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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JON B. UTLEY

SUBJECT: OPPOSES THE WALL STREET JOURNAL / NATIONAL  
REVIEW CALLS FOR AN ATTACK ON IRAQ

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS  
MANAGEMENT.

December 10, 1990

Dear Mr. Utley:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your message regarding the situation in the Persian Gulf.

The United States and the rest of the world have made it clear that Iraq's aggression and its violations of international law cannot be allowed to succeed. Iraq has pillaged and plundered Kuwait. That once-peaceful land is now struggling for survival.

As you no doubt know, the world, in a series of increasingly stiff United Nations Security Council resolutions, has roundly condemned these acts by Saddam Hussein. This unprecedented international cooperation exists because important principles are at stake. The world community cannot allow a ruthless dictator like Saddam Hussein to swallow up another sovereign country, to use innocent people in Iraq and Kuwait as pawns and human shields, or to dominate oil reserves that are vital to the world's economic security and stability.

President Bush wants a peaceful end to this crisis, and he remains hopeful that the intense pressures being brought to bear against Iraq by the international coalition will achieve that objective. The President, determined to go the extra mile in pursuit of a peaceful resolution, decided to send Secretary of State Jim Baker to Baghdad and to receive the Iraqi Foreign Minister in Washington. He remains resolved, however, that Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait without condition, and comply with the other United Nations Security Council resolutions.

On Thanksgiving Day, the President expressed his personal gratitude, and that of the American people, to the brave men and women in our all-volunteer Armed Forces who are sacrificing for this cause of freedom. He appreciates your comments and suggestions regarding this matter. In light of your interest, I am enclosing a copy of his recent statement that explains his views in further detail.

Sincerely,

Shirley M. Green  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Presidential Messages  
and Correspondence

Mr. Jon B. Utley  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 11/8

TO: *Shirley*

FROM: **JOHN S. GARDNER**  
**Special Assistant to the President**  
**and Assistant Staff Secretary**

Information

Action

Let's Discuss

*Re our conversation.*

*Thanks,  
J.S.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Mr.  
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Dear Jon:

Thank you for the thoughtful message from you and your colleagues concerning the situation in the Persian Gulf.

America does not seek conflict, nor does it seek to chart the destiny of other nations. I continue to hope that a peaceful solution will be found to the Gulf crisis. Like all Americans, I am proud of our brave service men and women and want them brought home as soon as possible.

I have been heartened by the widespread support of the American people, as well as by the unprecedented cooperation of the international community, for efforts to enforce sanctions against Iraq's aggression. As you no doubt know, the United Nations Security Council has passed a number of resolutions roundly condemning the acts of Saddam Hussein. Over twenty nations, responding to calls for help from friendly governments in the Gulf that fear further Iraqi aggression, have sent forces to defend the Gulf region.

This cooperation exists because vital issues of principle are at stake -- standing up against aggression and for the sovereignty of nations among them. The world community cannot allow someone as ruthless as Saddam Hussein to coerce innocent people in the Persian Gulf states, nor can it allow him to dominate oil reserves that are vital to the economic stability of the rest of the world. If we do not continue to demonstrate our determination, it would be a signal to actual and potential tyrants around the world.

I understand the interest that prompted you and your colleagues to write, and I appreciate your sharing your comments and suggestions with me.

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SMG:

For your review -- want to be  
sure this is what you had in mind  
for reply to incoming that is really  
a joint statement. *It's about war,*  
CK *not hostages.*

*Redo.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 18, 1990

Dear Jon:

Thank you for the thoughtful message from you and your colleagues regarding the situation in the Persian Gulf region.

Like you, I remain concerned about the safety and well-being of Americans and other foreign nationals being held against their will by Iraq. I have made clear the intention of the United States to hold the government of Iraq responsible for their safety. Above all, America does not seek conflict, nor does it seek to chart the destiny of other nations. ✓

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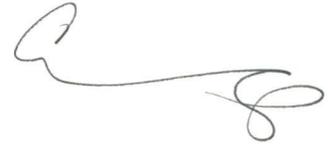
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cc: Bill Butterfield

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This is a GB Ltr. -  
-Bill



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S. Green

September 18, 1990

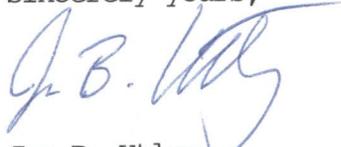
President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Please know that many conservatives are strongly opposed to the Wall Street Journal/National Review calls for attack on Iraq. We feel it would be a disaster for our economy and for our future relations with the Moslem world.

The enclosed signers were all participants at the recent Mount Pelerin meeting in Munich.

Sincerely yours,



Jon B. Utley

Enclosure

enclosure attached

Sept. 5, 1990

We, the undersigned, deplore the rush towards war in the Middle East, and the urgings for unilateral American attack upon Iraq by influential editors and writers.

A U.S. military attack on Iraq is wrong for moral, political, and economic reasons. The United States cannot and should not be the world's policeman. Without major participation by European, Arab, and Asian air and/or ground forces, the United States certainly has no business being the instigator of military action against a nation which has not threatened us militarily.

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