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DEPARTURE STATEMENT -- AMIR JABER \ SOUTH LAWN
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I HAVE REAFFIRMED TO THE AMIR THAT AMERICA'S RESOLVE TO END THIS AGGRESSION AGAINST KUWAIT REMAINS FIRM AND UNDIMINISHED. KUWAIT'S SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WILL BE RESTORED, THE STABILITY AND SECURITY OF THE PERSIAN GULF REGION IS ASSURED, AND THE SAFETY OF ALL INNOCENT CITIZENS IS SECURED. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR LONGSTANDING INTERESTS -- ENDORSED BY ALL MY PREDECESSORS SINCE HARRY TRUMAN.

AND THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WILL OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY -- ENDORSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN EIGHT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. AND JUST YESTERDAY, THE STANDING OVATION THAT GREETED THE AMIR'S MOVING ADDRESS TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS ONE MORE POWERFUL EXPRESSION OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR A FREE KUWAIT.

HIS HIGHNESS AND I REAFFIRMED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AS THE MEANS TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL END TO THIS CRISIS. BUT ULTIMATELY THAT IS UP TO SADDAM HUSSEIN. I REITERATED OUR STRONG BELIEF THAT WE JUST CONTINUE TO STAND ON THE PRINCIPLES BY WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND THE REST OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD ARE GOVERNED.

AND THAT MEANS THAT NO NATION SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONDUCT ITS RELATIONS WITH ANOTHER ON THE BASIS OF THREATS OR THE USE OF BRUTE FORCE. FINALLY, HIS HIGHNESS AND I AGREED THAT WE MUST KEEP ALL OUR OPTIONS OPEN TO ENSURE THAT IRAQ'S UNLAWFUL OCCUPATION OF KUWAIT IS ENDED AND KUWAIT'S LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT RESTORED.

WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE KEY ROLE THAT HIS HIGHNESS, HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE KUWAITI PEOPLE ARE PLAYING AND WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY IN THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THESE EFFORTS. I WANT TO THANK THE AMIR FOR HIS GENEROUS SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE BEING ASKED TO MAKE SACRIFICES. I ALSO WANT TO SINGLE OUT THE VALIANT EFFORTS OF THE KUWAITI RESISTANCE WHO ARE CONTINUING TO FIGHT VIGOROUSLY FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

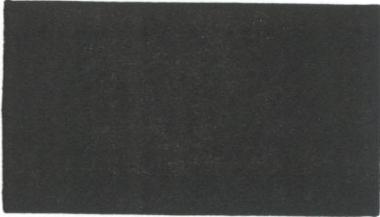
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HIS HIGHNESS AND I WILL CONTINUE TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH AND TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIND A SOLUTION TO END THIS TRAGEDY. AS I STATED IN MY ADDRESS TO THE NATION EARLIER THIS MONTH, WE WILL STAND BY OUR FRIENDS.


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*MAKE SOME REFERENCE
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the signal that sent to the world*

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