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DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 22, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. WATHIK RIFAI

SUBJECT: INFORMS THE PRESIDENT OF THEIR ENDORSEMENT
AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOVIET PEACE PROPOSAL

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Date February 28, 1991

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: Mr. Wathik Rifai
Date: 27 SEP 90
Subject: Soviet Peace Plan on Gulf War

WH Referral Dated: 26 FEB 91
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Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
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cited below.
_____ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
_____ Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

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Thomas M. McGeown
Director
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 1, 1991

Mr. Wathik Rifai
President
American Arab Society
Post Office Box 12
La Miranda, CA 90637

Dear Mr. Rifai:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Gulf crisis. I have been asked to respond on behalf of President Bush. I have read your letter with great interest and want to assure you that Washington decision makers share your concerns.

You should be assured that the U.S. Government made extraordinary and exhaustive efforts to resolve this crisis peacefully. Many organizations, including the Arab League and the European Community attempted to convince Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. Secretary of State James Baker held more than 200 meetings with foreign dignitaries, participated in 10 diplomatic missions, and made six appearances before the Congress, all devoted to resolving this crisis peacefully. He has travelled more than 100 thousand miles to talk with, among others, members of the United Nations, the Arab League and the European Community.

On January 9, Secretary Baker flew to Geneva in an eleventh-hour attempt to find a peaceful solution to this crisis. There, he met with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, who refused to discuss an end to the occupation of Kuwait. Following that meeting, United Nations Secretary General Perez de Cuellar made his second voyage to Baghdad in search of peace. He also found it impossible to convince Saddam Hussein to comply with UN Security Council Resolution 660 and subsequent resolutions by withdrawing from Kuwait. Saddam Hussein consistently rejected every attempt to mediate his withdrawal from Kuwait.

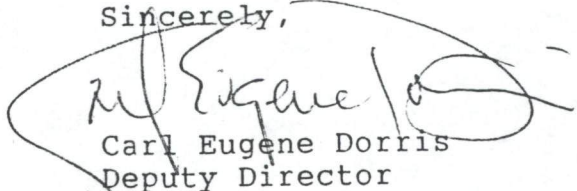
Now, after all peaceful approaches have failed, the United States and allied forces are proceeding in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 678 to dislodge Saddam Hussein's forces and to liberate Kuwait. The President did not make the decision to use force lightly. We hope that we will resolve this conflict swiftly and with the minimum loss of life.

War is not a preferable state of affairs. However, it may be a necessary action to wrest freedoms and liberties from the grasp of tyrants. As President Bush said in a speech on January 28, "No one wanted war less than I did. No one is more determined to seize from the battle the real peace that can offer hope, that can create a new world order." The foundation of this new order is respect for the security, sovereignty and freedom of each nation.

Allied forces in the Gulf represent 28 nations from six continents. The United Nations Security Council adopted twelve resolutions following the invasion of Kuwait unanimously or by overwhelming majorities. With few exceptions, the world's nations stand united on this issue: Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait, completely and unconditionally, and the legitimate government of Kuwait must be restored.

When this war is over, President Bush has said, "the United States... will have a key leadership role in helping to bring peace to the rest of the Middle East." We pray, as you do, for a swift, just end to this conflict and for a world where this kind of transgression no longer occurs.

Sincerely,



Carl Eugene Dorris
Deputy Director
Office of Regional Affairs
Bureau of Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. WATHIK RIFAI
PRESIDENT
AMERICAN ARAB SOCIETY
POST OFFICE BOX 12
LA MIRADA CA 90637

SUBJECT: INFORMS THE PRESIDENT OF THEIR ENDORSEMENT
AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOVIET PEACE PROPOSAL

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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AMERICAN ARAB SOCIETY
P. O. BOX 12
LA MIRADA, CA 90637

February 20, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

REQUEST FOR A CEASE FIRE

We would like to inform you of our endorsement and acceptance of the Soviet Peace Proposal. We ask you to accept the Soviet Peace Proposal since the Iraqi President accepted the one most important resolution of the U.N. Security Council--to give up Kuwait and no longer have a Province 19 of Iraq. No matter what is going on, you should keep the door open for Soviet diplomatic contact with Iraq for a peace plan in ending this war, since the Iraqi troops will withdraw from Kuwait by implementing the most important one of the U. N. Resolution 660. This is our goal and objective and our victory without bloodshed.

