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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 22, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DAVID E. BONIOR

SUBJECT: REPORTS ON A LETTER FROM JOSEPH COLGAN  
REGARDING HIS CONCEPT ON HOW TO EXTINGUISH  
THE OIL FIRES IN KUWAIT ON CNN

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NICK CALIO		ORG	92/04/22	NC	A 92/04/22 <b>RL</b>
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COMMENTS: ENCLOSURE INDICATED IN THE LETTER IS NOT ATTACHED

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES: 1230  
MAIL USER CODES: (A) (B) (C)

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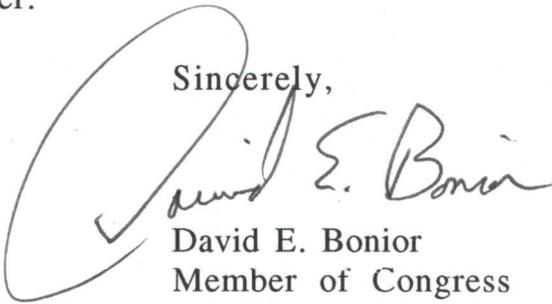
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FROM

*Mark Kayam*

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Name:

*John*

Office:

Phone Number:

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Date:

*4/29/92*

Comments:

*Letter on Kuwait oil well fires*

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With the President's best wishes,

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SMG/BW/SMG/JM/SMG/pw (Corres.#: 721276)

cc: Jim McGrath, Room 94  
cc: Nick Calio

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WASHINGTON

Stanley -

A REVIEW OF CTRK, DODDUM AND  
CALLS TO CONGRESS AND EPA FAIL  
TO LOCATE ANY RECORDS OF  
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Charlie

Jim - answer  
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*Sounds so stuffy! Keep it simple*

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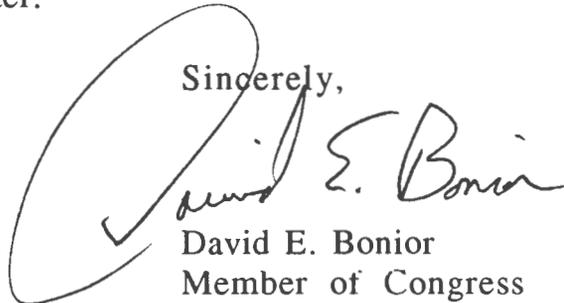
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