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POW/MIA insert

Col Dave Eberly and Maj Tom Griffith are Prisoners of War. Maj Tom Koritz and Maj Donnie Holland are Missing in Action. We can take comfort in the fact that all are superstars trained and ready for combat.

Tom Koritz is one of five pilots in the Air Force who is also a flight surgeon. It's tough to be a fighter pilot and a physician, but Tom's love of flying is rivaled by his love of healing. He excels at both.

Donnie Holland and Tom Griffith rank among the few Weapon System Officers to fly the F-15E. Only the very best from a selection of highly qualified officers are chosen for this job.

Dave Eberly, as Director of Operations for the 4th, was out in front as always when his people flew into combat. He's a born leader and warrior.

These four of Seymour's finest rank among American's most heroic and resourceful military officers. That doesn't keep us from hurting for them and for Julie Koritz, Cindy Holland, Liz Griffith, Barb Eberly, and all the children. But it offers us confidence and hope for their futures.

*Transition into section on how Saddam will be accountable.*

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SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB - HOME OF 4TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING AND 68TH AIR REFEULING WING. BOTH ARE IN SAUDI. 4TH MOTTO - "4TH BUT 1ST"

LAST SAT., TOWN OF GOLDSBURRO HAD A PROMILITARY PARADE WITH 8,000 PEOPLE. ABOUT 50PERCENT OR 2,000 ACTIVE DUTY ARE LEFT AT THE BASE. THE REST ARE WITH DESERT STORM. FROM S.J. AFB THEIR ARE CURRENTLY TWO POW'S AND TWO MIA'S. POTUS ARRIVAL ABOUT 11:00AM HAVE PICNIC IN PINE PICNIC AREA ON THE BASE. MIX AND MINGLE WITH SERVICE FAMILY MEMBERS. GIVE BRIEF REMARKS WITH TOAST LECTURN THEN HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH POW/MIA FAMILY MEMBERS.

CALL BASE TO FIND OUT PUBLIC AFFAIRS PERSON SHOULDN'T HAVE TOO MUCH TROUBLE

PENTAGON HAS NAMES OF MIA/POW.

BOB SIMON CAN BE REACHED AT (912) 238-1234, ROOM 723.

BOB SIMON'S SUGGESTED THEME:

"KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING."  
ARMY EVENT 24TH INFANTRY DIV. AT FORT STEWART

SAME UNIT POTUS HAD LUNCH WITH THEM IN SAUDI ARABIA. CHECK THANKGIVING FILE FOR MORE INFO.

SOLDIER MAGAZINE HAD BIG ARTICLE IN OCT. OR NOV. OF '90.  
(COVER STORY) ABOUT ARMY UNIT.

What a this rescript up here? (Applause.)

It comes as little surprise that the first ground engagement in the Gulf was involved Marines. It comes as no surprise that the Marines fought with great distinction and sacrifice will and bravely. (Applause.) Their professionalism and sacrifice will and bravely. (Applause.) I'm absolutely confident of that -- will and the nightmare of Iraq, a brutal occupation, and ensure that Kuwait is once again free. (Applause.)

As I said Tuesday night in my State of the Union speech, existing in the cause of liberty and undertaking the hard work of freedom -- a cause which, today in the Persian Gulf, your colleagues as Marines have always done. -- extend -- above all, families -- have bravely and willingly borne

My squadron helped cover the landings at Guam and Saipan, and I was up there and those Marines were way down there. And I saw the courage then, I reached. Think of the Marines storming the beaches at Iwo. Or taking the shell-torn ridges at Chosin, Guadalcanal. Recalling the skies from Okinawa to Korea, and now in Saudi Arabia.

For 218 years, the Corps has helped write the story of America. And today -- in wartime, as in peacetime -- you write that story still. It is the story of valor -- always faithful -- to the liberty which our men free.

Admiral Bull Halsey -- if you'll forgive me, a Navy man -- once called you "not merely the elite corps of this country, but the elite corps of the world." And I agree. (Applause.) Let me tell you, it's a real privilege -- and I mean that -- to be at a home base of the United States Marine Corps.

There's a song which speaks of Carolina in the Morning. Well, I am very pleased to be here this morning to salute all of you who form the significant Carolina MAJOR.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much for that warm welcome. And it's a wonderful honor to be introduced by Mr. Hareney, whose husband is doing such an outstanding job for the country. Let me salute the Secretary of the Navy Larry Garrett. Of course, General Al Gray, upon whom I depend as much as a member of the joint Chiefs. (Applause.) And General Mundy and General Ritchie and Colonel Hedyte and, of course, Governor Martin, the Governor of this great State -- and old friend, Jim Martin. And Mrs. Krulik and Mrs. Sutton. Families and friends, and members of the law, the proud. The Marines. (Applause.)

8:43 A.M. EST

Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station  
Cherry Point, North Carolina  
REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
TO MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 1, 1991

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Cherry Point, North Carolina)

THE WHITE HOUSE

No, but their courage and commitment will help punish aggression and protect our new world order from the tyranny of ruthless dictators with no concern for human life.

We're now more than two weeks into Operation Desert Storm. My report to you today is that we are on course, we are on schedule, and things go well. (Applause.) Day by day, night by night, Iraq's capacity to wage war is being systematically destroyed by U.S. and coalition military forces. And our investment, our training, and our planning are paying off. And, yes, achieving our goals will require time and sacrifice, but we will prevail -- make no mistake about that. (Applause.) And when we do -- and when we do, we will have taught a dangerous tyrant and those few who would follow in his footsteps that there is no place for lawless aggression in this critical region and in the new world order that we seek to create.

