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DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 27, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

SUBJECT: FORWARDS COPY OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT SADAM  
HUSSEIN DATED OCT 17 90 STATING THE NEED  
FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE GULF CRISIS

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS  
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Date April 16, 1991

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council Staff  
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush  
From: His Holiness the Dalai Lama  
Date: November 23, 1990  
Subject: Forwards Copy of Letter to President Sadam  
Hussein Dated Oct. 17, 1990 Stating the Need for a  
Peaceful Solution to the Gulf Crisis.  
WH Referral Dated: March 7, 1991  
NSCS ID# (if any): 216113

       The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- X   An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.
- Other (see remarks).

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His Holiness the Dalai Lama  
Thekchen Choeling  
McLeod Ganj 176219  
Kangra District  
Himachal Pradesh

Your Holiness:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Gulf crisis. I have been asked to respond on behalf of President Bush. I have read your letter with great interest and understand your concern. The President regrets that Saddam Hussein rejected all peace overtures and persisted in his wrongful aggression against Kuwait, opting for war rather than comply with international law.

Kuwait is now liberated. Coalition forces have defeated the Iraqi Army. We have achieved our military objectives. Nevertheless, as President Bush said, "This is not a time to gloat, but is a time of pride -- pride in our troops, pride in the friends who stood with us in the crisis, pride in our nation and the people whose strength and resolve made victory quick, decisive and just." Great challenges lie ahead.

An international commitment to construction of a "new world order" constitutes the best hope for guaranteeing peace and security in the Middle East. In his State of the Union message the President quoted Winston Churchill in describing his own vision of a "world order" in which "the principles of justice and fair play . . . protect the weak against the strong." The United States is prepared to make its contributions toward building this "new world order" to replace the Cold War-dominated system that has governed international relations since the end of World War II.

In countering Iraqi aggression against Kuwait, we have successfully confronted the first challenge to the "new world order." We will continue our efforts to fortify this order by promoting peaceful settlement of disputes, observance of international rules, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, political liberty, and market-based economic growth.

The President shares your commitment to the cause of peace and looks forward to working with you in establishing a new world order.

With my highest esteem,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David L. Mack". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

David L. Mack  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of  
State for Near East and South  
Asian Affairs

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REFERRAL

MARCH 7, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 216113

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 23, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA  
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KANGRA DISTRICT  
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SUBJECT: FORWARDS COPY OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT SADAM  
HUSSEIN DATED OCT 17 90 STATING THE NEED  
FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE GULF CRISIS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
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(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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THE DALAI LAMA

November 23, 1990

Your Excellency,

I am enclosing here a copy of a letter that I wrote to President Saddam Hussein on October 17, 1990 on the overriding need for a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis.

I fully realize how complex the situation is and I am also aware of my insufficient knowledge of it. Nevertheless, I want to appeal to Your Excellency to explore every avenue for a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis. A war in that region will have tragic consequences. It will particularly be a very sad event following so soon after the end of the cold war that had existed over the last four decades. I am hopeful that you and President Gorbachev, to whom also I am making a similar appeal, will do everything possible to avoid a war with Iraq.

With the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration,

Yours sincerely,

His Excellency George Bush  
President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D.C.  
U. S. A.

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October 17, 1990

Your Excellency,

The news from the Gulf region saddens and greatly worries me. As tensions appear to be mounting, the possibility that further violence and suffering will result is increasing.

I understand the complexity of the situation in the Middle East, in which historical circumstances reveal that some Western powers are equally responsible for creating the situation at hand. However, I fear Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the resulting exodus of thousands of refugees have accelerated the conflict to a level which threatens the lives of perhaps tens of thousands of people.

I have always been a firm believer in the need to seek solutions to problems without resorting to armed force and violence. Even in the situation of my own country, which is the victim of aggression and occupation, I have consistently urged my people to refrain from the use of violence.

I write this letter to urge you to do everything in your power to reduce tensions and promote peace. I have also publicly urged the United States and other governments to refrain from the use of force in this situation. I do so with the interest of countless people in mind who will suffer tremendously if war breaks out. I also write to offer my services in the event there is anything I can do to advance efforts to reach a resolution in peace.

With my prayers and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

His Excellency Saddam Hussein  
President, Republic of Iraq  
Baghdad  
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