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Dear Ambassador Kellogg:

Thank you for your warm and thoughtful message regarding the situation in the Persian Gulf.

I am heartened by the widespread support of the American people for the efforts to enforce United Nations sanctions aimed at bringing about a withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and restoration of Kuwait's independence. I am also encouraged by the number of other countries — including Arab nations — that have joined the international effort to defend Saudi Arabia against aggression.

Your kind words mean a great deal to me, and I appreciate your support.

GEORGE BUSH

The Honorable Francis L. Kellogg President National Committee on American Foreign Policy 232 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10016

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THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY STRONGLY SUPPORT

PRESIDENT BUSH'S INITIAL REACTION TO SADDAM HUSSEIN'S UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION AGAINST KUWAIT. THE COMMITTEE NOTES WITH SATISFACTON THE POSITION ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE POLICIES ANNOUNCED BY THE SOVIET UNION, JAPAN, CHINA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

ASSET FREEZES AND TRADE EMBARGOES ALONE WILL, HOWEVER, NOT SUFFICE TO ENDUCE SADDAM HUSSEIN TO LEAVE KUWAIT, OR TO CURTAIL HIS APPETITE FOR MORE TERRITORY. IN ORDER TO BREAK HIS HITLER-LIKE POLICIES WHAT IS NEEDED IS TO CRIPPLE IRAQ'S ECONOMY. THUS, IN ADDITION TO ASSET FREEZES AND TRADE EMBARGOES, AN EFFECTIVE NAVAL BLOCKADE MUST BE ESTABLISHED. THAT IS, SHIPS IN THE ?ERSIAN GULF HEADED TO AND FROM IRAQ AND KUWAIT AND TO AND FROM IRAQI OIL TERMINALS IN THE RED SEA AND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN MUST BE SEARCHED AND SIEZED IF THEY CARRY OIL, ARMS, MILITARY HARDWARE, AND OTHER GOODS THAT CAN HELP HIM SUSTAIN HIS ADVENTURES.

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