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FROM: SCOWCROFT

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1991

Dear Senator Cochran:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of your concurrent resolution calling for an international war crimes trial of Saddam Hussein.

As you know, violations of the laws of war are a matter of grave concern to the Administration. In accordance with Security Council Resolution 674, we continue to gather evidence of war crimes. We also are currently conducting a review of possible action with our U.N. and Coalition partners.

Sincerely,

Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable Thad Cochran
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2402
March 4, 1991

The President
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Dear Mr. President:

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Respectfully yours,

THAD COCHRAN
United States Senator

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: NICHOLAS ROSTOW

FROM: RONALD E. VONLEMBKE

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Cochran on War Crimes

Senator Cochran has introduced a concurrent resolution encouraging the President to take diplomatic steps to convene an international war crimes tribunal to try Saddam Hussein for his unprovoked war against Kuwait and Israel, his treatment of innocent civilians, and abuse of Coalition prisoners-of-war (Tab II).

Attached at Tab I is a letter to Senator Cochran thanking him for sharing his views and advising him that the war crimes issue is undergoing review.

Concurrence by: Richard Haass and Virginia Lampley

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Senator Cochran at Tab I.

Attachments
Tab I  Letter to Senator Cochran
Tab II  Incoming Correspondence
Urging the establishment of an international tribunal with jurisdiction to judge and punish Saddam Hussein for offenses committed against the citizens of Kuwait and Israel and against prisoners-of-war.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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10 (2) abusing prisoners-of-war captured in the War.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this concurrent resolution to the President.
March 13, 1991

Dear Thad:

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We appreciate being apprised of your interest in having Saddam Hussein held responsible for his crimes against the Kuwaitis, Israelis, and the prisoners of war. Please know that I have forwarded your letter to the President's national security and foreign policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your the resolution.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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