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*Presidential Remarks:*  
PRIME MINISTER SA'AD OF KUWAIT  
DEPARTURE STATEMENT

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1988

YOUR HIGHNESS: IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO MEET WITH YOU TODAY AND DISCUSS THE MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT CONCERN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I VALUE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND IDEAS WITH A LEADER OF YOUR WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE.

OUR TWO GREAT COUNTRIES SHARE A LONG HISTORY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. NEVER HAVE OUR RELATIONS BEEN STRONGER THAN THEY ARE TODAY. DURING THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER SUCCESSFULLY TO HELP DEFEND THE SAFE PASSAGE OF NEUTRAL SHIPPING THROUGH THE VITAL WATERS OF THE PERSIAN GULF. YOU CAME TO US WITH THE BACKING OF THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL TO SEEK ASSISTANCE AGAINST INCREASING IRANIAN ATTACKS AGAINST YOUR OIL TANKERS.

TOGETHER WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO HELP ENSURE THEIR SAFETY AS WELL AS PRESERVE THE CRUCIAL PRINCIPLE OF FREE NAVIGATION THAT WE BOTH BELIEVE IN. YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR NAVAL FORCES ENGAGED IN THIS MISSION HAS BEEN CRUCIAL TO THEIR SUCCESS.

KUWAIT IS RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR ITS MODERATION, SKILLFUL DIPLOMACY, STRONG AND PRINCIPLED STANCE AGAINST TERRORISM, AND COMMITMENT TO SEEKING NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES. DESPITE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR DIPLOMACY, YOU HAVE KNOWN HOW TO STAND FIRM AGAINST INTIMIDATION AND PREVENT THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR FROM COMPROMISING YOUR INDEPENDENCE. ALL AMERICANS SALUTE YOUR STEADFASTNESS AND RESOLVE. WE HAVE BEEN GLAD TO ASSIST YOU, INCLUDING COOPERATION IN KUWAIT'S PROGRAM FOR UPGRADING ITS DEFENSES AGAINST INCREASING THREATS.

IN THIS CONNECTION, I STRONGLY SUPPORT YOUR REQUEST FOR F-18 AIRCRAFT AND ACCOMPANYING WEAPONS NOW PENDING BEFORE CONGRESS.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN PLEASED TO JOIN YOU IN A BROAD INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO BRING IRAN AND IRAQ TO THE BARGAINING TABLE. THE HORROR OF THIS TERRIBLE, TRAGIC WAR AND ITS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT VICTIMS SEEMS TO HAVE NO END. IT IS A CONTINUING THREAT TO YOUR REGION AND AN OBJECT OF REVULSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE TIME HAS COME TO ACT. TODAY, IN OUR TALKS, WE HAVE REDEDICATED OURSELVES TO SEEKING A PROMPT NEGOTIATED END TO THIS HUMAN CATASTROPHE, BASED UPON URGENT ACCEPTANCE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 598.

IN OUR DISCUSSIONS TODAY, WE ALSO REAFFIRMED THE URGENT NEED FOR A JUST AND LASTING RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ACTIVELY IN THE PURSUIT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE THAT WOULD REALIZE THE LEGITIMATE POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF PALESTINIANS, WHILE SAFEGUARDING THE LEGITIMATE SECURITY CONCERNS OF ISRAEL. NONE OF US CAN AFFORD DIPLOMATIC STALEMATE, FROM WHICH ONLY EXTREMISTS ON ALL SIDES WILL BENEFIT.

YOUR HIGHNESS, THE PEOPLES OF KUWAIT AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE DEVELOPED COMMON INTERESTS AND LASTING TIES. THE BONDS THAT JOIN US HAVE NEVER BEEN CLOSER. THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND SECURITY INTERESTS WE SHARE HAVE NEVER BEEN GREATER.

OUR MEETING TODAY HAS SENT A POWERFUL SIGNAL TO THE WORLD OF THE VALUE THE UNITED STATES PLACES ON KUWAIT'S FRIENDSHIP. I WISH YOU WELL DURING THE REMAINDER OF YOUR STAY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND I SINCERELY HOPE YOUR CONTACTS WITH MY COUNTRYMEN WILL BROADEN AND DEEPEN THE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY R. DOLAN *k*

SUBJECT: Prime Minister Sa'ad of  
Kuwait Remarks

Attached are your cards for the departure tomorrow. NSC has incorporated minor changes due to the Gulf situation.