Every day, I think of our brave servicemen and women like the 2nd Marine Airwing -- 11 squadrons and two battalions deployed in the Gulf; the 2nd Marine Division -- (applause) -- and the 2nd Force Service Support Group. (Applause.) Ninety percent of their members are deployed in the Gulf. And they, too, believe in a cause larger than themselves. And most of all, we think of all those who have given the last full measure of devotion, and I will always keep a place in my heart for the memories and especially for the families of these American heroes. (Applause.)

I'm told that not far from here yellow ribbons stretch as far as the eye can see. (Applause.) And they show what a former President, a former general, Dwight Eisenhower meant when he said, "Morale is the greatest single factor in successful wars." The communities of Jacksonville and Havelock care. And so like communities all across America, they've joined hands to support military troops and their families. And I think of your schools -- touching troops with their letters and their love. And the "Key Wives Program" -- linking families, and hearts. (Applause.) And if there's anyone around this country who wonders what we're fighting for, they need look no farther than right here in this room. (Applause.)

Unfortunately, there are no medals of valor for military families. If there were, there would be as much decoration on your chests as there is pride within them. Two weeks ago, a monument was dedicated a mile from here. It has five service seals and this inscription: "Operation Desert Storm: This beacon burning bright is a constant reminder of Havelock's home fires burning in support of our military men and women and their families." (Applause.) To all of you -- spouses, children, parents, loved ones, Marines -- you're doing more than just keeping the home fires burning. Your dedication and bravery is lighting the heart -- believe me, it is lighting the heart of every American. You're hastening the day when your men and women will come home. And let me repeat this to the families: we will stay in the Gulf for as long as necessary, but not one day longer than it takes us to complete this mission. (Applause.)

Today, in the Gulf, Marines are enduring much to keep America strong and great. Let me leave you with words that were written more than a century ago. Back then, the Marines had just landed on another distant shore, and a reporter wrote, "The Marines have landed and the situation is well in hand." Nothing has changed -- and nothing will. (Applause.)

You know I heard on the radio, the President is going to North Carolina to lift the morale of the people. Let me assure you, it's the other way around after seeing this group. (Applause.)

So thank you -- thank you for your support. God bless you and this great country. And most of all, God bless the finest soldiers, sailors, airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Marines any nation has ever had. (Applause.) Thank you very much. (Applause.)

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Savannah, Georgia)

For Immediate Release

February 1, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
TO FORT STEWART PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES

Fort Stewart, Georgia

3:47 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you for that great welcome. Jill -- Jill McCaffrey, it is my great pleasure to be here and to meet with you. Barbara and I met the Commanding General -- met Jill's husband, General Barry McCaffrey, and many of his troops -- many of your loved ones -- and we shared a meal with them on Thanksgiving Day. And it was special, and we Bushes will never forget it. And the food wasn't bad, either. (Laughter.) But I'll tell you, the morale was great.

I want to salute General Burba, thank him for his leadership in this most important command of his. I want to salute and pay my respects to these two Senators from this state in which this installation is located -- Senator Nunn, Chairman of our Armed Services Committee; Senator Wyche Fowler -- and of course, your own Congressman from this district who's been so supportive of everything all of you are involved in, Congressman Thomas. To the new Governor of this great state, Governor Miller, who is with us today, my respects. And Colonel Lucas, thank you, sir, for your prayers.

And Colonel Frank Miller, if you can sing like your wife does, why, you guys ought to go on the road. (Laughter.) But I think I've mentioned everybody but Beetle Bailey here. (Laughter.)

But nevertheless, it is indeed a real pleasure to meet with you. I've heard a lot from Colonel Miller and others about Hinesville, and I heard a lot out in the Saudi desert, you can believe me, about all of you, the Fort Stewart family. I came down here to thank you on behalf of a grateful nation for your steadfast service and sacrifice. Because when proud men and women of Fort Stewart and Hunter Field put it all on the line, every one of you is right there with them.

In times of trial, we fall back on faith and on family -- what a wise man once called the "little platoons" to which we all belong; the little platoons that provide the 24th Infantry Division with its fighting spirit and its staying power.

Right now, it's night in Saudi Arabia. The soldiers from Fort Stewart are on duty -- one more day in more than five long months away from home. Our thoughts are with them, day and night. America's finest: Standing against an aggressor who must be stopped -- standing up for the best -- all that is best in us. (Applause.) Because those men and women know and you know, we all know that when the forces of aggression take up arms, America cannot look the other way.

It began with Kuwait, but that wouldn't have been the end. What we've witnessed these last few weeks removed any last shred of doubt about the adversary that we face. The terror bombing, without military value -- the terror bombing of innocent civilians with those Scud missiles. The brutal treatment -- that brutal, inhumane treatment of our POWs. The endless appetite for evil that would lead a man to make war on the world's environment. All of us know what we're up against. All of us know why we're there.

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We are there because we are Americans -- part of something that's larger than ourselves. Our cause is right. Our cause is just. And because it is just, that world's cause will prevail. (Applause.)

