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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 22, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JIM SAMUELS

SUBJECT: URGES THE SELECTION OF MINORITY BUSINESSES
IN THE REBUILDING OF KUWAIT

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Mr. Jim Samuels
Executive Director
Civil Rights Commission
P.O. Box 6645
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00801

Dear Mr. Samuels:

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 Kuwaiti 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 list of MBDCs is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Joe Lira
Joe Lira
Director

Enclosures

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MARCH 28, 1991

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FROM: MR. JIM SAMUELS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE U.S.
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
POST OFFICE BOX 6645
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SUBJECT: URGES THE SELECTION OF MINORITY BUSINESSES
IN THE REBUILDING OF KUWAIT

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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 4, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Bush:

It is with a great deal of pride and joy that I am writing you this letter to thank you for a job well done in the crisis in the Gulf. Your unswerving dedication to do the right thing in freeing Kuwait without any compromise is greatly appreciated by people all over the world. Here in the Virgin Islands where a great amount of our young men and women are on duty in Operation Desert Storm, the parents and loved ones I know are breathing a great sigh of relief now that the hostilities are over and the troops will be returning safely back home.

I also wish to commend you personally on your very positive speech concerning African-American soldiers in the history of this great country of ours. I do believe it was one of the most positive statements that I have heard in quite awhile and should go a long way to help ameliorate the divisiveness in our country.

On that subject, I read in USA Today where American Corporations are receiving contracts totaling seventy-five million dollars with a further potential of a total of sixty billion dollars to rebuild Kuwait. With this in mind I am hoping that you would remind these Corporate Powers that the war was won by a truly diversified group of American men and women of all races and ethnic groups, and their

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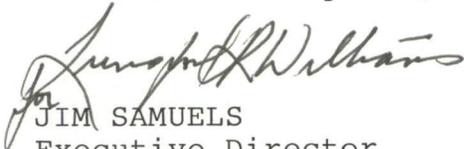
President George Bush

March 4, 1991

hiring practices should reflect the same.

Once again, thank you on behalf of my family and the people of the Virgin Islands. My regards to Mrs. Bush also, as we almost share the same birthdate -- mine is June 9th. If possible, please send an autographed picture for my office.

With warmest regards,


JIM SAMUELS
Executive Director

P.S.: After dictating the above, due to a family emergency, Director Samuels had to leave the office; however, before leaving, he requested that this letter be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

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