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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 18, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE CURT WELDON

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June 23, 1992

*Brent*

Dear Congressman Weldon:

Thank you for your letter to the President of May 15, 1992 concerning Iraq's human rights abuses. We share your abhorrence of Iraq's record in Kuwait and in the handling of coalition prisoners in Desert Storm. We have reviewed the Kroll investigation of Iraq's role in the deaths of Kuwaiti infants, prepared for the Kuwaiti government, and I think the outrage expressed by the President over Iraqi behavior in occupied Kuwait in the fall of 1990 has been fully vindicated.

We have taken action to gather other evidence of Saddam's human rights abuses. As you may know, American forces in Turkey assisted in the transport of Iraqi government documents captured by Kurdish forces from northern Iraq to the United States last month. These documents will now be carefully reviewed by several organizations to expose Saddam's massive abuse of the human rights of the citizens of northern Iraq in the last decade. The United States has also worked closely with the United Nations Special Rapporteur for Iraq, Ambassador Max Van der Stoel, who is compiling extensive reports on Saddam's abuses of his own people.

We will keep the issue of war crimes tribunals under review as the documentary record of Saddam's tyranny builds. At the appropriate time this matter could move to center stage and bring to account those most responsible for these acts of inhumanity.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

*Brent*

Brent Scowcroft

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