And when we win -- and we will -- (applause) -- we will have taught a dangerous dictator -- and any tyrant tempted to follow in his footsteps -- that the U.S. has a new credibility and that what we say goes; and that there is no place for lawless aggression in the Persian Gulf and in this new world order that we seek to create. And we mean it, and he will understand that when the day is done. (Applause.)

I know that all of you, especially all of you, are anxious to know if and when a ground operation might begin. Let me tell you now, it will only begin if necessary -- and when we decide that the time is right. We will conduct this conflict on our terms, on our timetable, not on Saddam Hussein's timetable. (Applause.)

Let me assure you that Desert Storm is right on course. Our training, our investment, our planning are all paying off. American and allied forces are systematically destroying Iraq's capacity to wage war.

Every member of the 24th Infantry Division is part of a fighting tradition stretching back some 50 years. Back in November, when I met with the men and women of the 24th, I told them about the last Thanksgiving that I had spent so far away from home. It was on a ship off the Philippine coast back in 1944. The 24th was there, fighting to take Red Beach on Leyte Island in the campaign that earned the 24th the nickname it so proudly bears today: The "Victory" Division. (Applause.)

And back then, those -- close to 50 years ago -- Franklin Delano Roosevelt sent a cable out to General MacArthur and the 24th Division -- a message that -- very short -- I'd like to read it to you today. FDR wrote them: "You have the nation's gratitude, and the nation's prayers for success, as you and your men fight your way back."

And now, many years later, once more, the 24th is in the front lines, far from home. Once more, the nation's prayers -- and the nation's pride -- are with the 24th and all the brave men and women of Desert Storm. (Applause.)

I don't know whether it was Jill, but somebody told me about the send-off back in August, when the 24th was among the first to deploy to Saudi Arabia -- the way the people of Hinesville and the other towns near here lined not just the streets around Fort Stewart, but lined the interstate all the way up I-95 to Hunter Field and Savannah. What a sight that must have been to the proud soldiers of Fort Stewart.

And let me say to all the children here with parents that are serving over there in the Gulf, keep in mind that no matter how much you depend on your parents, your country depends on them, too. And you've read at school about the great generals and some of the presidents -- all about American history and American heroes. Well, you see, that's just part of the great story about our country, because your moms and dads are the heroes, too -- doing the hard work of freedom, right now, half a world away.

I know it's been tough. It may get tougher. We've got three of the Walker kids here somewhere: Michael, Sioban and their little brother Martin. Their mom and dad are both now serving in Saudi Arabia -- and they've been living with their babysitter, Ida Sanders. Eddie and Brandon Bowman are here -- their dad went over in August, and their mom in November. Eddie and Brandon are staying with a friend of their family -- Reggie Bray -- whose wife was called up in the reserves. I know at times like this the Fort Stewart family draws together, just gets tighter -- everyone pulls together,

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the way a family always does.

And so to all you kids, let me say, be proud -- and stay strong. Don't be afraid to ask family friends or your teachers at school to help you when things get tough. And know that we're doing everything we can to make sure your parents have the best possible support to get the job done and get every man and woman of the fighting 24th back home, safe and sound just as soon as possible. That is my goal as your Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.)

With those brave young men and women in mind, let this nation come together this Sunday -- day after tomorrow -- on a day that will be our National Day of Prayer. We are, you see, one nation under God. And we will pray for the safety of every American and allied serviceman and servicewoman, for every innocent caught up in this terrible conflict, and for our POWs, and for our MIAs. And may all of our troops be safe and sound until the families of Fort Stewart are united once again.

Thank you once again for this warm welcome and for all your support. And let me tell you what I told some of the wives that are supporting in this support group. When I got on Air Force One this morning, I heard one of the television commentators say, well, the President is going to three different places to help with the morale. And, you see, it's been just the other way around. I've got good morale. But I'll tell you, I'm going on home to see Barbara with my morale sky-high because of the fantastic spirit -- (applause) -- because of the fantastic spirit of the families that are giving their all-out support to the finest fighting men and women that the world has ever seen.

God bless you all, and God bless the United States.  
Thank you very, very much. (Applause.)

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4:10 P.M. EST

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date 1-31

TO: CW

FROM: CHRISTINA M. MARTIN  
Deputy to the  
Special Assistant for Communications  
Room 121, Ext. 7152

Bruce Caughman called.  
We are to mention

Gen. Tony McPeak + wife  
② (Chief of Staff - AF)

Dr. or Sec. Don Rice + wife  
① (Sec. of AF)

In Seymour Johnson remarks

15 January 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR MARK LANGE

FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN

SUBJECT: IRAQ/GULF

1) Current Biography, 1981:

"According to Patrick Seale of the London Observer, (September 28, 1980), 'In 1969 he added a law degree to his other honors by the simple expedient of turning up in the examination hall with a pistol in his belt and accompanied by four armed bodyguards. The examiners got the point.'"

"In the months that followed his accession to the Presidency, Hussein became the subject of a carefully orchestrated personality cult."

2) Gulf Strategy: January Themes and Messages--see for comprehensive list of talking points

3) MEMO ON CONGRESSIONAL FLOOR STATEMENTS, Jan. 12, 1991

a. Floor Statement by Rep. Stephen J. Solarz, Jan. 12, 1991

"I believe there are some fundamental differences between the situation in which we found ourselves in Vietnam then and the situation we confront in the Persian Gulf today.

In Vietnam, vital American interests were never at stake. In the Gulf they are.

