran -- a war that touched the life of every single Iraqi citizen. A war that took the lives of 380,000 young men -- the bright promise of an entire generation. / No one knows better than you the incalculable costs of war -- the ultimate cost when a nation's vast potential and vital energies are consumed by conflict. / No one knows what Iraq might be today -- what prosperity and peace you might now enjoy -- had your leaders not plunged you into war. //

Now, once again, Iraq finds itself on the brink of war. Once again, the same Iraqi leadership has miscalculated. Once again, the people of Iraq face tragedy.

Your government tells you that Iraqi troops were invited into Kuwait. In fact -- in the face of far superior force -- the people of Kuwait have bravely waged resistance against this occupation. / Your own returning soldiers will tell you the Kuwaitis are fighting valiantly in any way they can. //

Your government tells you that this crisis is a struggle between Iraq and America. In fact, it is Iraq against the world. // When President Gorbachev and I met at Helsinki, we agreed that no peaceful international order is possible if larger states can devour their neighbors. / Never before has world opinion been so solidly united against aggression. //

Nor -- until the invasion of Kuwait -- has the United States been opposed to Iraq. In the past, the United States has helped Iraq import billions of dollars worth of food and other commodities. And the war with Iran would not have ended two years ago without U.S. support and sponsorship in the United Nations. //

Your government tells you the occupation of Kuwait will benefit the poorer nations of the world. In fact, the occupation of Kuwait is helping no one -- and is now hurting you, the Iraqi people, and countless others of the world's poor. / Instead of acquiring new oil wealth by annexing Kuwait, this misguided act of aggression will cost Iraq over \$20 billion dollars a year in lost oil revenues. //

Because of Iraq's aggression, hundreds of thousands of innocent foreign workers are fleeing Kuwait and Iraq. They are stranded on Iraq's borders -- without shelter, without food, without medicine -- with no way home. / These refugees are suffering -- and this is shameful. / But even worse, others are being held hostage in Iraq and Kuwait. Hostage taking punishes the innocent and separates families. It is barbaric. It will not work -- and it will not affect my ability to make tough decisions. //

I do not want to add to the suffering of the people of Iraq. The United Nations has put sanctions in place not to punish the Iraqi people -- but as a peaceful means to convince your

leadership to withdraw from Kuwait. That decision is in the hands of your government. //

The pain you now experience is a direct result of the path your leadership has chosen. When Iraq returns to the path of peace -- when Iraqi troops withdraw from Kuwait, when that nation's rightful government is restored, when all foreigners held against their will are released: then -- and then alone -- will we lift the sanctions. //

Perhaps your government does not appreciate the strength of the forces united against it. / Let me say clearly: there is no way Iraq can win. Ultimately, Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait.

No one -- not the American people, not this President -- wants war. // I have seen the face of battle. As a young man, 18 years old, I served as a Navy pilot in the Second World War. In that war I lost friends -- I lost any illusions I might have had that war is grand or glorious. But I emerged from that experience certain -- certain beyond doubt that there are times when a nation -- when all nations who value the principles of sovereignty and independence -- must stand against aggression.

As Americans, we are slow to raise our hand in anger -- and eager to explore every peaceful means of settling our disputes. But when we have exhausted every alternative -- when conflict is thrust upon us -- there is no nation on earth with greater resolve or stronger steadiness of purpose. //

The actions of your leadership have put Iraq at odds with the world community. But while those actions have brought us to

the brink of conflict -- war is not inevitable. // It is still possible to bring this crisis to a peaceful end. //

When we stand with Kuwait -- against aggression -- we stand for a moral imperative well understood in the Arab world. Let me quote the words of one leader: "An Arab country does not have the right to occupy another Arab country.... God forbid, if Iraq should deviate from the right path, we would want the Arabs to send their armies to put things right. If Iraq should become intoxicated by its power, and moved to overwhelm another Arab state, the Arabs would be right to deploy their armies to check it."

// Those are the words of your leader, Saddam Hussein, spoken two years ago.

There is no better justification for the actions we are taking today -- and no stronger reason that our cause will prevail.

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VIDEO ADDRESS TO THE IRAQI PEOPLE
THE WHITE HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 12, 1990
7:30 A. M.

