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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 17, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. SYED HABEEB ASHRUF

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO HIS REMARKS MADE AFTER THE
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AT THE ARAB AMERICAN
COMMUNITY BRIEFING AT THE WHITE HOUSE,
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S/S 9023194

Date November 8, 1990

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

Reference:

To: The President

From: Syed Habeeb Ashruf

Date: October 30, 1990

Subject: Middle East issues

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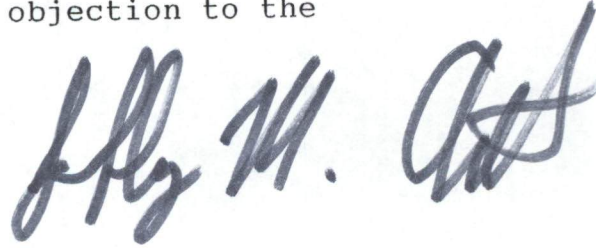
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Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
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- The Department of State has no objection to the
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- Other (see remarks).

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 7, 1990

Syed Habeeb Ashruf
1301 Lincolnwood Drive
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Dear Sir:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of October 9, 1990, addressed to President Bush.

You noted that time did not permit you to state your opinions fully during the recent White House meeting with the Arab-American community. Your letter contains a further elaboration of your views on a variety of Middle East issues. While your comments on many of these matters are not in accord with Administration positions, we appreciate having the benefit of your thoughts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Douglas R. Keene". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Douglas R. Keene
Director,
Office of Arabian Peninsula
Affairs

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OCTOBER 30, 1990

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 9, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. SYED HABEEB ASHRUF
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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO HIS REMARKS MADE AFTER THE
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October 9, 1990

Kathy Seawoods
President George H. W. Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President,

As-Salamu Alaikum (Peace be upon you)

In the name of God, most gracious, most merciful.

I thank you most sincerely for giving me the opportunity to make a few remarks after you addressed the Arab American Community at the White House on Monday, September 24, 1990. You were gracious enough to tell me afterwards that I presented my case well. However, because of time constraints, I could not present my case fully. I am taking this opportunity to elaborate on some of the points mentioned in my oral remarks, hoping that, once again, you will lend me your kind attention.

First, I want to underscore that I am an ordinary American Muslim and that I condemn the annexation of Kuwait by Saddam Hussain in no uncertain terms. It is illegal and immoral!

Second, by the same token, I deplore the invitation of King Fahad of Saudi Arabia to deploy foreign forces on the Holy lands of Islam without consensus of the Islamic world. The Holy lands of Islam do not belong to a Saudi King, but to the one billion Muslims.

Third, one cannot fail to note the double standard of the American stance on human rights; On the one hand, there is the laudable American support of East European masses to wrest their freedom from the tyrants who, until very recently, ruled supreme. But on the other hand, there continues to be wide spread U.S. support for the tyrants of the Muslim world. From Morocco to Malaysia, these despots continue to rule, and with considerable U.S. backing, by conceit and coercion, by fear and fraud and by tyranny and terror. Saddam Hussain, a paradigm of tyranny, was supported by the United States throughout his bloody years and acts including the invasion of the then fledgling Islamic Republic of Iran and his gruesome use of poison gas against the defenseless Kurdish villages. But this despot, a loathsome dictator all along, became a pariah in the official eyes of the United States when and only when he invaded Kuwait and threatened Saudi Arabia; both American proxies. Mr. President, this double standard stance is transparent.

Fourth, the highly selective U.S. support for and execution of the UN resolutions is prejudicial to the agencies long term effectiveness as,

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perhaps, the world's last hope against collective suicide. To be sure, one is heartened by the U.S. recourse to and goading of the U.N. to stand firmly against Saddam's barbaric onslaught against his weak neighbor. But, at the same time, one is dismayed by the total and uncritical U.S. support of Israel, the real bully of the Middle East. For decades, Israel has repeatedly plunged its American made dagger in the backs and hearts of its neighbors with impunity. The UN efforts to rein in Israel's intransigence were repeatedly frustrated by the protective U.S. veto against a near unanimous world censure of Israeli bullying. Even now, U.S. chooses to close its eyes to the obvious linkage between Saddam's rape of Kuwait and Israel's subjugation of the Palestinians. I assure you Mr. President that the entire Muslim world is united on this one: If Saddam's occupation of Kuwait is to be ~~condemned and reversed~~, so should Israel's occupation of Palestinian lands.

As an American Muslim, I beseech you Mr. President to keep U.S. policy in tandem with its ideals. I am of the opinion that such consistency will enhance not only U.S. credibility but its long term interests as well.

Yours most sincerely,


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