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The President
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Dear Mr. President:

I am an Assistant United States Attorney in New Orleans, Louisiana, and I have the following recommendation to make on how to solve the military crisis with Iraq:

Schedule a private meeting between yourself and Saddam Hussein. The meeting should preferably be held in a neutral Arab country. With prior approval of the Kuwaiti Royal Family, negotiate the withdrawal of all Iraqi troops from Kuwait by offering Hussein the several billion dollars in gold and other assests which he has removed from Kuwait. Thus, if Iraq withdraws its troops from Kuwait, Hussein would keep all of the gold and assests, and the United States would begin to withdraw its military forces from the region.

Prior to offering this to Hussein, we would have to obtain approval from the Kuwaiti Royal Family. In doing this, we could offer Kuwait more foreign aid for a specified number of years in an effort to assist them as needed. The United States could also negotiate with the other Arab countries already offering military assistance to Saudi Arabia, thereby arranging for them to also assist Kuwait financially for a specified number of years. With foreign assistance and the high profits yielded by crude oil sales, Kuwait would regain its financial strength and independence.

It would also be agreed upon by the United States and the Arab nations that, as the United States withdraws its troops, a multi-national Arab peace-keeping force would be organized and stationed in Saudi Arabia for a specified duration. A permanent peace-keeping force would be maintained for the specific purpose of deterring overt aggression in the Persian Gulf region.

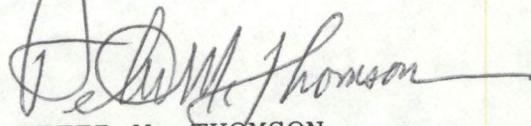
Your Presidency will be made or broken with the outcome of this crisis. The suggestion which I have offered will be to your political advantage, as well as to the political advantage of Saddam Hussein. With regard to Hussein, his public position in Iraq would be agreed to be as follows: he invaded Kuwait and obtained the Royal Family's financial reserves as repayment for the crude oil which Kuwait allegedly stole from Iraq. He retrieved

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money, he will say, allegedly stolen from Iraq by Kuwait, yet, would prove himself not to be an expansionist or bully by returning Kuwait to its rightful government. Hussein would also tell the Iraqi populace that he made a "fool" of the United States by causing Americans to spend millions of dollars to transport tens of thousands of troops to Saudi Arabia for no reason. This approach could be outlined to Hussein in your private meeting with him. I believe that, if Hussein takes this approach, he will be a hero in the eyes of his people, which is part of what he wants. Thus, we can use Hussein's political needs in this case to secure Iraqi withdrawal and the return of American troops back to the United States.

More importantly, this would avoid a military conflict and save countless American lives, not to mention the tremendous political advantage it would give to your Presidency. As all of your advisors, I am sure, must agree, it is important that you resolve this crisis as soon as possible, negotiating the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait while bringing the American forces back home, and implanting a multi-national Arab force in the region to keep peace. The idea which I have presented, if successful, would accomplish all of these goals. Moreover, it gives Saddam Hussein a way out of this military crisis. Without that, Hussein may well be forced to war.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Brent Scowcroft
National Security Adviser