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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As I informed you yesterday, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, I wish on behalf of my Government, to report that the United States has deployed military forces to the Persian Gulf region. These forces have been dispatched in exercise of the inherent right of individual and collective self-defence, recognized in Article 51, in response to developments and requests from Governments in the region, including requests from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, for assistance. The application of this inherent right in response to the Iraqi armed attack on Kuwait has been affirmed in resolution 661 (1990).

Since the invasion, Iraq has made statements and taken actions that threaten Saudi Arabia and other States neighbouring Kuwait. As the adoption of resolutions 660 (1990), 661 (1990) and 662 (1990) made clear, Iraq's invasion and the continued occupation of Kuwait do not simply concern Kuwait or the region, they concern the entire community of nations. The military forces dispatched by the United States to the Persian Gulf region will work together with those of Saudi Arabia and other nations.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Thomas R. PICKERING

