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SUBJECT: EXPRESSES VIEWS REGARDING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST, AN ENERGY POLICY FOR THE UNITED STATES
AND THE ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRADING

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Mr. George Bush, President
United States of America
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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you today as an American who is deeply concerned about why the recent Persian Gulf War occurred in the first place. Allow me to say that you and your Administration have handled the situation with great skill. And you have from the beginning of this affair enjoyed my fullest personal support.

Everyone in politics, whether it be at the local level or in the highest office of the nation, inherits a legacy. And that legacy sets many of the terms for incumbent leaders. What any of us do, or fail to do, guides profoundly the potential for action of those who succeed us.

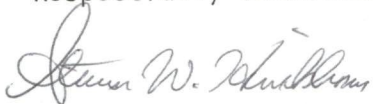
There are three subject areas I would like to address in this letter. They are as follow:

- A. When the United States and its leadership become serious about peace and security in the Middle East, we will then take seriously the matter of Palestinian displacement and disenfranchisement. In my lifetime, and I am forty-eight years of age, no American government has had a disinterested view of the Israeli (Zionist) - Arab confrontation. In fact, anyone with even a shred of historical knowledge knows that our nation has in its foreign policies of this century, contributed significantly to a very intense level of hatred in the Mideast. And hatred is not one of the bedfellows to conflict resolution.
- B. Will America never develop an energy policy? The Arab (OPEC) oil embargo of 1973-74 should have been more than enough to instruct us. Yet, nothing is accomplished. Whence the serious research on environmentally responsible coal fuel sources, on solar power sources, on nuclear fusion sources of energy? Why do we continue our love affair with cars, trucks, highways and cheap fossil energy policies, all of which will lead us in the visible future to further energy and transportation crises? Answer: No forceful, enlightened leadership.
- C. My third and final thought of today is this one: When is our great United States of America going to cease its pornographic arms trading activities and use our great power and influence to cause others to do the same?

Sir, the whole thing has gone quite far enough. With the expanded power, international respect and influence that we and the United Nations now enjoy in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf tragedy, the hour is at hand to address the issue of international arms trading.

Mr. President, I am not naive. You and your Administration cannot bring to resolution the issues of which I speak today. But you are, Sir, to be judged ultimately by your efforts to do so, in these and many other policy areas. It is the Process, not the End; it is the Honesty of Endeavor, not the Final Result that truly counts.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven W. Hinkhouse".

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