Thank you.

The President has seen 7-11-88  
(Dolan edit)  
July 8, 1988  
1:00 p.m.

RR

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July 8, 1988  
8:00 p.m.

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are these*

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REMARKS: The attached is being forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

(Dolan edit)  
July 8, 1988  
1:00 p.m.

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RESPONSE:

Rhett Dawson  
Ext. 2702

- no mention of current events in Gulf (MM)

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DATE: 7/6/88 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 7/7/88

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REMARKS:  
Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to Tony Dolan's office with an info copy to my office by 5:00 Thursday, July 7. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Rhett Dawson  
Ext. 2702

(Dolan edit)  
July 6, 1988  
12:30 p.m.

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**RESPONSE:**

*OK w/ Legis Aff.*  
*WDA*  
 (May want to check w/ NSC on "your oil tankers;" although Kuwait owns tankers, I believe they are of American registry & fly our flag).

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Rhett Dawson  
Ext. 2702

(Dolan edit)  
July 6, 1988  
12:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRIME MINISTER SA'AD OF KUWAIT  
DEPARTURE STATEMENT  
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*Needs reference to current events in the Gulf.*  
*MM*

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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July 7, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS *PS*SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Prime Minister Saad of  
Kuwait Departure Statement

The attached draft looks fine, with two minor edits on page two.

Attachment

Tab A Draft Remarks

cc: Rhett Dawson

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/6/88 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 7/7/88

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**RESPONSE:**

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Rhett Dawson  
 Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 7, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY DOLAN  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: C. DEAN MCGRATH, JR. *CDM*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Prime Minister Sa'ad  
of Kuwait Departure Statement

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed remarks and we have no legal objection to their delivery by the President.

cc: Rhett B. Dawson

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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1988 JUL -1 PM 6:53

July 1, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN

FROM:

PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS *RP*  
*fn*

SUBJECT:

Draft Departure Statement for Official  
Working Visit of Prime Minister Sa'ad of  
Kuwait, July 12, 1988

The NSC staff approves the attached draft departure statement as amended.

Attachment

Tab A Departure Statement

cc: Rhett Dawson



S/S 8820346 4880  
United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 30, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: The Official Working Visit of Kuwaiti Prime Minister and Crown Prince Sheikh Sa'ad Al-Abdullah Al-Salim Al Sabah: Departure Statement upon Conclusion of the President's Luncheon

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As stated

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[ We both recognize that, to be truly effective, diplomacy must be backed by an effective deterrent. Your Highness, your country has been victimized by acts of terrorism and aggression, but you have not succumbed to these attempts to intimidate you. Instead, you are working to upgrade your defenses and enhance your ability to defend yourselves. The United States stands by Kuwait and offers appropriate assistance to meet your legitimate defense needs. ]

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DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOR VISIT OF  
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*fn*

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July 1, 1988

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY *rb*

SUBJECT: Draft Departure Statement for Official  
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We approve State's draft departure statement, as amended.  
(Marked-up draft and clean version are at Tab A.)

Marybel Batjer concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I to Tony Dolan.

Approve *RB*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab I Stevens Memo to Dolan

Tab A Revised Draft Departure Statement

1988



Washington, D.C. 20520

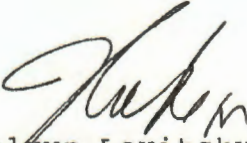
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Kuwait is respected throughout the world for its moderation, skillful diplomacy, strong and principled stance against terrorism, and commitment to seeking negotiated solutions to international disputes. <sup>DESPITE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR DIPLOMACY,</sup> ~~You have played an active~~ role in the effort to bring Iraq and Iran to the bargaining <sup>YOU HAVE KNOWN HOW TO STAND FIRM AGAINST INTIMIDATION AND PREVENT THE IRAN-IRAQ</sup> ~~table. Today, in our talks, we have rededicated ourselves to~~ <sup>WAR FROM COMPROMISING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE NONBELLIGERENT GULF ARAB STATES. WE</sup> ~~seeking a negotiated end to this tragic waste of lives and~~ <sup>HAVE BEEN GLAD TO ASSIST YOU IN THIS EFFORT, AND TO SUPPORT YOUR PROGRAM FOR UPGRADING</sup> ~~resources.~~ <sup>YOUR DEFENSES AGAINST INCREASED THREATS. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN PLEASED TO JOIN YOU</sup> ~~IN A BROAD INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO BRING IRAN AND IRAQ TO THE BARGAINING TABLE.~~ <sup>TODAY, IN OUR TALKS, WE HAVE REDEDICATED OURSELVES TO SEEKING A PROMPT NEGOTIATED</sup> ~~END TO THIS TRAGIC WASTE OF LIVES AND RESOURCES, BASED UPON ACCEPTANCE AND~~ <sup>FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 598.</sup>

