

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 10, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOE M. SHAW

SUBJECT: FORWARDS RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
DECISION MADE TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 12, 1990

Dear Mayor Shaw:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your message concerning the situation in the Middle East.

The President has condemned the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq as naked aggression, and he has called for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Iraqi forces. He has been encouraged by the broad, international support for the United Nations Security Council's resolutions condemning Iraq's illegal occupation of Kuwait and imposing mandatory economic sanctions against Iraq. The degree of individual and collective compliance with those sanctions thus far has been heartening.

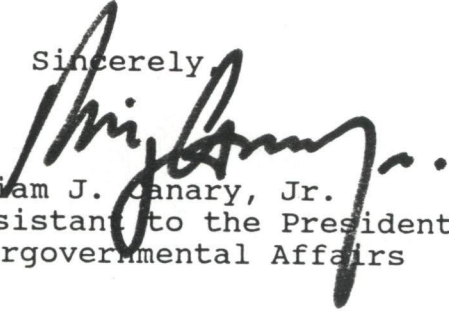
The United States is committed to the security and stability of the Persian Gulf. America does not seek conflict, nor does it seek to chart the destiny of other nations. However, President Bush has made clear America's intention to stand by its friends, saying, "No one, friend or foe, should doubt our desire for peace, and no one should underestimate our determination to confront aggression."

The sovereign independence of Saudi Arabia and our other friends in the Middle East is of vital interest to the United States. Not just our country but most of the nations of the world depend on imported oil, a large share of which comes from this region. Iraq's history of aggression poses a threat not only to the freedom of Saudi Arabia and other nations in the Persian Gulf but also to the stability of the world's economy. As the President pointed out, "Our jobs, our way of life, our own freedom and the freedom of friendly countries around the world would all suffer if control of the world's great oil reserves fell into the hands of one man, Saddam Hussein. So, we've made our stand--not simply to protect resources or real estate, but to protect the freedom of nations. We are striking a blow for the principle that might does not make right. Kuwait is small. But one conquered nation is one too many."

Therefore, President Bush responded to the Saudi request for U.S. assistance in defense of their homeland by ordering American armed forces to deploy to Saudi Arabia. He has also responded to a request from the Emir of Kuwait to coordinate multinational efforts to enforce sanctions aimed at convincing Iraq to withdraw its troops from Kuwait and restore Kuwait's independence. He is heartened by the number of other countries--including Arab nations--that have joined this international defense effort.

The President appreciates the comments and suggestions of individual Americans concerning this matter of grave importance to our national security.

Sincerely,



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September 4, 1990

The Honorable George Bush
President
United States of America
White House
Washington, DC 20510

Dear President Bush:

The events of the past recent months in the Middle East have demonstrated most dramatically the disregard one nation has for another nation's sovereign rights. The unprovoked attack by Iraq on Kuwait was an act of unprovoked aggression.

The decisions that you made to send United States military forces to Saudi Arabi was not an easy one. The Lancaster City Council representing the citizens of the City of Lancaster wish to express to you our wholehearted support for the difficult decisions you have had to make and will make to resolve this crisis.

Lancaster City Council at its Regular Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, August 28, 1990, adopted a resolution in support of the decisions you have made and will make to resolve this crisis.

We are confident that through your leadership, American troops and all civilians will be brought home safely and justice will prevail in the Middle East.

Sincerely,

Joe M. Shaw
Mayor

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Attachment

CC: Councilman Preston Blackmon
Councilman Wayne Fields
Councilman Jeff Hammond
Councilman John Howard
Councilman Bill Melton
Councilwoman Pat Willis

RESOLUTION 44-90

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNITED STATES PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH IN THE
HANDLING OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

WHEREAS, Iraq conducted an unprovoked attack on the sovereign nation of Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, this action has been condemned by the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, innocent civilians from many countries around the world are being held captive by Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the United States military has made a significant presence in Saudi Arabia as part of a worldwide force to stop further aggression by the Country of Iraq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lancaster, South Carolina, in Council assembled, that the City Council echoes the words of United States President George Bush in saluting the finest soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines that any nation could possibly have and call for the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from the Country of Kuwait, the safe release of civilians captive in Iraq, the safe return of all armed forces personnel and the restoration of peace in the Middle East.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lancaster City Council supports the decisions of United States President George Bush in the achievement of these objectives.

BE IN MEETING ASSEMBLED on the 28 day of August, 1990, and to become effective August 28, 1990.

Requested by:

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Lancaster City Council

Joe M. Shaw
Joe M. Shaw, Mayor

Approved by:

ATTEST:

Paul S. Paskoff
Paul S. Paskoff, City Administrator

Linda D. Vaughan
Linda D. Vaughan, Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Rick S. Chandler, Jr.
Rick S. Chandler, Jr., City Attorney

Resolution 44-90