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August 17, 1990

Chief of Staff
Governor John H. Sununu
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Sub.: Iraq-Kuwait

Dear Governor Sununu,

I hope you were able to read my letter of August 6, 1990 delivered to you at the White House by Peter Tannous. As you recall, I had been hospitalized with back surgery and was unable to attend the meeting with the President but did outline in my letter some ideas regarding some possible solutions to the problem.

As you know, I and many of us in the Arab-American community who have served in the U.S. Government as well as being active in various Arab-American organizations fully support the actions taken by President Bush. We pray that the economic boycott and military deterrence provide the necessary action to convince President Saddam Hussein that the world will not tolerate his actions and that further aggression will lead to serious adverse consequences for him and unfortunately for the people of Iraq.

At the same time as these important programs are being planned and implemented I believe that those in the Arab-American community who have worked in this region and U.S. businesses who have worked with Iraq should get involved. After speaking with both Peter Tannous and David Sadd about these ideas and discussing them with members of the U.S.-Iraq Business Forum I believe that a small group of Arab-American leaders together with Chief Executive Officers of major U.S. corporations familiar with Iraq such as Occidental Petroleum, Boeing, General Motors, First City Bank of Texas, and others could put together a plan to resolve the issue once the economic sanctions and military actions have convinced Saddam Hussein that his pursuits are fruitless.

I believe that we can do this without interfering in any way with the actions of the White House and certainly without communicating with anyone the White House would prefer that we avoid. These plans would be kept confidential within our group and cleared by you before being discussed with anyone else. Any modifications or changes would be most welcome. This is a role that I think is essential and one that can be very helpful in providing for a reconstruction in Iraq that will not lead to a victory for Sadam Hussein but will resolve the issues peacefully and to the benefit of the entire international community.

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Governor John H. Sununu

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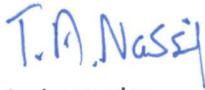
Your endorsement is crucial. I would be happy to provide more detail if in fact you believe it is worthwhile.

I know that you have very little time to devote to a number of very important subjects, but would appreciate a response that would enable me to take the next step.

My experience as United States Ambassador to Morocco and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East has given me the background for this particular action and I certainly understand the necessity for complete confidence and discretion.

Looking forward to your response, I remain,

Cordially yours,



Ambassador
Thomas A. Nassif

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