In Vietnam, the cost in blood and treasure was out of all proportion to the expected benefits of a successful defense of South Vietnam.

In the Gulf, the enormous benefits of a successful effort to get Iraq out of Kuwait far exceed the price we will have to pay if force must be used.

We've heard a lot of talk in this debate about the need for patience.

We were patient when Japan invaded Manchuria in 1931.

We were patient when Italy attacked Ethiopia in 1936.

We were patient when Germany Blitzkrieged Poland in 1939.

We were patient when Germany overran France in 1940.

We were patient, Mr. Speaker, right up to December 7, 1941--

--when Japan attacked us at Pearl Harbor--by which time

Germany had conquered almost all of Europe and Japan

controlled much of Asia.

The great lesson of our time is that when evil is on the march it must be confronted.

In the Persian Gulf, almost half a year after the brutal and unprovoked annexation of Kuwait, the time for patience has ended and the time for firmness has arrived.

Saddam Hussein represents a clear and present danger not only to the region but to the world.

He has gone to war twice in the last ten years....

Driven by a megalomaniacal lust for power, he is determined to dominate the entire Middle East.

And if he is not stopped now, we will only have to stop him later, under circumstances where he will be much more difficult and dangerous to contain...

And if we prevail, as surely we will, we will have prevented a brutal dictator from getting his hands on the economic jugular of the world.

We will have protected and stabilized the arab governments courageous enough to have opposed him....

And, perhaps most importantly of all, by demonstrating that aggression does not pay, and that the international community will uphold the sanctity of existing borders, we will have established a precedent which could lead to the creation of a new world order, governed by the rule of law rather than the law of the jungle, and in which nations shall not make war against other nations anymore."

b. Remarks by Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Jan. 11, 1991

"Now this sudden reversal of the world's fortunes reminds us of a sad and an old lesson, which runs throughout the course of human history: We humans are an imperfect species, capable of both great good, but also great evil. Saddam's fascistic tyranny, his brutal aggression are but the latest examples of the capacity of human beings to inflict pain on one another.

It's no easy thing to look into the eyes of men and women who are marching off to the drum beat of war. It's no easy thing to look into the eyes of their families gathered to see these soldiers off, all of them haunted by the ultimate question, 'Will I see my loved one again?'

More than 2,000 years ago, Herodotus said it; 'To have peace you must prepare for war.'

ON FAILURE OF SANCTIONS: ...five months of sanctions have given Saddam five months of time to pillage and rape Kuwait, to fortify his defenses, to endanger further the lives of American soldiers are there.

Five months later in Baghdad, restaurants and cafes and discos remain open. Car dealers continue to sell cars and high-rise apartments continue to rise. Starvation seems very far away in this land where the science of agriculture was in fact invented at the dawn of civilization.

No sanctions we impose can compare to the suffering the Iraqi people faced with their eight-year war with Iran, suffering which did nothing to dislodge Saddam from power or to change his course. How can we hope that a man who would kill his own people with poison gas will retreat because his people may have to stand in line for food?

Remember the words of Pericles more than 2,000 years ago, responding to the demands of the Spartans for peace at any price, at the price of compromise, particularly. He said.. 'There is one principle which I hold to through everything: if you give way, you will instantly have to meet some greater demand,'..

(quoting Eisenhower): 'Eagerness to avoid war can produce outright or implicit agreement that injustices and wrongs of the present shall be perpetuated into the future...We must not participate in any such false agreement. Thereby, we would outrage our own conscience. In the eyes of those who suffer injustice, we would become partners with their oppressors. In the judgement of history, we would have sold out the freedom of men for the potage of false peace. We would assure future conflict.'

President Franklin Roosevelt said, 'There can be no stability or peace either within nations or between nations, except under laws and moral standards adhered to by all. International anarchy destroys every foundation for peace. It jeopardizes either the immediate or the future security of every nation, large or small. It is, therefore, a matter of vital interest and concern to the people of the United States that the maintenance of international morality be restored.'

A victory by Saddam Hussein is a victory of anarchy over order, of war over peace, of brutality over liberty, of immorality over morality...

Victory for Saddam will embolden all who share his thirst for power and disregard for civil conduct. The defeat of Saddam will restore international morality and enhance prospects for a generation of civilized relations, peaceful relations, among the nations of the world."

c. Rep. Les Aspin, Jan. 12, 1991:

"If the United States is to be credible in the post-cold-war world, if the United Nations is to be a useful vehicle for collective security, then we cannot shrink from the use of force. A future aggressor can ignore the next UN deadline if we ignore this one."

d. Sen. John Warner, Jan. 11, 1991:

"As CIA Director Webster stated in his letter to the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee dated January 10th of this year, 'Our judgment remains that even if sanctions continue to be enforced for an additional six to twelve months, economic hardship alone is unlikely to compel Saddam Hussein to retreat from Kuwait or cause regime-threatening popular discontent in Iraq.'"

e. Rep. Robert Michel, Jan. 10, 1991

"Patience and delay can be virtues when they help bring about military or diplomatic goals. But when patience and delay become foreign policy goals in themselves...they're no longer virtues.

Patience at any price is not a policy; it's a cop-out

Let no one in this chamber or anyone else lecture me on the horrors of war.

If Saddam convinces his neighbors he can survive this crisis, he'll become something more than a former hit man with delusions of grandeur. He'll be someone who has triumphed over a worldwide coalition. And if you seriously think that..that wouldn't be a sinister event in the history of the 20th century, I think you're fooling yourself."

