

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 18, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOSEPH A. DEVANY

SUBJECT: SUGGESTS THAT THE UNITED NATIONS ORDER AN  
ELECTION IN KUWAIT AND LET THE PEOPLE OF  
KUWAIT DECIDE WHETHER TO BE ANNEXED TO IRAQ  
OR BE INDEPENDENT

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION			
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COMMENTS: FORMER CANDIDATE FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL  
APPEALS, '90

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*D-DRAFT RESPONSE      *C-COMPLETED        *          CODE = A   *
*F-FURNISH FACT SHEET  *S-SUSPENDED        *COMPLETED = DATE OF *
*I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC*                      *          OUTGOING  *
*R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY *                      *                      *
*S-FOR-SIGNATURE       *                      *                      *
*X-INTERIM REPLY       *                      *                      *
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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE  
(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590  
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING  
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS  
MANAGEMENT.

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December 31, 1990

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter. I know how hard you all worked, and I wish the outcome of your campaign had been different.

I understand your concerns about the situation in the Persian Gulf, and I appreciate your suggestions. As you know, the resolutions approved by the United Nations Security Council call for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait and the restoration of its legitimate government. Iraq has illegally invaded its neighbor -- a sovereign nation. Once Iraq has complied with the U.N. resolutions, then any number of actions could be considered. This option, however, is one for the people of Kuwait -- not Iraq -- to make. Other differences between Kuwait and Iraq should be worked out through peaceful negotiations between the parties involved.

Please be assured that I want a peaceful resolution of this crisis, and I am determined to go the extra mile to bring that about. We and the world community are determined, however, that Iraq must not benefit from its outrageous invasion and occupation of Kuwait and that it must comply with the UN resolutions, or risk the consequences.

I appreciate your friendship. Barbara joins me in sending our best wishes.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH

Mr. Joseph A. Devany  
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GB/BW/SMG/bws-efr (12PRESA)

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# DRAFT OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

DRAFT DATE: 12/19	COMPUTER DRAFT DOCUMENT TITLE: Devany
INITIALS: GB/ FW SG	CC:
CLEAR WITH: NSC	WHCC:
ENCLOSURES, SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:	

OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE - COMMENTS

TO: NSC, ATTENTION: GEORGE VAN ERON *Haass*

PLEASE REVIEW, CONCUR WITH OR WITHOUT CHANGES, SIGN FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND RETURN TO NSC/S

DATE DUE: 12/27/90

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Multiple Mailing

Form Reply

One-Time Reply

SUBJECT:

POTUS letter to Joseph Devany regarding the situation in the Persian Gulf.

REQUESTED BY/ADDRESSED TO:

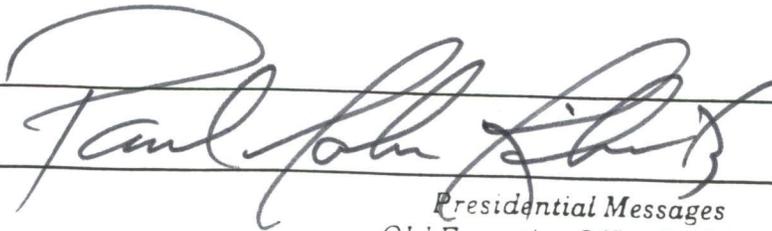
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BACKGROUND:

- see attached
- if you have any questions about this request please contact me at the above number.
- thank you for your attention to this matter.

*Thanks  
PJL*

SIGNATURE:



DATE:

12/19/90

Presidential Messages  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 94  
(202) 456-7610

Your Recommendation/Comments:

THE NSC CONCURS AS IS \_\_\_\_\_

WITH CHANGES  \_\_\_\_\_

*Jandra Clarke*  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear Joe:

*Please type  
thanks  
JR*

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December 12, 1990

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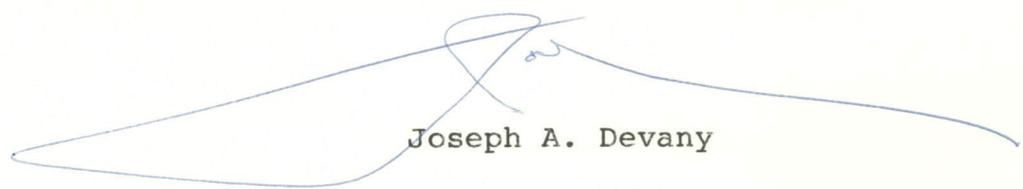
Mr. George Bush, President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you for the photo of our greeting each other in Dallas in May. While I won many counties in Texas, I did not quite make it in my statewide race for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

In listening to many people in Texas, there is a strong reluctance to risk any American lives over Kuwait. Because there is a "face-saving" problem on both sides, I would like to recommend that the United Nations order an election in Kuwait and let the people of that small nation decide whether to be annexed to Iraq or be independent. This will take it out of the hands of those who want to dictate the fate of that country and place it squarely in the hands of the citizens to whom the country really belongs anyway. Let the United Nations name who will conduct the election and get the heavy responsibility off the shoulders of the United States. It will make you look good if the United States proposes such a resolution. It makes the leadership of Iraq look bad if they resist such an election. This idea occurred to me because I heard so much concern in Texas.

My congratulations on your leadership. Your friend,

  
Joseph A. Devany