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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
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Major General Robert Scurlock, (USAF, Ret)
3219 Browning Street
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Dear General Scurlock:

Thank you for your mailgram of August 19 to President Bush regarding Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait and the deployment of U.S. forces to the region. Owing to the nature of your concern, White House officials forwarded your correspondence to the Department of Defense for reply.

Given your military experience, we value highly both your praise and your advice. The threats you warned against are being considered by our military planners. As General Colin Powell noted during a press briefing with Secretary Cheney, in response to a question about the threat of chemical warfare, "It's a threat that we're concerned with, and I treat it as a capability that is there and can be used ... and we have been preparing our forces accordingly."

In light of your interest, I have enclosed the full text of that briefing, as well as other materials which I believe may be useful to you.

Sincerely,

Signed
Daniel J. Kalinger
Deputy Assistant Secretary
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Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE
I admire your courage and resolve in the Iraqi affair, however I ask that you consider the strictly military possibility that we may be lured into a classic trap in which Iraq is waiting until sizeable US forces are "dug in" and then will launch a chemical attack by air and missiles followed by a massive armored and infantry drive. It could result in major US difficulties unless we are willing to resort to unusual warfare activities. In the enthusiasm of the moment, if your national security and military advisors are discussing this possibility with you, if not perhaps they should be, good luck,

Respectfully,
R. Scurlock, Maj. Gen., USAF (Retired)
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