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January 16, 1992

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Best wishes to you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

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Date Due: ASAP Type Response: Multiple Mailing Form Reply One-Time Reply

Subject: POTUS letter to a member of the American Women's League in Kuwait regarding Saddam Hussein.

Requested by: Jim McGrath / x7610 / Room 94

Background: --see attached
--as you can see, this is of a timely nature and we appreciate your timely response.

Thank you.

Received 1/15
Date: 1/15/92

Signature: *J. McGrath*

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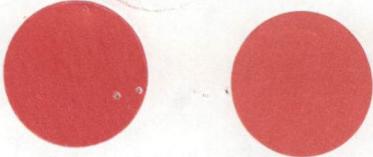
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December 7, 1991

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The President of
The United States of America,
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Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the American Women's League of Kuwait, I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your efforts during the Gulf Crisis.

On August 2, 1990, many of us found ourselves in "occupied Kuwait" wondering what had gone wrong. Shock and fear of what would become of our peaceful lives dominated our every moment. As Americans, we knew in our hearts that the United States would not let this aggression continue to go on. Unable to communicate with our embassy or the outside world, panic ensued. It was becoming more and more difficult to distinguish fact from rumor. Saddam Hussain's daily broadcast stated that Kuwait was now the 19th Province of Iraq, an unchangeable fact. Threats of what he would do if anyone or any country tried to intervene on Kuwait's behalf, gave us to believe there was no hope at all. Yet, faith in the United States kept us going. As the days went by, we heard through short-wave radio broadcasts that indeed the United States was sending its forces into the Persian Gulf. We had not been forgotten!! Words cannot describe what that news did for our waning hopes. Word of "the Americans saving the day" peppered every conversation and buoyed our spirits. We were prepared to die in American air attacks if it would put an end to this horrible take-over. We were willing to put it all on the line for the sake of Kuwait, the country, her people. As the days went on, things became worse. Many of us were compelled to flee through the desert. The day finally came when the remaining foreigners were air-lifted home, leaving husbands and families behind to unknown fates. Truly, one of the most difficult

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decisions of our lives!

Back home in the United States, we watched and waited. We listened to the unending arguments of the political and financial aspects of sending our troops to the Gulf, and the "why should we..." attitude of people not involved in the situation. Your steadfast support in the face of opposition, your belief in people and the principal that good can overcome evil convinced the American people and people throughout the world that we could not just walk away and let this aggression stand! These people needed our help! The weight of these decisions was on your shoulders, your personal anxiety apparent. It was not an easy time for any of us!

Thank God, the Gulf Crisis is now a part of history. Many of us have returned to "Free Kuwait" and for the most part, our normal lives. With the job of re-building well under way, many discussions still return to the Iraqi invasion. Opinions differ on what could have or should have been done. But, one thing is agreed upon by all, "THANK GOD! THANK GEORGE BUSH! THANK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!"

In closing, as grateful Americans, we would like to say, MAY GOD BLESS YOU GEORGE BUSH, THANK YOU!!

Sincerely yours,

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