4) DOE TALKING POINTS FOR ADMIRAL WATKINS

"Everybody has been hurt by the crisis in the Middle East because oil is an essential fuel for the global economy  
--World uses nearly 64 million barrels every day"

"Now, let me make a few comments about our response here in the U.S.

--We've managed to increase our production of oil by over 200,000 barrels a day

--And we've reduced our consumption about 5% from the same period last year

--Stocks of crude oil, gasoline, diesel, heating oil--these are all at the normal range

--Refineries are running at normal levels for this time of year"

"Worldwide, consumption is also down--about 2.5 percent according to preliminary estimates--while supplies are back to pre-invasion levels"

"Global strategic stocks now stand at over one billion barrels"

"What I'm telling you is that--

1. World oil supplies are fully adequate today
2. World demand is dropping
3. Strategic reserves are fully ready to be used as needed"

"The crude is there--the product stocks are there--and the market will work--if people don't panic."

"Whatever happens in the Middle East--

--Oil will flow--it did after August 2

--Tankers will move through the gulf--they did all during the Iraq-Iran war

--Also, at any given moment, there is six weeks of oil on the water and right now, most experts agree, there is a great deal more oil on the water--in effect, in 'floating storage'

--And strategic stocks are ready for..should there be a need"

- 5) "SPEAK FROM THE GUT" MEMO FROM J.P. JOHNSON OF NGSA (suggested language for SOU):

"I also come to you as a person who has been in combat: that most personal and terrifying of all human experiences. I have known the ravages of war. As a very young man my plane was shot down over the Pacific. I saw my friends and comrades make the ultimate sacrifice for their country and peace."

"I have noticed over the years that many men who have fought in combat rarely talk about their war experiences. And I know why. It's not that combat veterans are modest. Instead, it's the memory of our friends and comrades who gave their lives beside us which makes talking about combat so emotional."

"I hold the experiences of combat in a secret place in my heart. It's not something I want to talk about. But I will say that every time I have a birthday, my thoughts go to the memory of my friends who made the ultimate sacrifice when our plane was shot down. My thoughts go back to those who were wounded beside me. What would their lives have been like? These thoughts and questions haunt all of us who have been in the midst of battle."

"I do know..that the cause was just. And now I understand the burden of those who sent us into battle."

"When my plane was shot down in the Pacific so many years ago, I believe that I was spared to be a servant of peace, not war. Much of my public life, from my time as United Nations' Ambassador to my eight years as Vice President, has been focused on the arena of international diplomacy. I believe that this prepared me to exhaust all avenues of diplomacy since August 2, in order to bring world pressure on Saddam Hussein and bring about his withdrawal without resorting to military action."

"But it was not enough that Saddam terrorize his own people and plunder his own land. He cast his eye on a small country on his borders and invaded Kuwait. Left unchecked the tyrant's greed has no boundaries. Left unchecked, where will he strike next? What would he do, with the tyrant's lust for riches, if he is allowed to develop nuclear weapons?"

"Isn't this the time for the world community to take a stand?"

"My heart breaks when I think of the suffering of the people of Kuwait. Their suffering, sacrifice and death. But I am inspired by their courage. Did you know that when our hostages returned from Kuwait they reported that not one Kuwaiti--under penalty of torture and death--turned in an American to Saddam? Yet many of these noble people died to protect our citizens who were hiding for months in their land."

"These numerous stories of heroism which have been told in recent weeks make clear not only what we are fighting for, but who we are fighting with."

"Tonight I come to you, the American people, who live in a land made free by the sacrifice of my generation and others going back two hundred years. I ask each American to support me in this dark hour. But I ask each of you to also support the court of world opinion, which has said that the noble people of Kuwait must be freed from the heel of this evil tyrant."

6) Carolyn's memo: PAZ quote

"...I will never see an argument for liberty in murder. I know of nothing more servile, more cowardly, more obtuse than a terrorist."

"Never mistake the tyrant for the liberator."

7) NEWS SUMMARY

"The Persian Gulf crisis has dealt a serious blow to the world economy, reducing the growth of global output in 1990

by 0.3 percent, the U.N. department of international economic and social affairs said."

8) GULF POLICY THEMES, Revised 12/14/90:

"--Saddam is a ruthless despot who has attacked two neighbors without warning. He is harboring terrorists and he is systematically exterminating the sovereign nation of Kuwait.

--Saddam's resources are imposing. He commands the world's sixth largest army, uses chemical weapons--even against his own people, deploys ballistic missiles, develops biological weapons and seeks nuclear weapons. If he is not stopped now, if his aggressive designs are not frustrated and contained, he will threaten al of us later--at which point we will all pay a higher price.

--Saddam seeks to dominate a politically volatile region, with great potential for conflict. His aggression imperils the world's oil lifelines, threatening recession and depression here and abroad, hitting hardest those fledgling democracies least able to cope with Saddam's aggression...

--Morally, we must act so that international law, not international outlaws governs the post-Cold War world.

--Politically, we must stand for American leadership, not because no one else can do the job."

9) SEC. BAKER'S STATEMENT BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, Dec. 5, 1990:

"As we wait, Saddam will continue torturing Kuwait, killing it as a nation.

As we wait, he will continue manipulating hostages, attempting to break the coalition.

