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Dear Mr. Connarton:

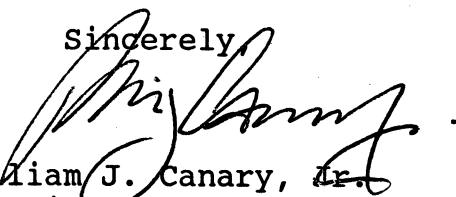
On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your message about the conflict in the Persian Gulf. This matter of grave importance to our nation and to the world community has generated such a huge volume of mail at the White House that it simply is not possible to respond to your specific comments and suggestions. However, the President regularly reviews a sampling of the mail on this issue, and he wants you to know that he appreciates your sharing your views with him.

As you know, diplomatic efforts by the United States, the Arab League, the United Nations, the Europeans Community, and others to achieve a peaceful resolution of this crisis were rejected by Saddam Hussein. The choice of peace or war was his to make. The actions now being taken unmistakably demonstrates the resolve of the international coalition that Iraq comply with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The President hopes that this objective can be achieved quickly.

Throughout our history, the United States has been committed to defending fundamental principles of freedom and human rights. Consistent with these principles are the UN goals that Iraq must withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait; that Kuwait's legitimate government must be restored; and that security and stability must be restored to the Persian Gulf region.

President Bush is keenly aware that these are difficult days for the American people, and he has asked that we pray for the brave members of our Armed Forces and for all those who are defending this universal cause of justice.

Sincerely,



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for Intergovernmental Affairs

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Comm. from William J. Canary, Jr.,
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs, The
White House, regarding the resolution sent
by the City Council regarding the conflict
in the Persian Gulf.

In City Council,

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