

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

C0001-07

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 13, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE HENRY J. SPALLONE

SUBJECT: COMMENDS THE PRESIDENT'S ACTIONS TO DEPLOY
AMERICAN TROOPS TO SAUDI ARABIA TO COUNTER
THE IRAQI INVASION

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION	DATE	TYPE	C	COMPLETED
		CODE	YY/MM/DD	RESP	D	YY/MM/DD
BILL CANARY		ORG	90/08/13	WJC	A	90/08/23
REFERRAL NOTE: _____		___	___/___/___	___	___	___/___/___
REFERRAL NOTE: _____		___	___/___/___	___	___	___/___/___
REFERRAL NOTE: _____		___	___/___/___	___	___	___/___/___
REFERRAL NOTE: _____		___	___/___/___	___	___	___/___/___
REFERRAL NOTE: _____		___	___/___/___	___	___	___/___/___

COMMENTS: _____

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES: 2500 _____

IG MAIL USER CODES: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

```

*****
*ACTION CODES:          *DISPOSITION          *OUTGOING          *
*                      *                      *CORRESPONDENCE:  *
*A-APPROPRIATE ACTION  *A-ANSWERED          *TYPE RESP=INITIALS *
*C-COMMENT/RECOM       *B-NON-SPEC-REFERRAL  *          OF SIGNER *
*D-DRAFT RESPONSE      *C-COMPLETED          *          CODE = A   *
*F-FURNISH FACT SHEET  *S-SUSPENDED          *COMPLETED = DATE OF *
*I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC*                      *          OUTGOING  *
*R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY *                      *                      *
*S-FOR-SIGNATURE       *                      *                      *
*X-INTERIM REPLY       *                      *                      *
*****

```

REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE
(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 22, 1990

Dear Mayor Spallone:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your message concerning the situation in the Middle East.

The President has condemned the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq as naked aggression, and he has called for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Iraqi forces. He has been encouraged by the broad, international support for the United Nations Security Council's resolutions condemning Iraq's illegal occupation of Kuwait and imposing mandatory economic sanctions against Iraq. The degree of individual and collective compliance with those sanctions thus far has been heartening.

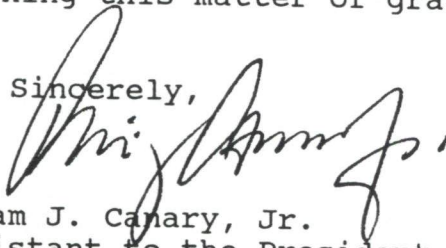
The United States is committed to the security and stability of the Persian Gulf. American does not seek conflict, nor does it seek to chart the destiny of other nations. However, President Bush has made clear America's intention to stand by its friends, saying, "No one, friend or foe, should doubt our desire for peace, and no one should underestimate our determination to confront aggression."

The sovereign independence of Saudi Arabia and our other friends in the Middle East is of vital interest to the United States. Not just our country but most of the nations of the world depend on imported oil, a large share of which comes from this region. Iraq's history of aggression poses a threat not only to the freedom of Saudi Arabia and other nations in the Persian Gulf but also to the stability of the world's economy. As the President pointed out, "Our jobs, our way of life, our own freedom and the freedom of friendly countries around the world would all suffer if control of the world's great oil reserves fell into the hands of one man, Saddam Hussein. So, we've made our stand--not simply to protect resources or real estate, but to protect the freedom of nations. We are striking a blow for the principle that might does not make right. Kuwait is small. But one conquered nation is one too many."

Therefore, President Bush responded to the Saudi request for U.S. assistance in defense of their homeland by ordering American armed forces to deploy to Saudi Arabia. He has also responded to a request from the Emir of Kuwait to coordinate multinational efforts to enforce sanctions aimed at convincing Iraq to withdraw its troops from Kuwait and restore Kuwait's independence. He is heartened by the number of other countries--including Arab nations--that have joined this international defense effort.

The President appreciates the comments and suggestions of individual Americans concerning this matter of grave importance to our national security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. J. Canary, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Henry J. Spallone
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Yonkers, New York 10701

B. Canary

HENRY J. SPALLONE
MAYOR



166300
CITY HALL
YONKERS, N.Y. 10701
914-964-3075
FAX 914-964-5201

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF YONKERS

August 8, 1990

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

Dear President Bush:

As a Republican Mayor, I want to commend your actions to deploy American troops to Saudi Arabia to counter an Iraqi threat to the world's oil supplies and subsequently to the free world.

It is clearly in our national interest for you to take such a stand in order to preserve the principles on which this country was founded.

It is with leaders such as yourself that our freedoms will be safeguarded and who make it clearly known to all that our democracy will long endure, and we stand ready to defend our country against all enemies.

Very truly yours,


Henry J. Spallone
Mayor

1659