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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 12, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM C. STUART

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO
CONTROL THE OIL FIRES IN KUWAIT WHICH ARE
STILL BURNING UP TO SIX BILLION BARRELS A DAY
WITH DISASTROUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

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*F-FURNISH FACT SHEET  *S-SUSPENDED        *COMPLETED = DATE OF *
*I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC*                       *           OUTGOING *
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 24, 1991

Dear Judge Stuart:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter to the President expressing your concerns about the oil fires in Kuwait. I am pleased to report that as of today, of the 610 oil fires ignited by the retreating Iraqi army, approximately 75 fires remain to be extinguished. These fires are projected to be out by the end of 1991, or possibly sooner.

At the request of President Bush, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator William Reilly organized a Persian Gulf Task Force to coordinate U.S. environmental activities in the Gulf. EPA, in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has been monitoring the impact of the oil well fires on air quality in the Gulf since March 10. The Task Force is currently coordinating an interagency consolidated plan of action for continued environmental efforts in the Gulf region including coordination of on-site activities. It is important to note, however, that the United States does not have responsibility for the Gulf region clean-up efforts. U.S. assistance is provided solely at the request of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Thank you again for taking the time to write the President to express your views about this important environmental issue.

Warmest regards,



Edward S. Goldstein
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Office of Policy Development

The Honorable William C. Stuart
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Southern District of Iowa
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

CHAMBERS OF
WILLIAM C STUART

DES MOINES, IOWA 50309

September 9, 1991

*E. Goldstein
cc C B Gray*

The Hon. George Bush
President of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

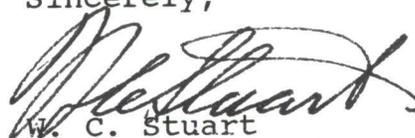
I have read the summary of the testimony of James George, former Canadian Ambassador to Kuwait before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committees Gulf Pollution Task Force on July 11th. As this is available to you, I will not repeat its contents.

About six billion barrels of oil are burning daily. This translates into about 100 million dollars a day going up in sooty smoke which is a double catastrophe. If gulf oil was so important to us six months ago, why is it not so important to save all that we can now. More importantly the environmental consequences can be disastrous.

With the important changes that are taking place in the Soviet Union, it is understandable why even this emergency is not being addressed, but it is a global concern and requires international cooperation. The long term effects of the gulf oil fires could change life on this planet dramatically.

Government should recognize our responsibility and react now.

Sincerely,


W. C. Stuart

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