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January 9, 1991

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the deadline for Iraq's unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait approaches, we wish to reiterate our steadfast support for the firm and principled position taken by our Government since the second of August, as well as our continued admiration for your own skilled and courageous leadership.

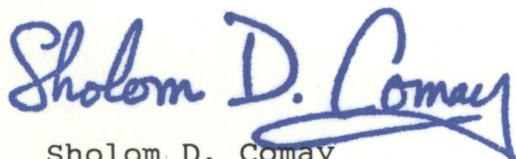
We share with you an understanding of the compelling need to insure Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait and the dismantling of Iraq's daunting military machine, particularly its non-conventional weapons programs.

Moreover, we applaud the Administration's consistent position, reaffirmed today in Geneva, that there can be no linkage whatsoever between the Gulf crisis and the Arab-Israeli conflict. We agree that even the hint of linkage would confer a reward on Saddam Hussein, thereby sending a wrong signal about the potential consequences of unjustified acts of aggression.

Finally, we note Foreign Minister Aziz's restatement of the Iraqi position that any military engagement would lead to an Iraqi strike against Israel. Given the fulfillment of Iraq's earlier threats to attack Iran and swallow Kuwait, we have every reason to take the Foreign Minister's words at face value. Accordingly, we attach even higher priority to the reassurances of our Government that any such action by Iraq would prompt an immediate and clear response by the United States, and full coordination between Washington and Jerusalem.

Mr. President, we can only wish you continued strength in the challenging days ahead and assure you of our support as you seek the achievement of our nation's goals in the Gulf. Together with you, we pray for a successful outcome and the safe return of our servicemen and servicewomen now serving with extraordinary dedication in the region.

Respectfully,

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Sholom D. Comay
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David A. Harris". The signature is cursive and elegant, with a large, sweeping underline.

David A. Harris
Executive Vice President

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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 23, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. SHOLOM D. COMAY

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August 28, 1990

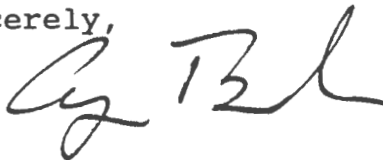
Dear Mr. Comay:

Thank you for your warm and thoughtful message regarding the situation in the Persian Gulf.

I am heartened by the widespread support of the American people for the efforts to enforce United Nations sanctions aimed at bringing about a withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and restoration of Kuwait's independence. I am also encouraged by the number of other countries -- including Arab nations -- that have joined the international effort to defend Saudi Arabia against aggression.

Your kind words mean a great deal to me, and I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

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August 6, 1990

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The American Jewish Committee wishes to take this opportunity to express to you our strong support during this difficult and challenging period.

We applaud the forceful leadership you have demonstrated in the Persian Gulf crisis, and pledge our assistance in mobilizing public opinion in support of your efforts to develop a firm and collective response to the naked act of aggression perpetrated by Iraq.

American determination to resist Saddam Hussein's bid for power sends a powerful signal to the world that ruthless tyrants like Hussein cannot violate international law with impunity, nor attempt to hold the world's oil supply hostage to their will.

Respectfully,

Sholom D. Comay
President