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LET THERE BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING: WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ. I HAVE SAID MANY TIMES, AND I WILL REPEAT RIGHT NOW: OUR ONLY OBJECT IS TO OPPOSE THE INVASION ORDERED BY SADDAM HUSSEIN. //

ON AUGUST 2, YOUR LEADERSHIP MADE ITS DECISION TO
INVADE --AN UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON A SMALL NATION THAT
POSED NO THREAT TO YOUR OWN. KUWAIT WAS THE VICTIM.
IRAQ, THE AGGRESSOR -- AND THE WORLD MET IRAQ'S
INVASION WITH A CHORUS OF CONDEMNATION: 5 UNANIMOUS
RESOLUTIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS. / 27 STATES --
RICH AND POOR, ARAB, MUSLIM, ASIAN AND AFRICAN -- HAVE
ANSWERED THE CALL OF SAUDI ARABIA AND FREE KUWAIT, AND
SENT FORCES TO THE GULF REGION TO DEFEND AGAINST IRAQ.
/ FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, 13 STATES OF THE ARAB
LEAGUE -- REPRESENTING 80 PERCENT OF THE ARAB NATION
-- HAVE CONDEMNED A BROTHER ARAB STATE. / TODAY --
OPPOSED BY WORLD OPINION -- IRAQ STANDS ISOLATED AND
ALONE. //

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT YOU -- THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ -- WANT WAR. YOU HAVE BORNE UNTOLD SUFFERING AND HARDSHIP, DURING EIGHT LONG YEARS OF WAR WITH IRAN -- A WAR THAT TOUCHED THE LIFE OF EVERY SINGLE IRAQI CITIZEN. A WAR THAT TOOK THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG MEN -- THE BRIGHT PROMISE OF AN ENTIRE GENERATION. / NO ONE KNOWS BETTER THAN YOU THE INCALCULABLE COSTS OF WAR -- THE ULTIMATE COST WHEN A NATION'S VAST POTENTIAL AND VITAL ENERGIES ARE CONSUMED BY CONFLICT. / NO ONE KNOWS WHAT IRAQ MIGHT BE TODAY -- WHAT PROSPERITY AND PEACE YOU MIGHT NOW ENJOY -- HAD YOUR LEADERS NOT PLUNGED YOU INTO WAR. //

NOW, ONCE AGAIN, IRAQ FINDS ITSELF ON THE BRINK OF WAR. ONCE AGAIN, THE SAME IRAQI LEADERSHIP HAS MISCALCULATED. ONCE AGAIN, THE IRAQI PEOPLE FACE TRAGEDY.

SADDAM HUSSEIN HAS TOLD YOU THAT IRAQI TROOPS WERE INVITED INTO KUWAIT. THAT IS NOT TRUE. IN FACT -- IN THE FACE OF FAR SUPERIOR FORCE -- THE PEOPLE OF KUWAIT ARE BRAVELY RESISTING THIS OCCUPATION. / YOUR OWN RETURNING SOLDIERS WILL TELL YOU THE KUWAITIS ARE FIGHTING VALIANTLY IN ANY WAY THEY CAN. //

SADDAM HUSSEIN TELLS YOU THAT THIS CRISIS IS A STRUGGLE BETWEEN IRAQ AND AMERICA. IN FACT, IT IS IRAQ AGAINST THE WORLD. // WHEN PRESIDENT GORBACHEV AND I MET AT HELSINKI, WE AGREED THAT NO PEACEFUL INTERNATIONAL ORDER IS POSSIBLE IF LARGER STATES CAN DEVOUR THEIR NEIGHBORS. / NEVER BEFORE HAS WORLD OPINION BEEN SO SOLIDLY UNITED AGAINST AGGRESSION. //

NOR -- UNTIL THE INVASION OF KUWAIT -- HAS THE UNITED STATES BEEN OPPOSED TO IRAQ. IN THE PAST, THE UNITED STATES HAS HELPED IRAQ IMPORT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF FOOD AND OTHER COMMODITIES. AND THE WAR WITH IRAN WOULD NOT HAVE ENDED TWO YEARS AGO WITHOUT U.S. SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS. //

SADDAM HUSSEIN TELLS YOU THE OCCUPATION OF KUWAIT WILL BENEFIT THE POORER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. IN FACT, THE OCCUPATION OF KUWAIT IS HELPING NO ONE -- AND IS NOW HURTING YOU, THE IRAQI PEOPLE, AND COUNTLESS OTHERS OF THE WORLD'S POOR. / INSTEAD OF ACQUIRING NEW OIL WEALTH BY ANNEXING KUWAIT, THIS MISGUIDED ACT OF AGGRESSION WILL COST IRAQ OVER \$20 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN LOST OIL REVENUES. //

