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Dear Mr. President:

As I am sure you are aware, numerous stories have appeared in the news media during the past several weeks describing potentially illegal activities undertaken by members of your Administration in assisting the regime of Saddam Hussein for a period of time leading up to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. Additionally, a number of Committees of both the House and Senate have been conducting their own investigations of such activities, with particular attention to questionable actions by the Department of State, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, the National Security Council, and other Executive Branch entities participating in the National Advisory Council. This Committee has been apprised of their findings to date, which include preliminary conclusions that the Administration's support of Iraq may have gone so far as to involve violations of Federal criminal law.

I personally believe that it does a profound disservice to the institutions of government and the people's confidence in such institutions for public opinion and debate over these serious charges to be shaped by press-driven accounts, often lacking the necessary record of events and documentation to assess the validity of these charges. For this reason, I have called a hearing of the full Committee of the Judiciary for Tuesday, June 2, to consider whether the Committee, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 592(g), should request that the Attorney General apply for the appointment of an Independent Counsel to investigate this matter.

I am therefore writing to invite you to send any appropriate Administration official to testify at this hearing. In the next week, I may also request that specific Administration officials be present at the hearing as well. I am certain that you are as interested as we are in Congress to come to an expeditious resolution of the questions raised in the matter of the United States Government providing assistance to Iraq. I look forward to working together with the Administration in furthering an impartial and full inquiry to ascertain all the pertinent facts.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

[Signature]

JACK BROOKS
Chairman