As we wait he will continue to fortify Kuwait, to build chemical and biological weapons, and to acquire a nuclear weapons capability.

As we wait, he expects other issues to deflect our attention, weaken our resolve, and dissolve the international coalition.

As we wait, the burden of Saddam's crime weighs heavier on the world."

10) VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE'S ADDRESS TO SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, November 29, 1990:

"Our finest schools have kept firmly in mind what Dr. Samuel Johnson, the great eighteenth century British man of letters, termed the 'supreme end of education: expert discernment in all things--the power to tell the good from

the bad, the genuine from the counterfeit, and to prefer the good and the genuine to the bad and the counterfeit."

"(Saddam Hussein's)..goal is to dominate the Persian Gulf region and use its vast wealth to become the greatest Arab hero of modern times, the leader of a new Arab superpower. To that end, he spent some fifty billion dollars on arms imports during the 1980's alone."

"..the prospect of Saddam Hussein strutting across the world stage at the head of a malevolent global power, armed to the teeth with weapons of mass destruction, and controlling a large portion of the world's energy supplies, is something no sane person would welcome."

"With the end of the Cold War, the chances of a Soviet-American clash in any Third World conflict, including the Middle East, have greatly diminished. Unfortunately, so have the traditional restraints that the superpowers used to impose on their regional clients. As a result, unless the U.N. Charter's rules about using force are not reaffirmed and defended fairly quickly, we face the dangerous prospect of a new, post-Cold War world that is actually more anarchic, and more violence-prone, than the world which preceded it."

"Iraq's invasion of Kuwait is the first crisis of the post-Cold War world. One way or another, it is bound to set a precedent--either on behalf of greater world order or on behalf of greater chaos."

"As President Bush told American troops in Saudi Arabia during Thanksgiving, 'Each day that passes brings Saddam one day closer to realizing his goal of a nuclear weapons arsenal...And we do know this for sure: He has never possessed a weapon that he didn't use.'"

11) DRAFT OP-ED, PERSIAN GULF

"First, it is important to avoid attempts to force a false choice between pragmatism and principle. America's ideals, far from being mutually exclusive, are in fact threads of the same cloth."

"(Saddam Hussein's)..cynical disregard for international norms and the rule of law must not themselves be rewarded with cynicism."

"America must lead, as we always have, and only can."

- 12) "Famed unit called to duty again," USA Today, November 9, 1990:

"The Big Red One has once again been called to duty in a faraway land...the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) of Fort Riley, Kan.--has been linked to U.S. wars and military campaigns since early in the 20th century...Its motto: 'No mission too difficult, no sacrifice too great, duty first.'"

- 13) TOM CLANCY: "Something Worth Going to War For," Los Angeles Times, November 7, 1990:

"America has had the luxury throughout its history of not having its national existence directly threatened by a foreign enemy. Yet we have gone to war. Why?"

"The United States of America is not a piece of dirt stretching mainly from the Atlantic to the Pacific. More than anything else, America is a set of principles, and the historical fact is that those principles have not only served us well, but have also become a magnet for the rest of the world, a large chunk of which decided to change course last year. Those principles are not merely aesthetic ideas..."

"We have settled on (those principles) not because they are pretty; we settled on them because they are the only things that work. If you have trouble believing that, ask a Pole."

"Integrity is the most respected of virtues for the simple reason that integrity means acting on principle, not for advantage. As it is with individuals, so it is with nations. Principle is what gives life meaning."

"It has been a principle of American foreign policy for a very long time that to tolerate aggression invites more aggression. We punish thieves not to restore what they have stolen, but to keep them from stealing again, and to deter others from stealing. What is true for criminally inclined individuals is equally true of countries, with the added dimension that nation-state-sized criminals can steal and kill on a vast scale."

"...war is not discouraged by running away from it any more than criminals are discouraged by the absence of police. Those people must be confronted sooner or later, and sooner is better. The dictum is clear: All that is required for the triumph of evil is for good men to stand by and do nothing."

"To assume that Iraq will go no further makes Neville Chamberlain seem a perceptive realist."

- 14) PRESIDENT BUSH: "Aggression in The Gulf: A Partnership of Nations," Delivered to the U.N. General Assembly, October 1, 1990:

"We've seen a century sundered by barbed threats and barbed wire, give way to a new era of peace and competition and freedom. The revolution of '89 swept the world almost with a life of its own, carried by a new breeze of freedom that transformed the political climate from Central Europe to Central America, and touched almost every corner of the globe. That breeze has been sustained by a now almost universal recognition of a simple, fundamental truth: The human spirit cannot be locked up forever."

"We're not talking about the power of nations, but the power of individuals--the power to choose, the power to risk, the power to succeed. This is a new and different world. Not since 1945 have we seen the real possibility of using the United Nations as it was designed, as a center for international collective security."

\*\*\*\*\*"Two months ago, in the waning weeks of one of history's most hopeful summers, the vast, still beauty of the peaceful Kuwaiti desert was fouled by the stench of diesel and the roar of steel tanks. And once again, the sound of distant thunder echoed across a cloudless sky. And once again, the world awoke to face the guns of August....But this time, the world was ready. The United Nations Security Council's resolute response to Iraq's unprovoked aggression has been without precedent."

"Iraq's unprovoked aggression is a throwback to another era, a dark relic from a dark time."

"It is in our hands to leave these dark machines behind, in the dark ages where they belong, and to press forward to cap a historic movement towards a new world order, and a long era of peace."

