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Dear Mr. President,

Members of Psychologists for Social Responsibility include many well-respected leaders in the field of psychology who are dedicated to using their psychological skills and knowledge in the service of peace. We offer the enclosed statement as our contribution to the effort to avoid a devastating war in the Middle East.

We are concerned with the intense psychological pressures and tension building in the region and call on you, in your leadership position, to do everything you can to de-escalate these tensions. Providing a psychological framework in which alternatives may be discussed with an eye to resolving problems, not "winning" or "losing", leads to reduction of tension, even as it allows for creative thinking about tough issues.

Our statement outlines a number of alternatives which, if pursued, could help to create the type of psychological framework which would enable our international community to build a peaceful future for us all.

Our national office is available to answer any questions your staff may have. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Herbert Kelman, Ph.D.
President
STATEMENT ON THE IRAQ-KUWAIT CRISIS BY PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Mindful of:

The dangers of another devastating war in the Middle East, with tremendous loss of life and even deeper instability in the region;

The need for careful consideration of the feelings and basic beliefs of Middle East peoples, including especially the resentment of the role of the United States and the West by large segments of the population; and

The danger of losing the current opportunities for creative diplomacy through multi-lateral cooperative action because of quick and exclusive reliance on a military posture in responding to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and subsequent events;

We, the undersigned members of Psychologists for Social Responsibility, call on President Bush to:

1. Utilize all diplomatic means to negotiate a peaceful resolution of the current crisis.

2. Urge a complete withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait, and a simultaneous replacement of all foreign national troops in the Gulf region with a United Nations Peacekeeping Force.

3. Continue the trade embargo of Iraq until Iraqi troops have been withdrawn from Kuwait.


6. Propose the use of international arbitration and mediation to settle the disputes between Iraq and Kuwait.

7. Curtail hostile and provocative statements by spokespeople for the United States government.

8. Actively and publicly negotiate, through the Red Crescent and the Red Cross, for the release and repatriation of all foreign national civilians in the Gulf region.

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