Dear President, you should know now we are against any ground attack to free Kuwait, since the Iraqis agreed to withdraw from Kuwait. The Soviet Peace Proposal should work and give them a chance to save American and Arab blood. And, believe us, if there is any ground attack, it will be a bloody one for U.S.A. troops and heavy losses up to 20,000 soldiers. They will die in that battle and it will be the biggest destruction of our political campaign for 1992 for the Republican Presidential race; and the Democratic Senator, Sam Nunn will be the winner in the U. S. election in 1992. The majority of the American people are against bloodshed for oil, and today the CNN Gallup Poll shows us that 71% want you to stop the war right away and give the Soviet effort for a peace plan and cease fire a chance.

Be sure, we need you in 1992 more than anyone in the world, as our President of the United States.

God bless you and bless America.

Sincerely,

Wathik Rifai
Wathik Rifai

President of the American Arab Society
Member of Republican Presidential Task Force

P. S. The most important issue is not winning the war only. After the war, we need to keep our Arab moderate government in power.

American Arab Society
P. O. Box 12
La Mirada, CA 90637

September 27, 1990

Excellency Shaikh Saud Nasir Al-Sabah
Embassy of the State of Kuwait
2940 Tilden Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Your Excellency:

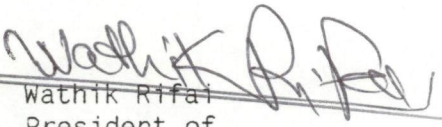
On behalf of the American Arab Society (AAS) and its members throughout the United States, please allow us to express our deep concern over the grave international crisis that has arisen over the Iraqi occupation of the State of Kuwait. AAS has publicly and unequivocally denounced all aggression against the State of Kuwait and has called for an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Iraqi forces, the restoration of the legitimate government of Kuwait, and the peaceful resolution of any differences that may exist between brotherly Arab states. AAS has always supported the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of all states in the region and has opposed intervention in the domestic affairs of other nations.

In support of these objectives and principles, AAS has backed U.N. Security Council Resolutions 660, 661, and 662, which imposed a worldwide embargo on trade with Iraq and nullified the Iraqi annexation of Kuwait. We also have expressed support for the defensive deployment in Saudi Arabia, at the request of the Saudi government, of multinational forces that include U.S. troops. We believe that this deployment will contribute to the defense of both Arab and American interests. AAS supports taking whatever additional steps are necessary to honor U.S. commitments to defend our Arab allies in the region, including Kuwait. In so doing, however, we are mindful that U.S. diplomatic and military commitments must be carried out in full consultation and cooperation with our Arab allies. Furthermore, we have urged the Bush Administration to exhaust all diplomatic means to achieve a peaceful resolution of this tragic crisis.

We would like to assure you and the Kuwaiti people that AAS fully supports the independence and sovereignty of Kuwait. We will back whatever multinational efforts are necessary to achieve an end to the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait.

God bless you.

Sincerely yours,


Wathik Rifai
President of
American Arab Society

*copy for
the white house
Mr. President.*

Dear Mr. President G. Bush

Dear Mr. President
- THIS MY car for 1992 -
I am personally asking
you for a cease-fire in the
gulf war. Because I, we need
you 1992 The Republican
Party. God bless you. sincerely
Walter R. R.



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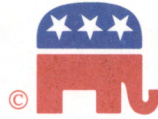
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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Lee Atwater
Chairman

November 14, 1990

Mr. Wassek Rifai
P. O. Box 12
LA Mirada, CA 90637-0012

Dear Mr. Rifai:

As we all look forward to celebrating a joyous holiday season, I want you to know how deeply I appreciate your very generous support of our Party this year.

I never cease to be amazed when, at the end of each election, I look back over our records and realize how much we were able to achieve only because of the extraordinary loyalty given to us by you and the very special Americans who are our Sustaining Members.

This year, in particular, I am personally grateful for your help.

While I was forced to spend much of the year away from the office battling cancer, I was in daily contact with our top staff. They kept me informed on how you and your fellow members responded so generously each time we needed your help.

Mr. Rifai, your commitment and loyalty were a constant source of inspiration to me.

And this year on Thanksgiving Day, I will be saying a very special prayer of thanks for my family and close friends, and for extraordinary folks like you on whom I counted so heavily throughout this very challenging year.