"And as we look to the future, the calendar offers up a convenient milestone, a signpost by which to measure our progress as a community of nations. The year 2000 marks a turning point, beginning not only the turn of the decade, not only the turn of the century, but also the turn of the millennium."

"I see a world of open borders, open trade and, most importantly, open minds, a world that celebrates the common heritage that belongs to all the world's people..."

"We've shown that the U.N. can rise to the challenge of aggression, just as its founders hoped that it would."

- 15) "Iraq Torture Chamber is Reported in Kuwait," Los Angeles Times, October 5, 1990:

"...the Iraqi occupiers have set out on a course of systematic execution, torture, disappearances and looting on a grand scale--'the transplantation of an entire nation,' one diplomat called it."

"Eyewitnesses said that at one Kuwait city hospital alone, the mutilated bodies of about 230 victims have been delivered from the complex since Iraq invaded Aug. 2."

"...summary executions and torture by Iraqi authorities in a campaign to crush the Kuwaiti resistance movement."

"(Iraq's 1st deputy prime minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan replied to questioning on human rights abuses by saying): 'Kuwait is none of your affair...And we will cut off the leg of anybody who should enter Kuwait illegally.'" (so go cut off your own leg, ya bozo!)

"...the Amnesty International report only scratched the surface, according to what eyewitnesses and reliable sources told The Times."

"The 230 bodies that have been received at Amiri Hospital from the Bibi Saleh Center all bore evidence of torture--'missing fingers and noses, lacerated ears and scorched eyeballs,' as one source put it."

"The torture and executions are but a small part of Iraq's overall submission and 'requisition' campaign in Kuwait, which has now been stripped so bare that the entire medical system has ground to a halt and such huge items as newspaper printing presses, power-plant generators, brick-factory machinery, traffic lights, telephone poles and even computer complexes have been dismantled and transported to Iraq."

"...newly installed Iraqi authorities at Kuwait's only home for the elderly requisitioned special jellies reserved only for cancer patients to serve as dessert at a party for Iraq's visiting health minister."

(one source said): "'My office had a good view of the highway north, and day after day the road had been packed with trucks heading toward Iraq filled to the brim with generators, transformers, power poles, traffic lights, bulk salt, marble, cement, cigarettes, pig iron, steel, vehicles, rice, and well, you name it...'"

- 16) "The Barbarities of Hussein," U.S. News and World Report, October 1, 1990:

"On the sixth day of their invasion, Iraqi soldiers reportedly entered the Adan Hospital in Fahaheel looking for hospital equipment to steal. They unplugged the oxygen to the incubators supporting 22 premature babies and made off with the incubators. All 22 children died."

"The next day, at the same hospital, Iraqi troops brought in a badly injured captain and soldier for treatment. When told both men had died, the troops accused hospital employees of killing them and shot five on the spot. Two days later, the Iraqis cut off water to the hospital."

"At the intensive-care unit of the Mubarak hospital, Iraqis reportedly cut off the oxygen and IV drip supporting the 75-year-old mother of a Kuwaiti cabinet minister. 'They just let her die,' said one witness."

"Some 80 Kuwaitis were kicked out of a dialysis facility at another hospital."

"In a bizarre incident, witnesses said Iraqi soldiers settled near Kuwait's national zoo, expelled the zoo keepers and left the animals without food and water for over three days. They then left the animals out of their cages and 'started having fun shooting and killing them.' A lion managed to escape and ran to a nearby neighborhood where it bit an 11-year-old girl on the shoulder. She could not get proper treatment, developed a secondary infection and died a few days later."

"'The worst crime of all,' as Justice Robert Jackson said at Nuremberg, is to plot and wage aggression upon innocent people."

- 17) PRESIDENT BUSH: "The Persian Gulf; The Deficit Problem," Delivered before a Joint Session of Congress, Sept. 11, 1990:

"A hundred generations have searched for this elusive path to peace, while a thousand wars raged across the span of human endeavor. Today that new world is struggling to be born."

"America and the world must defend common vital interests. And we will.  
America and the world must support the rule of law. And we will.  
America and the world must stand up to aggression. And we will."

"Let me also make clear that the United States has no quarrel with the Iraqi people. Our quarrel is with Iraq's dictator, and with his aggression. Iraq will not be permitted to annex Kuwait. That's not a threat, or a boast, that's just the way it's going to be."

"Our world leadership and domestic strength are mutual and reinforcing; a woven piece, as strongly bound as Old Glory."

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
TO AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so very much. Cynthia, thank you for that introduction. This is the warmest picnic on a cold day I've ever attended, I'll tell you. (Applause.) And really, it's great to be here at Seymour Johnson, home of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing -- the "Rocketeers" and the "Chiefs" -- (applause) -- as well as these great refueling units, the 68th and the 916th. (Applause.) And let me just pay my respects and say what an unbelievable job Colonel "Jumbo" Wray is doing here on this base. We're very proud of him. (Applause.) While your Wing Commander, Colonel Hornburg, is deployed with Desert Storm, Jumbo is filling in, doing just great.

And I'm also glad to see a man that flew over with me from our last stop -- that's Governor Martin out here, the Governor of this state. Congressman Martin Lancaster, from this district, and I am very proud he is with us here today. And, of course, the Mayor, Mayor Plunk is with us, too. And I wanted to specifically thank the Military Affairs Committee of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce for hosting this fantastic picnic. I don't believe I've had so much fun in a long, long time. (Applause.)

