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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 11, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE LEE H. HAMILTON

SUBJECT: FORWARDS COPY OF LETTER FROM BERNARD HOYER
REGARDING HONORING THE AMERICANS INVOLVED
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KUWAIT

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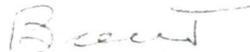
WASHINGTON

April 10, 1992

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March 26, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM: BRUCE O. RIEDEL

SUBJECT: Response to Congressman Hamilton on Kuwait



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SIGNED

Congressman Hamilton forwarded to the President a constituent's letter proposing the White House acknowledge the role played by Americans in putting out the oil fires started by Iraq in Kuwait. In your reply to the Congressman you note the White House issued a statement honoring the role played by the firefighters from all countries in this endeavor last November and enclose a copy for the Congressman's use in responding to his constituent.

Concurrences by: Virginia Lampley, Eric Melby

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab I to Congressman Hamilton.

Attachments

- Tab I Reply to Congressman Hamilton
- Tab II Letter from Congressman Hamilton

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Rome, Italy)

For Immediate Release

November 6, 1991

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

Today we celebrate with the people and the Government of Kuwait as they complete a major step along the road to recovery. The extinguishing of the last of Kuwait's burning oil wells represents a remarkable achievement. In less than nine months, a unique international coalition capped nearly 700 wells, reversing Saddam's cruel efforts to achieve with sabotage what he could not do with his military -- the destruction of Iraq's peaceful neighbor and the fouling of an entire region in an act of mass ecological terrorism.

Upon the liberation of Kuwait last March, the President directed U.S. agencies to come to Kuwait's assistance in tackling the disaster perpetrated by Saddam's retreating army. 752 of the country's 1037 oil wells had been damaged and 610 were burning. Working closely with the Government of Kuwait, the United States lent vital support in engineering, transport and other areas -- support which was critical to the success in extinguishing the blazing wells. We are delighted to have been partners in every phase of the firefighting effort. We are particularly proud that three of the first four teams on the ground in March were American. It was these teams that laid the groundwork for the success that followed. American teams capped over half of the damaged wells in the effort that grew eventually to include firefighters from 28 countries.

We share Kuwait's joy and salute the brave men and women who met this historic challenge. We support Kuwait's demand for just compensation by Iraq for these and other war-related damages and we remain determined to stand with Kuwait and others against Saddam and his policies.

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February 28, 1992

The President
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Washington, D.C. 20500

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Holland, In.
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