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KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.
March 20, 1991

Dear Congressman Goss:

Thank you for your letter to the President conveying your support for his efforts to secure foreign contributions to help cover the costs borne by the United States in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

I fully agree that since the United States shouldered the heaviest burden in the liberation of Kuwait, our allies and coalition partners must provide adequate financial and logistical support to our military. I can assure you that they recognize that the liberation of Kuwait benefits us all and they are making substantial contributions to help defray our expenses. In brief,

-- Twenty-eight other countries provided military forces to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

-- Our allies are providing both cash and in-kind assistance to help us meet our needs and cover our expenses. Their support is covering close to 90 percent of our 1990 costs. Total commitments by our allies exceed $54 billion for 1990-91, with major contributions from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Japan, and Germany.

-- In addition, many other countries have taken the responsibility for assisting those nations which have suffered the most from the international sanctions against Iraq. The Gulf Crisis Financial Coordination Group established by President Bush has committed $15.7 billion for exceptional economic assistance for these states.

Thank you for your strong support for our efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,

Brent Scowcroft

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MEMORANDUM FOR BREN'T SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: TIMOTHY E. DEAL

FROM: MEG LUNDSAGER

SUBJECT: Congressional Letter on Financing Desert Storm

Congressman Porter J. Goss sent the President a letter on February 25 (Tab B) expressing support for the President’s efforts to secure foreign contributions to Operation Desert Storm. In the draft reply at Tab A, you provide an update on the financial and in-kind support received from our allies.

Concurrence by: Richard Haass, Virginia Lampley

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A to Congressman Goss.

Attachments
Tab A Draft Reply
Tab B Incoming Correspondence
March 6, 1991

Dear Porter:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding world financial commitments in support of Operation Desert Storm.

We appreciate being apprised of your thoughts on the importance of burdensharing and the appropriate Congressional role in this issue. Please know that I have shared your comments with President Bush. Additionally, I have taken the liberty of sharing your remarks with the President's national security and foreign policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your recommendations.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

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I do believe however, that Congress can play a constructive role in this issue without micro-managing. I appreciate the enormity of the task before you, and I am aware of the delicacy that must accompany such efforts. However, the issue of burdensharing remains of foremost importance to myself and many of my colleagues and constituents. Therefore I respectfully urge you to continue in your efforts to increase
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