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November 5, 1991

Mr. Andy Card
Mr. Robert Gates
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Dear Mr. Card and Mr. Gates:

Congratulations on Mr. Gates' confirmation that was just reported on NBC's Boston affiliate WBZ-TV.

Mr. Gates' well deserved confirmation bodes well for our nation. If you remember my October 19, 1991 letter, I had confidence in Mr. Gates' confirmation. It would appear that the majority of our Senators have learned their lesson about putting our national interests before political ones.

I hope that you all enjoy this well deserved victory!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce D'Agostino", written in a cursive style.

Bruce F. D'Agostino

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October 19, 1991

Mr. Andy Card
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Dear Andy,

Here is an article from today's Boston Globe, on Mr. Gates' confirmation. It looks as though congratulations will be in order very soon. If Mr. Gates has any use for my services; given my background with the government in Hanoi, please have him contact me through his people in Boston.

I hope that you and your family are well and looking forward to the coming holidays.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce", written in a cursive style.

Bruce F. D'Agostino

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Senate committee OK's Gates for CIA

By John Aloysius Farrell
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON - The Senate Intelligence Committee voted 11 to 4 yesterday to endorse the nomination of Robert Gates to head the Central Intelligence Agency, choosing to view his fierce ambition and knack for bureaucratic infighting as assets rather than liabilities.

The nomination now heads to the Senate floor. Given the committee's strong bipartisan backing, even Gates' most persistent critics predict that approval is likely.

"I think he will be confirmed," said Sen. Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, one of four Democrats who voted against Gates. Four other Democrats and all seven Republicans supported the nomination.

Several senators suggested that Gates was just the kind of bureaucratic gunslinger they want: a cool career

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Senate intelligence panel

endorses Gates for CIA

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George defense seeks CIA secrets in Iran-contra case

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Iran-contra criminal case against Clair George, a retired CIA official, erupted yesterday into a battle over access to some of the most closely held secrets at the CIA.

George's lawyers demanded more than 750,000 pages of classified documents from the Iran-contra prosecutions of Oliver North, the former White House aide, and Joseph Fernandez, a former CIA station chief.

The defense attorneys also want highly classified documents from the spy agency that have never been revealed to defense attorneys in any of the other Iran-contra cases, said the prosecutor, Samuel Wilkins.

George wants "some of the most sensitive secrets of the CIA," Wilkins told US District

Judge Royce Lamberth in a pretrial court session.

Wilkins suggested that George is pressing for the material in a bid to torpedo the criminal case with a tactic known as graymail — pressuring the government to back off the case rather than release confidential information.

"Graymail is not a paranoia, it's a real problem," said Wilkins, referring to the prosecutions of North and Fernandez.

The core of the North case was scuttled because the Reagan administration refused to allow disclosure of certain classified information. The Fernandez case never came to trial, largely because the Bush administration barred disclosure of the fact that the CIA had facilities in El Salvador and Honduras.

Richard Hibey, one of George's lawyers, de-

nied that he would engage in graymail tactics.

Classified information from the North trial and the Fernandez prosecution "is entwined with this case," Hibey told the judge. "Fundamental fairness" requires that he get to see the material, Hibey said.

The CIA's former deputy director for operations was charged in September with obstruction and lying to Congress and a federal grand jury about the scandal. The 10-count felony indictment says that in October 1986, George deliberately concealed from Congress the role of North in running a secret network to keep the Nicaraguan contras supplied with guns.

The judge pointed out that if George wants to disclose some of it at his trial, it will be the judge who has the final say on whether it is necessary to do so.

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analyst, beholden to them, who knows the espionage community and is not afraid to knock heads and take names.

"We have many instances where Bob Gates' strong views, rigorous standards and tough criticism left analysts with bruised feelings," said Sen. Frank Murkowski, the Republican vice chairman from Alaska, who voted for Gates. "We have some instances where Bob Gates, with his style, probably engendered more hard feelings than perhaps was necessary."

"But Bob Gates is a tough man," Murkowski said, "and he's in a tough business."

"The new director will immediately have to plunge into the process of radically changing the intelligence community," said Sen. David Boren, the Democrat from Oklahoma who chairs the committee and led the vote for Gates. "We need a director who can hit the ground running."

"My guess is he will be confirmed by a healthy margin," said Sen. Warren Rudman, the Republican from New Hampshire, "unless, of course, something comes in over the transom the night before we start to

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vote."

There appeared one last cloud on the nominee's horizon. In voting for Gates yesterday, Sen. Sam Nunn, a Democrat from Georgia, reserved the right to change his vote when the nomination comes to the Senate floor, perhaps in the next two weeks. On matters of defense and intelligence, Nunn is well respected among his colleagues and could draw some votes with him if he decided to oppose the nomination.

