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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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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

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
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Date April 18, 1991

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

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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 KU

WH Referral Dated: 12, March 91

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         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.

  X   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:

*for Sandra Sullivan*  
Director  
Secretariat Staff

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

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

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**OMEP** U. S. National Committee  
A Unit of  
**Organisation Mondiale pour L'Education Prescolaire**  
**World Organization for Early Childhood Education**

March 12, 1991

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

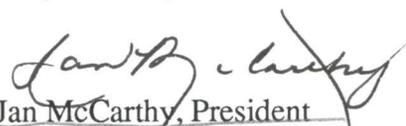
I am writing on behalf of the U.S. National Committee of the World Organization for Early Childhood Education to offer our assistance in our nation's effort to rebuild Kuwait. Our organization was established at the end of World War II by a group of interested professionals representing groups such as, 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 organizations 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 of having access to health, nutrition, and educational opportunities that will nurture their potential for becoming producing, 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,

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

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