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**THE WHITE HOUSE**
**CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

**INCOMING**

**DATE RECEIVED:** MARCH 22, 1991

**NAME OF CORRESPONDENT:** THE HONORABLE CHARLES E. GRASSLEY

**SUBJECT:** URGES THE PRESIDENT TO IMPRESS UPON THE VISITING GERMAN DELEGATION OF THEIR MORAL OBLIGATION NOT TO BACK-PEDdle ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PLEDGED TO COVER THEIR SHARE OF THE

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**REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE (ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590**

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Thank you for your support for our efforts.

Sincerely

Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
May 16, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH:  TIMOTHY E. DEAL

FROM:  MEG LUNDSAGER

SUBJECT:  Congressional Correspondence - Senators Grassley and Lautenberg

Senators Grassley and Lautenberg wrote to the President asking him to resist any effort on the part of our allies, Germany and Japan in particular, to reduce their contributions to Desert Shield/Desert Storm (Tab II). The draft replies inform them that Germany acted expeditiously to meet its 1991 commitment and that we expect other allies to do the same (Tab I).

Concurrences by:  Virginia Lampley, Richard Haass, Robert Hutchings, and Douglas Paal

Recommendation

That you sign the letters at Tab I.

Attachments
Tab I  Replies to Senators Grassley and Lautenberg
Tab II  Incoming Correspondence
TO: LAUTENBERG, FRANK R

FROM: SCOWCROFT

KEYWORDS: GERMANY
DESERT STORM
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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SEN LAUTENBERG ON ALLIES CONTRIBUTIONS TO GULF WAR

ACTION: SCOWCROFT SGD LTR
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**DISPATCH INSTRUCTIONS:**
March 20, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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In our view, the pledges made by these countries were solemn commitments to the United States for bearing the brunt of fighting the war, and we believe any attempts on the part of our allies to reduce their levels of commitment should be met with firm resistance.

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March 26, 1991

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