And, of course, I do want to salute two others -- our very able Secretary of the Air Force, that you just met, Don Rice back there; as well as the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Tony McPeak -- both of them doing a fantastic job for our country. (Applause.)

This is a three-stop day for me. We just came here from the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point, and from here we head to Fort Stewart. But I want to tell you how very pleased I am to be able to spend some time meeting and talking to at least some of you -- especially the kids -- because I know in my heart how tough these days can be. There's a lot of waiting, a lot of uncertainty. The not knowing. But each of you do know this: The men and women from Seymour Johnson are doing a fantastic job for this country, and we are very, very grateful. (Applause.)

You've got the tactical fighters and the refuelers and the medical personnel -- (applause) -- the civil engineers and the security police. I just want you to know how grateful the nation is to this entire team -- and to you -- and to share with you here today just a few thoughts. I cast fear and horror into the heart of one guy I was having lunch with because I told him this was going to take 45 minutes -- it won't, believe me.

But let me just share some thoughts with you. I probably don't need to tell you that the brave servicemen and women of this base are part of the most motivated, the best educated, the best equipped armed forces in the history of this great country of ours -- bar none. (Applause.) Because they are, and you are, doing the hard work of freedom, the cause of freedom will prevail. I'm absolutely certain of that. (Applause.)

You know, we're now more than two weeks into Desert

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Storm. And I'm happy to say and -- put it this way -- we are on course and we are on schedule. And as each day passes, Iraq's war machine, thanks to many of your loved ones, is being systematically destroyed by our allied military forces. Our investment, our training, and our planning are paying off. And, yes, sacrifices still lay ahead, but we will succeed. And when we do, we will have taught Saddam Hussein -- and all others like him -- that there is no place for lawless aggression in the region or in this new world order that we envision. (Applause.)

While I'm here, I would be remiss if I didn't salute what the U.S. and coalition airmen have accomplished. Air superiority is an established fact now. The Iraqi Air Force is no longer a factor. (Applause.) And I know that this base, as much as any base in the country -- this base is very proud of the way that we have used air superiority to go after Saddam's missiles of terror. (Applause.)

And, yes, our mission in the Gulf is demanding and it's difficult, but I can tell you that our troops will not be asked to accomplish their mission with one hand tied behind their back. We are not going to do that in this war. (Applause.) And let me say something else -- your husbands and wives, and your moms and dads will not be in that Gulf one day longer than is absolutely necessary. I want them home, and I want them all home. (Applause.)

And finally -- and I don't think I have to tell this particular group this point -- but I want each of you and all our troops -- this really is for the troops -- I want you to know that the American people stand with you. And I hope you had a chance to watch at least part of that -- the part of the State of the Union message that I want to mention to you because if you did, you would have seen a very moving scene: The entire Congress -- and Congressman Lancaster was there; he will tell you this is true -- the entire Congress, the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, the Joint Chiefs, the diplomatic corps, rose to their feet in a prolonged, heartfelt tribute to the troops. It was a moving thing. And if only you could have felt it as I did standing up there in front of the Congress -- felt the thunder of the applause and sensed the emotion that filled that chamber. And the cheering for our Armed Forces -- and it was strong, it was for them -- was followed by two more standing ovations for you, the courageous families of our servicemen and women. And it was for you and for our troops. And that's exactly the way it should have been.

And I hope that that Saddam Hussein, in his bunker somewhere in Baghdad, saw every single minute of it. And if he had -- (applause) -- and if he did, maybe he now understands that we are a nation united in support of our troops. (Applause.)

I know it's been tough on a lot of you -- maybe all you -- here at at Seymour Johnson. And I know also what it is that you have offered this great nation of ours. I understand what it is that I have asked of you, what General McPeak has asked of you. Members of this fighting unit have voluntarily set aside their freedom to wage this battle. But while today some may be prisoners of war, and others may have made the ultimate sacrifice, a lifetime of democracy and faith in God keeps their spirit free. No foreign dictator can imprison the love of liberty that beats in the hearts of every American.

And before I finish, I'd like to say something to all of the kids here today. I want you to know that your parents, your loved ones, our troops in the Gulf, are enduring the hardships of war today so that you may know the blessings of peace tomorrow.

And seeing such strong, wonderful families here today, and knowing the support that you have received from this community is good for the soul and proves the strength of America's spirit. And I thank each and every one of you -- I thank each and every one of you. And when I climbed on Air Force One of this morning out there, I told them this over at Cherry Point, I heard on the television, President Bush is visiting the bases to help lift the moral. And it's been

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exactly 180 degrees the other way around. My moral has been pretty darn good, frankly, but seeing those people over there and now all of you, my moral has never been more sky-high. (Applause.)

Thank you for this fantastic support for the troops. (Applause.) Because you see -- you see, I do draw strength and courage from your forbearance for the job that the Colonel and all the others are doing around here. And I ask God's blessing upon you all -- every one of you -- and upon every soldier and sailor, Marine, airman and Coast Guardsman -- every man and woman now serving in the Persian Gulf. What a wonderful country we have. And nothing could prove that more than the patriotism and the courage and the devotion of your loved ones, our beloved troops, halfway around the world.

May God bless the United States of America and each and every one of you. (Applause.) Thank you very, very much.

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