

NOVEMBER 28, 1990

DEAR SENATOR JOHN KERRY,

I WAS A VOLUNTEER ON YOUR CAMPAIGN AND IT INSPIRED ME TO GET MORE INVOLVED, AS I DID BACK IN THE LATE '60's AND EARLY 70's TO STOP THE VIETNAM WAR. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN BUT IF I HAVE TO I WILL. SO I WILL START NOW TO STOP THIS WAR BEFORE IT STARTS FOR SO MANY LIVES WILL NOT BE LOST. I KNOW YOU FEEL THE SAME. I CAN'T BELIEVE GEORGE BUSH THINKS HE CAN DECLARE WAR WITHOUT NOTIFYING CONGRESS. HE HAS TAKEN AN OATH OF OFFICE PLEASE DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH IT. TURN UP THE HEAT AS HIGH AS NEEDED, AND DON'T LET UP- 100, 150, 500, OR 5000 DEGREES. GO ALL THE WAY! PULL EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK. YOU HAVE THE BEST REASON IN THE WORLD 50,000 LIVES! AND I WILL DO ALL I CAN ON MY PART.

YOUR FRIEND,

PAUL SAIA

PS FOR SOME INSPIRATION

ALL WE ARE SAYING IS GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

JOHN LENNON

WHERE HAVE ALL THE SOLDIERS GONE LONG TIME PASSING
WHERE HAVE ALL THE SOLDIERS GONE SO LONG AGO
GONE TO GRAVE YARDS EVERY ONE SO WHEN WILL WE EVER LEARN

PETER, PAUL. AND MARY

AND THAT WAS THE HEART OF MY LETTER

THANKS AGAIN
PAUL SAIA

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UNITED STATES GET OUT OF IRAQ

When will we ever learn, when we deal with the devil you will always get burned. We must get the United States out of the Persian Gulf. To all of you that were part of the Silent Majority as in the Vietnam era, please do not be silent for this crisis. If or when this war breaks out, an estimated 50,000+ men and women will come back to the United States in body bags.

I don't know about you, but that is something I really don't want to see. Especially, when you consider the reason; the present administration of George Bush say's he wants to stop Saddam Hussain's aggression towards Kuwait. Remember, this is the same administration that supported Saddam Hussain with an estimated \$5 billion dollars in aide along with military intelligence when Iraq was at war with Iran, and all along the Bush/Reagan Administration knew what kind of a mad man Saddam Hussain was, killing his own people with gas and chemicals. All they had to do is disagree with him or not obey him. In short, we knew what kind of disgusting pig he was and we still supported him.

On Friday, November 23, 1990 President George Bush is making deals with Assad, the president of Syria, knowing he is one of the worlds worst terrorists who is responsible for the bombing of the marines in 1980, Flight 103 in Switzerland, etc. Apparently, we still haven't learned, when we deal with the devil we get burned - it may not be this year or next, but sooner or later it will happen.

So please don't be the Silent Majority again. Don't get me wrong, we must defend this country. We must stand by our allied countries that have some kind of democracy or beliefs in the same value system as we do, but Kuwait doesn't have any kind of democracy. The other reason is the country of Saudia Arabia - our so-called allies - that live in the 13th century with no human rights, especially where women are concerned. They're being our 'allies' - they have agreed to increase their oil output as a 'favor' to the United States and the rest of the world. This so called favor gives Saudia Arabia an extra \$100 billion dollars a day. Some favor.

I wouldn't mind doing the world a favor and make \$100 million dollars a day. I'm sure you would too.

I also would like to remind you, it is costing us \$30 billion dollars to defend the country of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. The United States is the only country not benefitting from this crisis and we seem to be one of the only countries giving 'aide' to these barbarians. We do not have this kind of money to be giving away especially since Bush broke his presidential promise of "no new taxes". Keep our hard earned money in this country where it belongs and is so desperately needed.

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But if all these reasons aren't enough, just think for a minute - if you were in Saddam Hussain's shoes, you would know that there is no way he could win a war against the United States, especially with the support of the United Nations.

You can be sure that the first thing he is would do is to bomb as many oil fields as possible which would shoot oil prices to \$80, \$100 or \$120 plus dollars per barrel. Do you have any idea what that will do to our economy that is already in recession? You will see business going under so fast it will make your head spin. It will probably make the great depression look like a picnic. People will lose their homes, cars, jobs, etc., and don't forget, this means you. People will be fighting for what little money that is left and a civil war could easily be started in this country over few what few resources were left. We have had it pretty easy and wouldn't know how to live in hard times.

Yes, the war may be over in two weeks, one month, or 2-3 months, but the effects will last for many, many, many years. Fixing up oil fields is not done over night and mourning the losses of our young men and women never ends. We cannot face these facts due to the irrational weight President Bush is putting on oil.

So, I ask of you, I beg of you, please DON'T BE THE SILENT MAJORITY again. Let's get out of the Persian Gulf now. Write to President George Bush. Tell him you want out. Call and write all the senators you can think of, even those who are not your senators. They can put pressure on the president. Also, write and call your other representatives and don't stop there. Do the same to your governor, city manager, mayor and city counsellor. Even though the mayor and city councillor, etc. don't make decisions in world affairs, they can help and definitely cannot hurt. Fill up their mail bags and make their phones ring off the hook. Let them know you do not want a war.

There is a better way out and we want Congress to get their acts together and find it, even if it means working day and night. If they aren't willing to do this, maybe it isn't the United States problem - maybe it's someone else's problem or someone else's turn. It would be about time.

Sincerely,

Paul Saia



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NEW ENGLAND-WIDE MARCH & RALLY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
COPLEY SQUARE

ASSEMBLE AT 12:30 PM

KICK-OFF RALLY AT 1 PM

MARCH TO BOSTON COMMON
1:30 PM

RALLY WITH SPEAKERS AND MUSIC
2:30 PM, BOSTON COMMON
(CORNER CHARLES AND BEACON)

**HOW MANY
DEATHS
TO THE
GALLON?**

Photo:
Ellen Shub

Stop the Wa. Before it Starts

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS - BRING THEM HOME!

SPEAKERS

DANIEL ELLSBERG, former Defense and State Department Official who revealed the Pentagon Papers.

ROSE OLIVIERI, mother of son who refuses to fight.

RABAB HADI, member of the Executive Committee of Palestine Solidarity Committee.

MICHAEL KLARÉ, Assoc. Prof. of Peace and World Security Studies, Hampshire College.

GUS NEWPORT, former Mayor of Berkeley, CA.

SOUAD DAJANI, Palestinian, Associate of Harvard University's Center for Int'l Affairs.

DAVID SCONDRAS, Boston City Councillor.

REPRESENTATIVE of U.S. Labor Movement.

DESSIMA WILLIAMS, Bunting Institute, former Ambassador from Grenada.

PERFORMERS

BARRY CRIMMINS, Political Satirist.

MEMBERS of Flor de Caña, Latin American New Songs.



VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED. MAKE CHECKS to 'EMERGENCY COALITION.' CALL 661-8066 to VOLUNTEER.

Sponsored by the Emergency Coalition for Peace, Justice, and Non-Intervention in the Middle East, 11 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

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Comm. from Paul Saia relative to the
United States leaving Iraq.

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ALL INFORMATION

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