BECAUSE OF IRAQ'S AGGRESSION, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT FOREIGN WORKERS ARE FLEEING KUWAIT AND IRAQ. THEY ARE STRANDED ON IRAQ'S BORDERS -- WITHOUT SHELTER, WITHOUT FOOD, WITHOUT MEDICINE -- WITH NO WAY HOME. / THESE REFUGEES ARE SUFFERING -- AND THIS IS SHAMEFUL. / BUT EVEN WORSE, OTHERS ARE BEING HELD HOSTAGE IN IRAQ AND KUWAIT. HOSTAGE TAKING PUNISHES THE INNOCENT AND SEPARATES FAMILIES. IT IS BARBARIC. IT WILL NOT WORK -- AND IT WILL NOT AFFECT MY ABILITY TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS. //

I DO NOT WANT TO ADD TO THE SUFFERING OF THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS PUT BINDING SANCTIONS IN PLACE NOT TO PUNISH THE IRAQI PEOPLE -- BUT AS A PEACEFUL MEANS TO CONVINCING YOUR LEADERSHIP TO WITHDRAW FROM KUWAIT. THAT DECISION IS IN THE HANDS OF SADDAM HUSSEIN. //

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on our telecon.
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[IRAQ.TV]

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VIDEO ADDRESS TO THE IRAQI PEOPLE
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I have been consulting with leaders from around the world, including most recently President Gorbachev, and decided I should [Greeting.] ~~I wish to take this opportunity to make an~~

~~honest effort to explain to the people of Iraq why the United States in concert with our friends and allies~~ ^{international community} has responded ^{it has to Iraq's occupation of Kuwait} as ~~we have since the events of~~ August 2. My purpose is not to trade accusations -- not to escalate the war of words -- but to speak with candor about what has caused this crisis that confronts us. //

On August 2, your leadership made its decision to mount an unprovoked attack on a small, ^{vulnerable} nation that posed no threat to your own. ^{Insert #1} ~~Kuwait was the victim. Iraq, the aggressor~~ ^{It should not have been a surprise that} ~~and the~~ world met Iraq's invasion with a chorus of condemnation. ^{Insert #2} // In ^{five UN resolutions were passed unanimously.} the month and more since then, ²⁰ ~~nations~~ ^{rich and poor, including Arabs, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and sent forces to the Gulf} ~~of the Gulf nations~~ ^{and Muslims, Western, Asians and Africans} to ~~provide defensive assistance~~ against Iraq.

/ Today -- opposed by world opinion -- Iraq stands isolated and alone. //

① Let there be no misunderstanding: ④ our only object is to oppose the invasion ordered by Saddam Hussein. ③ I have said many times, and I will repeat right now: We have no quarrel with the people of Iraq.

The love of justice and freedom, respect for tolerance and dignity are principles honored under the ancient laws of Islam,

as in the traditions of the West. There is no reason that we must live in animosity -- and no desire in the hearts of the American people to seek conflict with your country. America itself is home to more than xx million Muslims -- who are free to live, work and worship in accord with the traditions and teachings of Islam.

~~Now~~ ^{do not} do I believe that you, the people of Iraq, want war. You have borne untold suffering and hardship, during eight long years of war with Iran -- a war that touched the life of every single Iraqi citizen. A war that took the ^{yes} ~~life~~ of 380,000 young men -- the bright promise of an entire generation. / No one knows better than you the incalculable costs of war -- the ultimate cost when a nation's vast potential and vital energies are consumed by conflict. / No one knows what Iraq might be today -- what prosperity and peace you might now enjoy -- had your leaders not plunged you into ^{that} war. //

Now ^{the same Iraqi} ~~once~~ again, Iraq finds itself on the brink of war, ^{Once again,} ~~led on~~ by a leadership ^{miscalculated.} ~~that has woven a web of falsehoods to justify its dangerous course of action.~~

^{government kills you} You ~~have been told~~ that Iraqi troops were invited into Kuwait. In fact -- in the face of far superior force -- the people of Kuwait have bravely waged resistance against this occupation. ^{The leadership claimed to have popular Kuwaiti support for its actions, but your own returning soldiers will tell you} ^{government kills you} You ~~have been told~~ that this crisis is a struggle between Iraq and America. In fact, it is Iraq against the world. / ^{the} Never before has world opinion been so united against an act of

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aggression: 5 unanimous resolutions passed by the United Nations Security Council -- including the Soviet Union and China. Forces from ²⁷ ~~26~~ nations ^{will be} serving side-by-side in the Gulf region -- many of them fellow nations of the Muslim world, ^{and} members of the Arab league.

