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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding your recent trip to Kuwait.

We appreciate being apprised of your observations and your recommendation that President Bush visit Kuwait to inspect both the rebuilding efforts and the devastation the country has suffered. I have taken the liberty of sharing your comments with several of the President's advisors on this matter so that they, too, are aware of your recommendations.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable L. William Paxon
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President George Bush
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to you from the American Embassy in Bahrain after spending today viewing the devastation and rebuilding efforts in Kuwait.

Mr. President, the horrors which Saddam Hussein has inflicted on the Kuwaiti people and the world are clearly among the most evil, immoral acts committed in our lifetime. The devastation which I have seen underscores the correctness of our policy in dealing with the Iraqi threat and it makes your bold leadership in directing the coalition which defeated Saddam even that more impressive.

In Kuwait, today, we are witness to the worst manmade environmental disaster in history. The ominous cold winds and dark clouds over the holy burning Kuwaiti oil fields is surreal and frightening.

Some eighty per cent of the Kuwaiti infrastructure is destroyed and havoc has been wreaked on the lives of thousands upon thousands of citizens.

But, Mr. President, today I also saw dignity, resolve and determination to rebuild a nation, from its political and social institutions to its streets, buildings and parks, by a people who have, despite all, not lost hope and not lost their pride in how much they had already accomplished in the desert sands.

Above all, Mr. President, the Kuwaitis are grateful people; grateful to all Americans, to our fighting troops, and, most of all, to you for your leadership and determination.
That is why, Mr. President, I respectfully urge you to come to Kuwait now. To view first hand the incredible evil that Saddam Hussein has wrought and to focus, as no other person can, the world's attention on the destruction and to make warning to any potential Saddam of the future that the world will not stand for aggression and brutality.

Perhaps the feelings of the Kuwaitis are best summed up by the graffiti, in English and Arabic on the wall of the American Embassy in Kuwait; "Thank you George Bush and the American People." After viewing the horrors of Saddam's brutality, I believe they are feelings which should be shared by the entire world.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

BILL PAXON
Member of Congress

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