

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 30, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JAMES M. LAPP

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING THE SITUATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST

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August 30, 1990

Dear Mr. Lapp:

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,

GEORGE BUSH ^A

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August 24, 1990

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

Along with other citizens of our country Mennonites follow with concern the recent developments in the Middle East. We are dismayed at the violation of the sovereignty of Kuwait by the military forces of Iraq. We also recognize the complexity of the tensions in the Middle East, including the unresolved needs of the Palestinian people. The high risk of war in this part of the world is alarming to us.

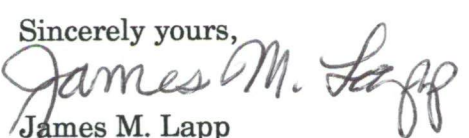
It is our strong desire to see peace return to the countries involved in the current conflict. We urge you as President to exercise restraint in the use of military power in this situation. We commend to you the use of the rhetoric of conciliation in place of the language of war. We encourage concerted efforts toward a negotiated resolution of the issues under dispute, and suggest the United Nations is the appropriate body to maintain justice and order in this part of the world.

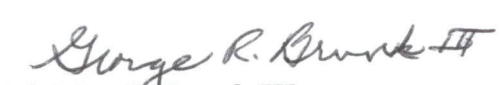
Our wish and prayer is that our nation will aggressively pursue peace and the investment of our resources in the needs of the poor of the world, both in our country and in other countries. In particular we are concerned that this current military activity not become a justification for growth in our military budget.

We are aware it is our human greed and need for exorbitant quantities of oil that contribute to this crisis. We are prepared to call our people to an alternative lifestyle that consumes less of the world resources. We are also prepared to pay higher prices for oil as an effort to resolve the crisis with Iraq and as an act of justice for many OPEC nations.

Above all we call on the members of our church to pray that God will grant you wisdom, courage to act with restraint, and bold leadership in mobilizing a creative non-military solution to the conflicts in the Middle East. Our desire is to see American troops return quickly and our nation's attention be given to other pressing matters.

We witness to our faith in the power of God rather than military might and our commitment to the vision and intention of God that all people live in peace and justice with one another.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Lapp
Executive Secretary


George R. Brunk III
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