Now, as we plan our program for the next critical campaign cycle, your selfless commitment to the Republican National Committee gives all of us great confidence that we can provide President Bush the support he's depending on to enact his agenda for our nation.

What's more, I can tell you the President and Mrs. Bush share my belief that you and your fellow Sustaining Members are the lifeblood of our Party.

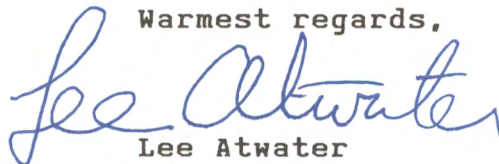
They know that because our Party has the deep and widespread support of so many patriotic Americans like you, we have been able to keep Republican leadership in the White House and recruit superior GOP candidates to challenge entrenched Democrat incumbents nationwide.

I have no doubt, as long as we continue to have your support as an RNC member, we'll be able to sustain our battle to make Republicans the majority party at every level of government.

It is an honor for me to serve as Chairman of an organization supported by people as selfless and thoughtful as you.

On behalf of everyone here in Washington, and Republican leaders throughout the country, thank you and God bless you for your extraordinary commitment to the ideals and values we share.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Atwater". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lee" and last name "Atwater" clearly distinguishable.

Lee Atwater

P.S. On a personal note, I want to express the appreciation my wife Sally and I feel for the thousands of notes we received during my illness from so many members -- many whom we've never even met. This experience made me realize how important family and friends are, especially in this holiday season. May you have as joyful and thankful a holiday as we will.

have to do to receive this well earned recognition is to complete the enclosed Biographical Data Form and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

Personally, I'd like nothing better than to hand this Republican Biographical Data Form to you myself. That way I could shake your hand and tell you, face to face, how grateful we are that your name will appear in the Charter Issue of Who's Who in the Republican Party.

It is reassuring to each of these elected officials to know that there are a few concerned citizens like you who truly care enough about the future of our country that you are willing to contribute both your time and your money in support of our cause and our candidates.

Thinking back over the years, we Republicans have had some fantastic successes.

For example, back in 1980 when we won Republican control of the United States Senate and elected Ronald Reagan President -- we literally saved our country from the jaws of economic disaster.

In that all important 1980 election, \$8 million was spent in direct support of Republican Senatorial Candidates.

This money coupled with the Democrat Congressional Majority's mishandling of our economy enabled us to pull off an historic upset victory.

Now a lopsided Democrat Congressional Majority is once again pushing our country into a serious economic crisis.

As a consequence, I'm certain 1992 is shaping up to be another golden opportunity for us to seize Republican control of the United States Senate -- assuming, of course, we have adequate funding for our candidates.

That's why we recently established the 1992 Republican Candidate Escrow Fund.

We decided to set up this Special Candidate Escrow Fund now to make absolutely certain we have the financial resources we need to take full advantage of this great election opportunity next year.

Our target is to have \$650,000 deposited into our Special Candidate Escrow Fund by March 31, and this deadline is only 65 days away.

So when you mail us your Who's Who Biographical Data Form



REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE

Albert E. Mitchler
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 25, 1991

Mr. Wathik Rifai
P.O. Box 12
La Mirada, California 90638

Dear Mr. Rifai,

On behalf of President Bush and the Executive Committee of the Republican Presidential Task Force, it is my pleasure to inform you that you were recently recommended for inclusion in the Charter Issue of Who's Who in the Republican Party.

The Executive Committee believes you deserve special recognition for your past accomplishments as well as your personal commitment to our President and our nation.

President George Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle, President Ronald Reagan and many of their most important supporters will also be included in this prestigious publication.

Needless to say, each of these individuals will be delighted to know that you are receiving the same recognition.

Having your name commemorated in this prestigious publication is also a tribute to your deep commitment and unselfish generosity in supporting the principles and ideals that have made our country great.

Basic values like commitment, loyalty, faith, trust, and love of country are all an intrinsic part of the character of Who's Who in the Republican Party.

And honoring people like you who truly exemplify the best expression of these values is one of the main reasons why Who's Who in the Republican Party was created.

So you have every right to be proud that you were among the few people selected for inclusion in the historic first issue of this very important publication.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you. And all you

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we'd be deeply grateful if you would also send a \$60 contribution in support of our 1992 Republican Candidate Escrow Fund.

