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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 20, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. MARY ZEPERNICK

SUBJECT: CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE
CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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Date August 30, 1990

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Bush

From: Ms. Mary Zepernick

Date: August 9, 1990

Subject: concerns and suggs. of crisis in the Middle East

WH Referral Dated: 21 August 90

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 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- Other (see remarks).

Remarks:

Andrea Richhart
for: Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 28, 1990

Ms. Mary Zepernick
President
Women's International League for
Peace and Freedom
1213 Race Street
Philadelphia Pa. 19107

Dear Ms. Zepernick:

I have been asked to reply to the letter dated August 9 from you and your colleagues to President Bush and other officials.

As you are aware, your views do not accord in every respect with the position the Administration has taken, but we very much appreciate having the benefit of your thoughts, and we note that there are some points of common ground. Appropriately, you have expressed your condemnation of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. You have also emphasized the importance of the role of the United Nations, a view that we share. Since the beginning of the current crisis, we have worked consistently within the UN, which has produced a series of resolutions, that have helped guide the international response to the current crisis.

Again, we appreciate having your views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Douglas Keene
Director,
Office of Arabian
Peninsula Affairs.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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AUGUST 21, 1990

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 9, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MS. MARY ZEPEERNICK
PRESIDENT
WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR
PEACE AND FREEDOM
1213 RACE STREET
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SUBJECT: CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE
CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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August 9, 1990

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Dear President Bush,

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom deplores the recent invasion of Kuwait by Iraq. We were encouraged by the prompt unanimous action of the Security Council to impose economic sanctions on Iraq. However, we in the U.S. Section are gravely concerned by the precipitous U.S. military reaction before sanctions have had time to take effect. The U.S. efforts to further militarize the Gulf risks escalation of an already tense situation to a major confrontation and possibly war that would engage U.S. forces thousands of miles from home and cause great human suffering. History has demonstrated that military action does not resolve disputes, and is more likely to exacerbate them; witness the Iran-Iraq war which was expected to be a "quick fix."

Therefore we call on the U.S. government to:

1. Stop the militarization of the Gulf area. Do not continue to act unilaterally nor draw other nations into polarizing military actions;
2. Work within the United Nations to use all the mechanisms available for negotiating settlement of this dispute. Continue to observe the economic sanctions agreed to by the Security Council.
3. The crisis in the Gulf and the other current deployments of U.S. troops around the world should not justify maintaining the excessive burden of military spending on the people of the United States. We urge you to redirect U.S. priorities to correct the deteriorating domestic economy and focus resources on real security- meeting human needs.

We look forward to your response.

Pax,

Mary Zepernick,
President

Dolores Taller, Chair
Middle East Committee

Joan Drake,
Program & Action Chair

cc: United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Thomas Pickering, Chairs of the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees and Chairs of the House Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Committees.

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