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The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Bush:

The invasion of Kuwait by Iraq has been condemned by the United Nations and economic sanctions have been invoked. Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) finds these actions on the part of the United Nations most appropriate, and we are pleased that the United States supports them.

We are very concerned, however, that even so, the situation seems to be evolving into a military confrontation between the United States and Iraq. Both of these nations have chemical weapons; the United States has nuclear weapons. Therefore, the outbreak of actual warfare may result in the use of these weapons of mass destruction.

For 30 years PSR has documented that a large nuclear war would be the ultimate environmental and public health catastrophe. Chemical weapons threaten to produce massive and horrible casualties among civilians and combatants. Like nuclear weapons, their effects may extend beyond combatants to populations not directly involved in the conflict. The use of these weapons, even in a local conflict, carries grave dangers and must be avoided.

Since for many reasons there is a worldwide interest in an expeditious and just resolution of this situation, PSR urges the United Nations to establish promptly multi-national peacekeeping forces under its auspices which can effectively control the situation. These forces should replace the forces now deployed by the United States.

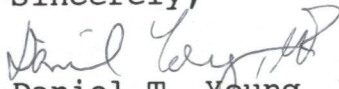
Additionally, the United Nations should determine whether a blockade is needed to enforce the sanctions it has imposed on Iraq. If so, the United Nations



should assemble the forces needed to carry it out under United Nations auspices. In the event that the Security Council finds that no blockade is needed, the United States should honor that decision.

The dangers of this crisis have been seriously aggravated by the unrestrained sale of arms throughout the world, mainly by first world nations. Because of this deplorable trade in sophisticated weaponry it is increasingly the case that conflict anywhere in the world may escalate to genocidal proportions. We ask you to call upon nations who supply such weapons to cease this trade and to promote international agreements to outlaw the sale or possession of any weapons of mass destruction.

Sincerely,


Daniel T. Young, M.D.
President

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cc: The Honorable Thomas R. Pickering