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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. BRUCE C. BOLLING

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN
AND LATINO AMERICAN BUSINESS TO SHARE IN THE
REBUILDING OF KUWAIT

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Mr. Bruce Bolling
Councilman, City of Boston
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Dear Mr. Bolling:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush regarding opportunities for minority companies in the rebuilding of Kuwait.

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), in conjunction with the Department's International Trade Administration (ITA) Gulf Reconstruction Center, has been working to ensure opportunities for minority business participation in the reconstruction of the Persian Gulf region. MBDA has established a Gulf Reconstruction Desk and a hot line (202-377-1962) to assist minorities in this effort.

We have contacted many major corporations offering MBDA's assistance in providing data on qualified minority vendors. We are encouraged by their favorable support to include minority business in contracting opportunities.

ITA and MBDA are working with the Government of Kuwait to develop a data base of potential vendors. Vendors interested in being included in the data base should complete a PROFILE and Kuwait Emergency Recovery Program form and return them to the addresses shown. Copies of the forms are enclosed for your information. Also enclosed is a press release from the Kuwait Government confirming its intent to do business with minority companies.

Finally, I would recommend that minority businesses contact the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) in their area for overall guidance and support in their effort to expand their business domestically as well as internationally. A listing of MBDCs is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Joe Lira

Joe Lira
Director

Enclosures

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MARCH 26, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 7, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. BRUCE C. BOLLING
COUNCILOR
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SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1991

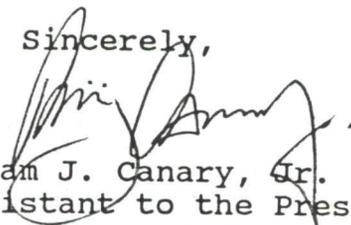
Dear Mr. Bolling:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your recent correspondence concerning minority businesses and contracts to re-build Kuwait. I appreciate your taking the time to write to the Administration on this matter.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the appropriate officials at the Department of Commerce for their further review and direct response. You should be hearing from them shortly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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March 7, 1991

President George Bush
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear President Bush:

I share your pride in the absolute victory of our American forces in the struggle to liberate Kuwait. Your leadership during the conflict was essential to the positive outcome of the war. As a Boston City Councilor, I voice my strong support of your efforts to bring this conflict to a swift and decisive conclusion.

For the past eight months, Americans of color have consistently proven their abilities in the battle to liberate Kuwait. The presence of these Americans is apparent throughout the structure of the military hierarchy, from front line foot soldiers to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell. Black and Latino soldiers comprised some 30% of the American forces executing Operation Desert Storm.

The rebuilding of Kuwait will involve the expenditure of tens of billions of dollars, and will require the expertise and determination of many American companies and workers. I urge you to join me in supporting that African and Latino Americans share in what promises to be the most important public works endeavor since the Marshall Plan. By targeting no less than thirty percent (30%) of American contracts in Kuwait for minority businesses, we will not only provide a much needed economic boost at home, we will establish a multiracial picture of America overseas in peace as well as war.

Thank you very much for your support and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce C. Bolling
Boston City Councilor