[ We both recognize that, to be truly effective, diplomacy must be backed by an effective deterrent. Your Highness, your country has been victimized by acts of terrorism and aggression, but you have not succumbed to these attempts to intimidate you. Instead, you are working to upgrade your defenses and enhance your ability to defend yourselves. The United States stands by Kuwait and offers appropriate assistance to meet your legitimate defense needs. ]

Kuwait, under the courageous leadership of His Highness the Amir and yourself, has set a stirring example in resisting terrorist threats and intimidation. All Americans salute your steadfastness and courage in refusing to bow to the murderers who seized Kuwait Airways flight 422. You traveled to the United States in Al-Jabariyah, the aircraft taken by the ~~(criminal)~~ hijackers last April, with the brave pilot and crew <sup>WHO</sup> ~~that~~ endured the ordeal. The presence of that aircraft and crew, now back in peaceful commercial service, is a powerful symbol of our shared commitment to ridding the world of ~~(the)~~ international terrorism. ~~We welcome the opportunity to work even more closely with you to make~~ <sup>LAND MAKING</sup> the skies safe for innocent travelers.

IN OUR DISCUSSIONS TODAY, WE ALSO REAFFIRMED THE URGENT NEED FOR A JUST AND LASTING RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ACTIVELY IN THE PURSUIT OF A <sup>COMPREHENSIVE</sup> PEACE THAT WOULD REALIZE THE LEGITIMATE POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF PALESTINIANS, WHILE SAFEGUARDING THE LEGITIMATE SECURITY CONCERNS OF ISRAEL. NONE OF US CAN AFFORD DIPLOMATIC STALEMATE, FROM WHICH ONLY EXTREMISTS ON ALL SIDES WILL BENEFIT.

Your Highness, the peoples of Kuwait and the United States have developed common interests and lasting ties. The bonds <sup>THAT JOIN US</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~friendship~~ have never been closer. The interests we share-- social, economic, political, and security--have never been greater. Our meeting today has sent a powerful signal to the world of the value the United States places on Kuwait's friendship. I wish you well during the remainder of your stay in the United States, and I sincerely hope your contacts with my countrymen will broaden and deepen the <sup>MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP</sup> ~~great friendship we~~ <sup>BETWEEN US</sup> ~~share.~~ <sup>share.]</sup>

DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOR VISIT OF  
KUWAITI PRIME MINISTER SA'AD

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Our two great countries share a long history of friendship and cooperation. Never have our relations been stronger than they are today. During the past year, we have worked together successfully to help defend the safe passage of neutral shipping through the vital waters of the Persian Gulf. You came to us with the backing of the Gulf Cooperation Council to seek assistance against increasing Iranian attacks against your oil tankers. Together we have taken steps to help ensure their safety as well as preserve the crucial principle of free navigation that we both believe in.

Kuwait is respected throughout the world for its moderation, skillful diplomacy, strong and principled stance against terrorism, and commitment to seeking negotiated solutions to international disputes. Despite your preference for diplomacy, you have known how to stand firm against intimidation and prevent the Iran-Iraq war from compromising the independence of the nonbelligerent Gulf Arab states. We have been glad to assist you

in that effort, and to support your program for upgrading your defenses against increased threats. We have also been pleased to join you in a broad international campaign to bring Iran and Iraq to the bargaining table. Today, in our talks, we have rededicated ourselves to seeking a prompt negotiated end to this tragic waste of lives and resources, based upon acceptance and full implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 598.

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In our discussions today, we also reaffirmed the urgent need for a just and lasting resolution of the Palestinian problem. The United States will continue to work actively in the pursuit of a comprehensive peace that would realize the legitimate political aspirations of Palestinians, while safeguarding the legitimate security concerns of Israel. None of us can afford diplomatic stalemate, from which only extremists on all sides will benefit.

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