Nor -- until the invasion of Kuwait -- has the United States been opposed to Iraq. In the past, the United States ^{helped} ~~has loaned~~ Iraq ^{import} billions of dollars ^{worth of} ~~for~~ food and other ^{commodities.} ~~imports~~ -- ~~And the war supported Iraq in its conflict with Iran would not have ended 2 years ago without US sponsorship of UNSC resolution 598.~~

^{govt. tells you} You ~~have been told~~ the occupation of Kuwait will benefit the poorer nations ^{of the} world. In fact, the ^{occupation of Kuwait is} ~~decision to invade will bring~~ ^{helping} ~~riches to no one~~ -- and is ^{hurting you, the} ~~now impoverishing~~ Iraq ^{people} itself, as well as ^{other third} world countries. Instead of acquiring new oil wealth by annexing Kuwait, this ^{World} ~~misguided act of aggression will cost Iraq over \$20 billion~~ ^{countries.} ~~dollars a year in lost oil revenues.~~ // #3

~~I do not want to add to the suffering of the Iraqi people. Neither does~~ ^{let me speak for a moment about the embargo on all trade} ~~into and out of Iraq.~~ ^{wish to} The international community ~~put these~~ ^{The United Nations} ~~sanctions in place not~~ to punish the Iraqi people, ~~but~~ ^{as a} ~~one~~ ^{mandated} ~~as a~~ ^{sanctions} ~~peaceful means to convince your leadership to~~ ^{withdraw from} ~~abide by the will~~ of the international community and the rule of law. ~~But that~~ ^{of your government.} ~~is in the hands~~

The pain you now experience is a direct result of the path your leadership has chosen. When Iraq returns to the path of peace -- when Iraqi troops withdraw from Kuwait, when that nation's rightful government is restored, when all foreigners held against their will are released: then -- and then alone -- ^{can} ~~will~~ we lift the sanctions. //

There is no way Iraq can win. Iraq will withdraw from Kuwait. Perhaps your government does not appreciate the strength of the forces arrayed against it.

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18 years old, I served as a Navy pilot in the Second World War. In that war I lost friends -- I lost any illusions I might have had that war is grand or glorious. But I emerged from that experience certain -- certain beyond doubt that there are times when a nation -- when all nations who value the principles of sovereignty and independence -- must stand against aggression.

~~I believe I speak for all~~ ^{As} Americans when I say we are slow to raise our hand in anger -- and eager to explore every peaceful means of settling our disputes. ^{if the Iraqi leadership continues to} But ~~when we have exhausted every~~ ^{defy the world community and remains in Kuwait then,} ~~alternative -- when conflict is thrust upon us,~~ ^{and if it comes to that,} ~~there is no~~ nation on earth with greater resolve or stronger steadiness of purpose. ^{will be} // than the United States.

The actions of your leadership have put Iraq at odds with the world community. But while those actions have brought us to the brink of conflict -- war is not inevitable. // It is still possible to bring this crisis to a peaceful end. / ~~So today, as I conclude this message to all Iraqis, I assure you that my prayers are for peace -- for an early and peaceful resolution of this conflict -- and for Iraq's return to the family of nations.~~

May both our peoples -- as it is written in the Koran -- ~~"incline towards peace, and trust in God."~~ ^{[[Thank you....]]}

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And the way for Iraq to do that is to abide by the will of the rest of the world and withdraw from Kuwait.

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I know that Iraq and Kuwait have had their political differences. The United States has avoided taking sides and encouraged you to work out your border and other problems with each other. When Iraq's leaders chose force over diplomacy, it should not have been a surprise...

Insert #2:

For the first time in history, 13 states of the Arab League -- representing 80 percent of the Arab nation -- have condemned a brotherly Arab state.

Insert #3:

And because of Iraq's aggression, hundreds of thousands of innocent workers are fleeing Kuwait and Iraq. They are stranded on Iraq's borders without shelter, without food, without medicine, and without a way to get home. This is shameful. These refugees are suffering. But even worse, others are being held hostage in Iraq and Kuwait. Hostage taking is barbaric. It punishes the innocent and separates families. And it won't work. It will not affect my ability to make tough decisions.

