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March 21, 1991

Dear Senator Byrd:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the correspondence you received from Ms. Daisy B. Lucas concerning her opposition to U.S. assistance in the rebuilding of Iraq.

We appreciate being appraised of your constituent's perspective in this important area. Many difficult challenges lie ahead, and President Bush believes the views of individual Americans can play an invaluable role in guiding his Administration's efforts to meet those challenges. You may be assured that your constituent's comments have been shared with his advisors.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. McClure:

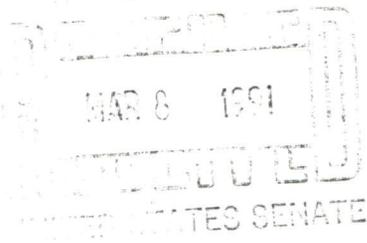
I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Ms. Daisy B. Lucas, who is opposed to U.S. assistance to rebuild Iraq. A copy of her letter, and a newspaper editorial are enclosed.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of this letter,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Byrd
Robert C. Byrd

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Enclosure



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Mar. 4, 1991

Senator Robert C. Byrdrd
Senator Jay Rockefeller,

After you read this editorial please pass it on to President Bush.

President Bush you have done a beautiful job bringing us through the war in a short time with few casualties your ratings are very high and I want to thank you.

Now don't let the American people down by helping build Iraq. Let Saddam Hussein take responsibility for his actions. In fact he should not be in power at all, kick his butt out. Let him suffer like the Kuwaitis have suffered, "and others."

Thanks for taking time to read the editorial and my letter.

Sincerely,
Daisy B. Lucas



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Let Someone Else Pay to Rebuild Iraq

What's the best way to make your country prosperous?
Declare war on the United States.

It's an old joke, sometimes told in bitter tones by veterans who can't understand why they fought in wars against Japan and Germany — only for the United States to help make those nations industrial giants.

Not long ago Saddam Hussein and a few muddle-headed liberals thought we ought to do the same for Iraq.

Saddam claimed U.S.-led bombing raids have inflicted about \$2 trillion in damage on Iraq. He thinks part of any peace settlement ought to include war reparations from the United States, to help rebuild Iraq.

After World War II, part of the justification for massive U.S. aid to West Germany and Japan was to help keep those countries in the Western camp and out of the clutches of communism. Now, in large part because of U.S. aid and technological help, those countries compete against us. Both have become quite prosperous.

Some put forth the same argument concerning Iraq. If we don't help rebuild Iraq, the Soviets will — and will gain an important ally in the Middle East. So goes the argument. It is, of course, ridiculous. Iraq already leans toward the Soviet Union, and has for years. U.S. aid has been taken for years — and bought us nothing. There's no diplomatic logic in aiding Iraq.

There's no logic of any kind to such a proposition. Why should billions of American dollars and quite a few lives be spent to defeat a bandit nation — then billions more be poured into it so its industries can compete with us? It just doesn't make sense.

President Bush already has rejected any thought of reparations for Iraq. That's good. Far from paying reparations to Iraq, its enemies should demand damage payments from Saddam's empire.