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5/12/92
The Honorable George Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

   Jane and I were pleased to have had an opportunity for a brief chat with you at the picture-taking last Wednesday in St. Louis.

   Leon Jaworski was counsel at the Hadamar (euthanasia) trial. I served as trial counsel at the trial of the major German war criminals before the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg.

   Mr. President, it is still not too late to bring Saddam Hussein and his confederates to justice. They are becoming ever more bold, as indicated by the current Iraqi military drive against the Kurds. A committee of former Nuremberg prosecutors, of which I served as chairman, has recommended his trial, and on May 7 Senator Kit Bond read our resolution into the Congressional Record. A copy is enclosed. The procedure which could be followed to bring Saddam to trial is as follows:

   1. The Security Council should authorize and direct the Secretary-General to convene a Commission of Inquiry into the causes and consequences of the Gulf War with authority to name individuals believed guilty of the commission of war crimes.

   2. Upon receipt of the report of the Commission, the Security Council should convene an ad hoc international military tribunal with authority to try the persons identified by the Commission as probable war criminals.

   3. Sanctions should be continued against Iraq until the individuals named by the Commission are surrendered for trial by the Tribunal. Should Iraq refuse to surrender any such individual the trial against him could proceed in absentia, as in the case of Martin Bormann before the International Military Tribunal.

   Mr. President, the time is ripe to propose to the
United Nations the establishment of an International Criminal Court, with jurisdiction over terrorists (e.g. the two Libyans charged with blowing up the airplane over Lockerbie), persons engaged in the international drug traffic (e.g. Manuel Noriega), and war criminals (e.g. Saddam Hussein and members of the Revolutionary Command Council).

The use of force is not enough to stop aggression and prevent or punish international crimes. We must find the way to invoke the rule of law against such criminals if world society is to be secure in the future.

Most respectfully yours,

[Signature]
RESOLUTION

We, former members of the staff of the United States for the prosecution of the major German war criminals before the International Military Tribunal and in the twelve subsequent trials at Nuremberg, Germany, at the end of World War II:

RECALLING, that the Charter and Judgment of the International Military Tribunal declared that individuals found guilty of crimes against peace, war crimes or crimes against humanity are punishable regardless of their official positions, and noting that the General Assembly of the United Nations, of which Iraq is a member, has affirmed unanimously the principles of International Law recognized by the Charter and Judgment of the International Military Tribunal, and

NOTING, that the Geneva Conventions of August, 1949, to which Iraq is a signatory, set forth explicit restrictions upon, and requirements for treatment by, belligerents of prisoners of war, hostages and civilians and prohibit destruction of property not justified by military necessity, and

BELIEVING, that there is substantial credible evidence that the leaders of Iraq have planned, initiated and waged Aggressive War against Kuwait and that, in the course of that war, they and numerous individuals have committed acts declared to be crimes under principles of International Law, have violated the provisions of the Geneva Conventions and have breached obligations imposed upon them as members of the United Nations,

CONVINCED, that failure to investigate, prosecute and punish the perpetrators of these crimes would seriously diminish the stature of the United Nations and undermine International Law as a force for prevention of Aggressive War and related crimes,

URGE, that the United Nations, the United States and its coalition partners and all peace-loving nations take all appropriate action to investigate, indict, prosecute and punish those Iraqi nationals who have planned and prosecuted an Aggressive War against Kuwait or committed War Crimes or Crimes Against Humanity in the course of that war in violation of the Nuremberg Principles, the United Nations Charter, the Security Council Resolutions or International Conventions of which Iraq is a signatory.