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Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

McGroarty/Dooley
September 10, 1990
9:00 am
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VIDEO ADDRESS TO THE IRAQI PEOPLE
THE WHITE HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 12, 1990
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[Greeting.] I wish to take this opportunity to make an honest effort to explain to the people of Iraq why the United States -- in concert with our friends and allies -- has responded as we have since the events of August 2. My purpose is not to trade accusations -- not to escalate the war of words -- but to speak with candor about what has caused this crisis that confronts us. //

On August 2, your leadership made its decision to mount an unprovoked attack on a small nation that posed no threat to your own. Kuwait was the victim. Iraq, the aggressor -- and the world met Iraq's invasion with a chorus of condemnation. / In the month and more since then, 26 nations have answered the call of the Gulf nations to provide defensive assistance against Iraq. / Today -- opposed by world opinion -- Iraq stands isolated and alone. //

Let there be no misunderstanding: our only object is to oppose the invasion ordered by Saddam Hussein. I have said many times, and I will repeat right now: We have no quarrel with the people of Iraq.

The love of justice and freedom, respect for tolerance and dignity are principles honored under the ancient laws of Islam,

as in the traditions of the West. There is no reason that we must live in animosity -- and no desire in the hearts of the American people to seek conflict with your country. America itself is home to more than xx million Muslims -- who are free to live, work and worship in accord with the traditions and teachings of Islam.

Nor do I believe that you, the people of Iraq, want war. You have borne untold suffering and hardship, during eight long years of war with Iran -- a war that touched the life of every single Iraqi citizen. A war that took the life of 380,000 young men -- the bright promise of an entire generation. / No one knows better than you the incalculable costs of war -- the ultimate cost when a nation's vast potential and vital energies are consumed by conflict. / No one knows what Iraq might be today -- what prosperity and peace you might now enjoy -- had your leaders not plunged you into war. //

Once again, Iraq finds itself on the brink of war -- led on by a leadership that has woven a web of falsehoods to justify its dangerous course of action.

You have been told that Iraqi troops were invited into Kuwait. In fact -- in the face of far superior force -- the people of Kuwait have bravely waged resistance against this occupation. /

You have been told that this crisis is a struggle between Iraq and America. In fact, it is Iraq against the world. / Never before has world opinion been so united against an act of

aggression: 5 unanimous resolutions passed by the United Nations Security Council -- including the Soviet Union and China. Forces from 26 nations serving side-by-side in the Gulf region -- many of them fellow nations of the Muslim world, members of the Arab league.

Nor -- until the invasion of Kuwait -- has the United States been opposed to Iraq. In the past, the United States has loaned Iraq billions of dollars for food and other imports -- and supported Iraq in its conflict with Iran.

You have been told the occupation of Kuwait will benefit the poorer nations ^{of the} world. In fact, the decision to invade will bring riches to no one -- and is now impoverishing Iraq itself.

Instead of acquiring new oil wealth by annexing Kuwait, this misguided act of aggression will cost Iraq over \$20 billion dollars a year in lost oil revenues. //

Let me speak for a moment about the embargo on all trade into and out of Iraq. The international community put these sanctions in place not to punish the Iraqi people -- but as a peaceful means to convince your leadership to abide by the will of the international community and the rule of law.

The pain you now experience is a direct result of the path your leadership has chosen. When Iraq returns to the path of peace -- when Iraqi troops withdraw from Kuwait, when that nation's rightful government is restored, when all foreigners held against their will are released: then -- and then alone -- will we lift the sanctions. //

No one -- not the American people, not this President -- wants war. // I have seen the face of battle. As a young man, 18 years old, I served as a Navy pilot in the Second World War. In that war I lost friends -- I lost any illusions I might have had that war is grand or glorious. But I emerged from that experience certain -- certain beyond doubt that there are times when a nation -- when all nations who value the principles of sovereignty and independence -- must stand against aggression.

I believe I speak for all Americans when I say we are slow to raise our hand in anger -- and eager to explore every peaceful means of settling our disputes. But when we have exhausted every alternative -- when conflict is thrust upon us -- there is no nation on earth with greater resolve or stronger steadiness of purpose. //

The actions of your leadership have put Iraq at odds with the world community. But while those actions have brought us to the brink of conflict -- war is not inevitable. // It is still possible to bring this crisis to a peaceful end. / So today, as I conclude this message to all Iraqis, I assure you that my prayers are for peace -- for an early and peaceful resolution of this conflict -- and for Iraq's return to the family of nations.

