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MILITARY RESPONSE TO IRAQ'S INVASION OF  
KUWAIT; RECOMMENDS A PUBLIC DECLARATION TO  
STRENGTHEN THIS INITIATIVE

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August 7, 1990

The Honorable George Bush  
The President, The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington DC

Dear Mr. President:

As your former colleague in the House of Representative, I write for two reasons: first, to congratulate you on the firm U.S. military response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, an initiative that is clearly required by the American national interest; and second, to recommend a public declaration that would powerfully strengthen this initiative.

The declaration I recommend would demonstrate the strong opposition of the United States to the forcible occupation and annexation of territory by Israel as well as by Iraq.

The United States unfortunately is applying a double-standard in our relationships with Israel and Iraq. We are taking high-risk measures to oppose the occupation and annexation of Kuwait by Iraq but acquiesce, with only mild protest, in the occupation and, in two instances, the annexation of Arab territory by Israel.

This double-standard is not lost on the Arabs we need at our side in this confrontation with Iraq. Much of the support that Iraq's Saddam Hussein receives, both at home and elsewhere, arises from frustration among Arabs because so little has been done to halt Israel. The United States is viewed worldwide as the willing financier of Israel's occupation and annexation measures. Many Arabs see Saddam Hussein as a strong leader who will seek justice, at long last, for those who are abused and dispossessed by Israel.

A United States declaration ending that double-standard would weaken Saddam's political position, strengthen ours and therefore benefit greatly our military position in Saudi Arabia.

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Therefore, I urge that you issue the following declaration:

Announce publicly that the United States--

1. Rejects Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, and strongly opposes its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.
2. Supports the right of self-determination for the residents of the West Bank and Gaza District.
3. Stands ready to help provide on-site military security of Israel's entire borders if that state withdraws within the area it controlled prior to the June 1967 war. This border protection would, in effect, extend the guarantee that a U.S.-led multinational force already provides along the Egypt-Israel border.

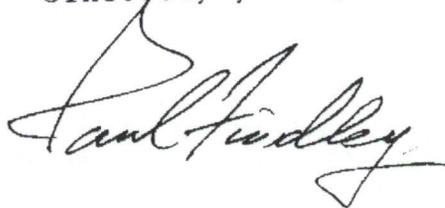
The declaration should go far in meeting the understandable concerns that cause several heads of Arab states to hold back from active participation in the resistance to Saddam's aggressive moves.

At the same time, it would well serve the interests of Israel itself. It would encourage Israel to come to terms with its neighbors by withdrawing to its pre-June 1967 borders under an unprecedented offer of border guarantee.

This declaration is justified entirely on political and moral grounds, but, for the reasons set forth above, it is also demanded by military necessity. As a student of Abraham Lincoln's life, you will recall that the Civil War president justified the issuance of one of history's most important moral decisions, the Emancipation Proclamation, on the grounds of military necessity.

At this critical moment, when the lives of American servicemen are on the line, I urge you to issue your own declaration, emancipating the United States from a double-standard that severely handicaps our government in the pursuit of noble policy goals.

Sincerely yours,



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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