But before deciding how much to send, please understand that receiving the honor of inclusion in our Charter Issue of Who's Who in the Republican Party is not in any way contingent on your sending a contribution today.

You have already earned this honor many times by virtue of your many years of Republican support and, of course, by your Charter Membership in the Task Force.

Yet the outcome of the 1992 election is so critically important to the future economic well being of our country, I feel I must ask you to send at least \$40 if at all possible.

In my opinion, our chances of defeating the Democrats in 1992 will be seriously jeopardized if the Task Force fails to fully fund our new, vitally important Candidate Escrow Fund.

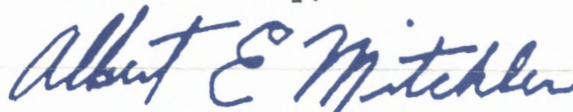
So, please Mr. Rifai, I urge you to send your check for \$60 today.

Once again, congratulations and thank you for your generous support of the Republican Presidential Task Force.

To help you out just a bit with the completion of your Biographical Data Form, we have utilized our White House Task Force files to fill in a few of your Republican activities at the national level.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Albert E. Mitchler
Executive Director

P.S. Mr. Rifai, as part of your induction into Who's Who in the Republican Party you will also be receiving an Official Certificate of Registration which will be notarized and appropriate for framing.

P.P.S. If you have any questions or need any help filling out your Biographical Data Form, please don't hesitate to give us a call on your private Task Force Hotline at 1-800-877-6772. Thank you!

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE

DON NICKLES
CO-CHAIRMAN

November 26, 1990

Mr. Wathik Rifai
P.O. Box 12
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Rifai,

It gives me great pleasure to present you with your exclusive 1991 Republican Presidential Task Force commemorative calendar.

Your calendar is truly unique in that the special White House photos I've chosen capture both the landmark achievements and the spirit of the first two years of the Bush Presidency.

When you look over the historic events portrayed in your calendar, I hope you're filled with a tremendous sense of pride.

As a supporter of the Task Force, and as one of President Bush's most loyal and generous friends, you played a leading role in helping to make these great moments a part of American history.

But 1991 is a new year, the start of a new election cycle and the beginning of two great challenges for the Task Force.

First we must re-elect President Bush.

Second, there are 34 Senate seats up in 1992. Of these 34 Senate seats, 20 are held by Democrats; 11 of whom are highly vulnerable "first-term" Senators.

It's here we have our golden opportunity. By laying the groundwork for Senate campaign victories in these 34 Senate races, we'll be giving President Bush a solid foundation on which he can launch his own re-election campaign.

But in order to re-elect President Bush and recapture a Republican Senate Majority, WE MUST BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY.

For that reason, I'm hoping you will renew your membership for 1991, by sending your membership contribution of \$120 (that's just \$10 each month) to the Republican Presidential Task Force today.

With your contribution we will be able to send our field operatives to each and every state and local Republican Party headquarters. Then we can assess the strength of each operation and design a plan for rebuilding and strengthening our grassroots volunteer network.

It's an ambitious plan to be sure. But you know as well as I do that the sooner we get started, the better our chances of victory will be in 1992.

Knowing I could count on you for help, I gave President Bush my word that the Task Force would get to work right away.

That's why I need you and every fellow Task Force member to renew your membership by sending \$120 or the most generous amount you can afford to the Task Force today.

Remember, the historic achievements highlighted in your 1991 Task Force calendar were made possible because of your support of President Bush and the Republican Party.

If we all pull together again in 1991, I have no doubt that the coming years will be full of remarkable achievements like those portrayed in your calendar.

Please act today to help George Bush and our Republican Senators launch our 1991-92 campaign programs by renewing your membership in the Task Force.

On behalf of President Bush, my Republican Senate colleagues and every Republican candidate across our nation, thanks in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Senator Don Nickles
Co-Chairman

P.S. Help President Bush and the Republican Party build on the historic achievements pictured in your 1991 Task Force calendar. Please renew your membership by sending your membership dues of \$120 or your first installment of \$10 to the Task Force today.

If your calendar was damaged in the mail, please let me know by returning the enclosed CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT. I'll be happy to send you another calendar. Thanks again for your support.