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Let there be no misunderstanding: We have no quarrel with the people of Iraq. I have said many times, and I will repeat right now: our only object is to oppose the invasion ordered by Saddam Hussein. //

On August 2, your leadership made its decision to mount that invasion -- an unprovoked attack on a small nation that posed no threat to your own. Kuwait was the victim. Iraq, the aggressor -- and the world met Iraq's invasion with a chorus of condemnation: 5 unanimous resolutions in the United Nations. / 27 states -- rich and poor, Arab, Muslim, Asian and African -- have answered the call of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and sent forces to the Gulf Region to defend against Iraq. / For the first time in history, 13 states of the Arab league -- a full 80 percent of the Arab nations -- have condemned a brother Arab

state. / Today -- opposed by world opinion -- Iraq stands isolated and alone. //

I do not believe that you -- the people of Iraq -- want war. You have borne untold suffering and hardship, during eight long years of war with Iran -- a war that touched the life of every single Iraqi citizen. A war that took the lives of 380,000 young men -- the bright promise of an entire generation. / No one knows better than you the incalculable costs of war -- the ultimate cost when a nation's vast potential and vital energies are consumed by conflict. / No one knows what Iraq might be today -- what prosperity and peace you might now enjoy -- had your leaders not plunged you into war. //

Now, once again, Iraq finds itself on the brink of war. Once again, the same Iraqi leadership has miscalculated. Once again, the people of Iraq face tragedy.

Your government tells you that Iraqi troops were invited into Kuwait. In fact -- in the face of far superior force -- the people of Kuwait have bravely waged resistance against this occupation. / Your own returning soldiers will tell you the Kuwaitis are fighting valiantly in any way they can. //

Your government tells you that this crisis is a struggle between Iraq and America. In fact, it is Iraq against the world. I met in Helsinki this past weekend with President Gorbachev, and I can say that never before has world opinion been so solidly united against aggression. //

Nor -- until the invasion of Kuwait -- has the United States been opposed to Iraq. In the past, the United States has helped Iraq import billions of dollars worth of food and other commodities. And the war with Iran would not have ended two years ago without U.S. support and sponsorship in the United Nations. //

Your government tells you the occupation of Kuwait will benefit the poorer nations of the world. In fact, the occupation of Kuwait is helping no one -- and is now hurting you, the Iraqi people, and countless others of the world's poor. / Instead of acquiring new oil wealth by annexing Kuwait, this misguided act of aggression will cost Iraq over \$20 billion dollars a year in lost oil revenues. //

Because of Iraq's aggression, hundreds of thousands of innocent foreign workers are fleeing Kuwait and Iraq. They are stranded on Iraq's borders -- without shelter, without food, without medicine -- with no way home. / These refugees are suffering -- and this is shameful. / But even worse, others are being held hostage in Iraq and Kuwait. Hostage taking punishes the innocent and separates families. It is barbaric. It will not work -- and it will not affect my ability to make tough decisions. //

I do not want to add to the suffering of the people of Iraq. The United Nations has put sanctions in place not to punish the Iraqi people -- but as a peaceful means to convince your

leadership to withdraw from Kuwait. That decision is in the hands of your government. //

The pain you now experience is a direct result of the path your leadership has chosen. When Iraq returns to the path of peace -- when Iraqi troops withdraw from Kuwait, when that nation's rightful government is restored, when all foreigners held against their will are released: then -- and then alone -- will we lift the sanctions. //

Perhaps your government does not appreciate the strength of the forces united against it. / Let me say clearly: there is no way Iraq can win. Ultimately, Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait.

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When we stand with Kuwait -- against aggression -- we stand for a moral imperative well understood in the Arab world. Let me quote the words of one leader: "An arab country does not have the right to occupy another Arab country.... God forbid, if Iraq should deviate from the right path, we would want the Arabs to send their armies to put things right. If Iraq should become intoxicated by its power, and moved to overwhelm another Arab state, the Arabs would be right to deploy their armies to check it."

Those are the words of your leader, Saddam Hussein, spoken two years ago. / There is no better justification for the actions we're taking today -- and no stronger reason that our cause will prevail.

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