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August 14, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM: NELSON LUND
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Iraq/Kuwait

I raised questions with Dan Levin about the terms marked on the attached draft letter. He said he would check on each item to ensure they were appropriate.

Attachment
Dear Mr. Speaker:

On August 12, the Government of Kuwait, in the exercise of its inherent right of individual and collective self-defense, requested the United States to take such military or other steps as are necessary to ensure that economic measures designed to restore Kuwaiti rights are effectively implemented. In particular, the Government of Kuwait has requested the United States to coordinate and commence multinational naval operations to interdict maritime trade with Iraq and Kuwait that is prohibited by Resolution 661 of the United Nations Security Council. The President has agreed to these requests. It is our understanding that a number of other governments have also been requested to participate in the operations and have agreed to do so.

Accordingly, on _____ naval forces of the United States and other countries began operations in the region to prevent the maritime shipment of all commodities or products to Iraq or Kuwait whose provision is contrary to United Nations Security Council Resolutions 660 and 661, and the maritime shipment of all commodities or products originating in Iraq or Kuwait.

The implementation of the sanctions provided in Resolution 661 depends primarily on the actions of national authorities to prevent prohibited shipments from entering or leaving their territories. Our interdiction operations will reinforce these national actions and vigorous diplomatic efforts to make these sanctions effective. It is not our intention or expectation that the use of force will be necessary to carry out these operations. If needed, limited and proportionate force will be used to deny passage to ships which are in violation of these sanctions. Our forces will, of course, be prepared to take such actions as might be necessary to defend themselves and the forces of other participating states from any hostile attack.

It is our hope that these operations, together with the diplomatic and other measures being undertaken around the world by the United States and other governments, will cause the Government of Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait and cease its threats of aggression. We will continue such measures for as long as necessary to accomplish these purposes.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker