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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: KAREL GUNNING M.D.

SUBJECT: CONCERNS, SUPPORT AND PRAYERS REGARDING THE
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 13, 1990

Dr. Karel Gunning
President, World Federation of Doctors Who Respect Human Life
Groene Wetering 32
3062 PC Rotterdam, Holland

Dear Dr. Gunning:

I have been asked to thank you for your letter of 22 August addressed to President Bush. Your positive comments are very much appreciated. We all hope for a peaceful resolution of the current crisis, consistent with the objectives the President has repeatedly stated.

Your letter raises the prospect of a "plan of action for the whole Middle East". At the moment, however, we believe it essential to concentrate on dealing with the consequences of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, an action which contravenes every norm of internationally accepted behavior, and its thoroughly reprehensible follow-on actions, such as holding hostage large numbers of foreign citizens.

It would certainly be wonderful if all the current problems of the region could somehow be resolved at the same time. Your letter suggests some interesting linkages. We very much appreciate your writing to share your thoughts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Douglas R. Keene", written over the typed name.

Douglas R. Keene
Director,
Office of Arabian
Peninsula Affairs

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: KAREL GUNNING M.D.
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SUBJECT: CONCERNS, SUPPORT AND PRAYERS REGARDING THE
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Rotterdam, 22 August 1990

To the President of the United States of America
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
20500 Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Your rapid and efficient intervention in the Middle East has saved many human lives. It makes us really grateful.

The big question now is: What next? A war in the Middle East will cost thousands of human lives and millions of dollars. We all agree that the way hostages are used as shield against air raids is unpardonable. Yet deeper knowledge of recent history can help us to understand the feelings which are at the origin of this desperate act.

Could Europe and the United States accept Iraq's proposal to discuss a plan of action for the whole Middle East? This might include on the one hand that all occupying forces leave the now occupied territories (Lebanon, Quwait and Palestine) and are replaced by a UN-force (including Arabic forces in all territories, US-forces in Palestine to allay Israeli fears and European forces in Lebanon to reassure the Christian Lebanese) and on the other hand that a kind of Marshall-plan is drafted for the whole region (possibly including war-torn Iran), whereby the needs of the economically weaker countries (Iraq, Lebanon, both devastated by a war, and Israel which has to receive great numbers of Russian immigrants, and possibly other nations) are being tackled with the help of stronger nations (Europe, USA, Saudi Arabia, etc)?

The plan will ask for much effort, but it might prevent a war.

Wishing you strength and God's blessing,

Yours respectfully,

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