Dear Ms. McCarthy

The President has asked that I respond to your letter of March 12, in which you expressed interest on behalf of your organization in assisting the government of Kuwait to provide for the educational and other needs of young children in Kuwait.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait, for forwarding to appropriate government officials in the Ministries of Public Health and Education. As you may be aware, the government of Kuwait is currently assessing its long-term needs in restoring the country’s infrastructure and services.

Prior to Kuwait’s liberation and in its immediate aftermath, the U.S. provided advisory assistance to the Kuwaiti government in planning for, and implementing, restoration of basic services to the public. Despite the devastation wreaked by Iraqi forces on Kuwait during the occupation, the Kuwaiti government, fortunately, is now in the position once again to contract fully for those services it will need for the country’s long-term reconstruction. I would therefore suggest that you pursue your offer of assistance directly with the Kuwaiti government.

I hope my response has been helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me again if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Douglas R. Keene
Director of,
Arabian Peninsula Affairs
FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House  

Reference:  
To: President Bush  

From: Jan McCarthy  

Date: March 12, 1991  

Subject: Offers Assistance of the World Organ. for early childhood education in the effort to rebuild RU  
WH Referral Dated: 12, March 91  
NSCS ID# (if any): 224196  

The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State  

Action Taken:  

___ A draft reply is attached.  
___ A draft reply will be forwarded.  
___ A translation is attached.  
___ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.  
___ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.  
___ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.  
___ Other (see remarks).  

Remarks:  

Director  
Secretariat Staff
THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

MARCH 29, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 224196

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 12, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JAN MCCARTHY
PRESIDENT
U.S. NATIONAL COMMITTEE
WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
SUITE 500
1718 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW.
WASHINGTON DC 20009

SUBJECT: OFFERS THE ASSISTANCE OF THE WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN THE EFFORT TO REBUILD KUWAIT

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE
March 12, 1991

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing on behalf of the U.S. National Committee of the World Organization for Early Childhood Education to offer our assistance in our nation's effort to rebuild Kuwait. Our organization was established at the end of World War II by a group of interested professionals representing groups such as, education, health, and social work to aid in assisting with providing supportive services to children whose lives had been disrupted by the war. Since that time we have worked in consort with UNESCO in addressing the educational needs of children, more recently focusing on work with developing nations.

Inasmuch as the recent crisis has created a need for extensive support and efforts to bring a quality of life to children in Kuwait and inasmuch as it is my understanding that the United States will be providing assistance, I want to apprise you of our organization's willingness to be available to assist in working on behalf of the needs of children in the reconstruction process.

Young children are extremely vulnerable. The early years are critical in terms of developing attitudes and values as well as having access to health, nutrition, and educational opportunities that will nurture their potential for becoming productive, contributing members and future leaders in their country. It is imperative that these needs not be neglected when plans are made for reconstruction.

We look forward to working with you and your designated persons in this effort.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

Jan McCarthy, President
U.S. National Committee, World Organization for Early Childhood Education

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