The picture of Gates painted by a month of testimony, which included repeated allegations that he had skewed intelligence reports to suit his own right-wing bias and curry favor with his superiors, left Nunn with "serious reservations ... about the signal being sent to the men and women in the intelligence community about how you get to the top in this town."

Nunn said he was willing, for the moment, to accept Boren's endorsement of Gates' knowledge and potential. But he was postponing a final decision until he had received more documents and answers from Gates and the CIA.

The four Democrats who voted against Gates described him as a man a shade too clever to lead ably, whose integrity and professional judgment have been for hire in the past to service his ambition.

They said that more objective analysis might have predicted the belligerent actions of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, the collapse of communist states in Eastern Europe and the success of reform in the Soviet Union. Efforts to produce such reports, they said, were ditched in favor of slanted reports that pleased hardliners in the Reagan administra-

tion, where Gates once served as deputy director.

"The Central Intelligence Agency has got cancer," said Sen. Ernest Hollings, a Democrat from South Carolina. "When you have to adapt ... intelligence to preconceived policy ... the intelligence ethic is disbanded."

Hollings said the agency was politicized during the Reagan administration under its former director, the late William Casey.

"The individual that inflicted the cancer was Bill Casey. He was the rough-and-tumble guy thinking more of policy rather than intelligence analysis and cold facts," Hollings said. "Heaven's above, we've got Casey's right arm, we've got Casey's lieutenant, we've got Casey's chief agent that carried out and spread this cancer, as the nominee.

"I can tell you here and now,

you're not going to get any briefing in this Congress that's contrary to the Bush policy. You can count on that. You can bet your boots," said Hollings. "I'm not buying it. I'm voting against him."

Metzenbaum noted how Gates was deputy director at the time of the Iran-contra scandal and, according to testimony, knew of the illegal scheme to sell arms to Iran and use the profits to support the Nicaraguan contras.

But when answering dozens of the committee's questions on the matter, Gates said he could not remember his actions at the time. Earlier questions about the scandal caused Gates to withdraw from consideration when he was nominated to head the CIA in 1987.

"Mr. Gates has an uncanny ability to forget key events," said Met-

zenbaum. "Mr. Gates' 'don't recalls' - I think there were 33 of them - and his 'I never knew' - I think there were 40 of them - were almost cynical in their unresponsiveness."

"These hearings have given us a picture of Mr. Gates," said Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, a Democrat who voted against the nomination. "He is a man who apologizes for undeniable mistakes; who recalls possible mistakes only when questioned repeatedly in public; refuses to recall or forgets unproven mistakes; and, finally, who promises to prevent any more serious mistakes."

"How are we to believe that Mr. Gates has been fully candid in the past, that he is speaking with complete candor even now, or that he can recover his credibility in the future?" Bradley asked.

But Sen. John Chafee, a Republican from Rhode Island, recalled an old "Yogi Berra-ism: If you're not making any mistakes, then you're doing something wrong."

Said Chafee: "There are no rewards without risks. . . . The old Russian phrase expressed the problem well: 'When you chop wood, chips fly.' And that's what happened with Mr. Gates' career, and I applaud him for it. He's made some mistakes, sure. But he's done a lot of excellent things likewise."

And Sen. John Glenn, a Democrat from Ohio who also supported Gates, said he was convinced by the testimony of respected former deputy directors such as Bobby Ray Inman and John McMahon, both of whom vouched for the nominee.

Bradley acknowledged that the battle to defeat Gates on the floor will be a tough one, but he promised to wage it nonetheless.

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September 3, 1991

Mr. Andy Card
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Dear Andy,

Welcome back! I hope that you and the President were able to enjoy the vacation.

The next page of this FAX is an article that appeared in today's Boston Globe. I'm pleased to see that you're getting recognition in the press for your work. I wish you and Mr. Gates the best in your efforts to bring his valuable experience to the position of Director of the C.I.A.. As you know from my letter last year about putting the C.I.A under the State Department, I am a supporter of a strong and independent C.I.A.. We need our eyes and ears out there without any hindrances. I hope that somehow, those in the hearings will be able to keep our national interests ahead of their political interests.

Last Monday, Porter Davis, in Presidential personnel, called to say that he expected a position to open in September and that things looked good. It depends on some type of Presidential order or Congressional approval. With the Cambodian issue being resolved, more people will be needed to deal with Viet Nam. If the embargo is not renewed in September or renewed on a month by month basis; then I may be able to help in establishing a stronger working relationship with the government of Viet Nam for our government. I would hope to build an advantageous relationship for the U.S.G. based on my positive relationship with the Vietnamese.

Thank you for your help and also for Linda Casey's kindness in all my dealings with your office.

Sincerely,



Bruce F. D'Agostino

Bush names key aide to get Gates approved

Card, a Sununu deputy, is selected

By John W. Mashek
GLOBE STAFF

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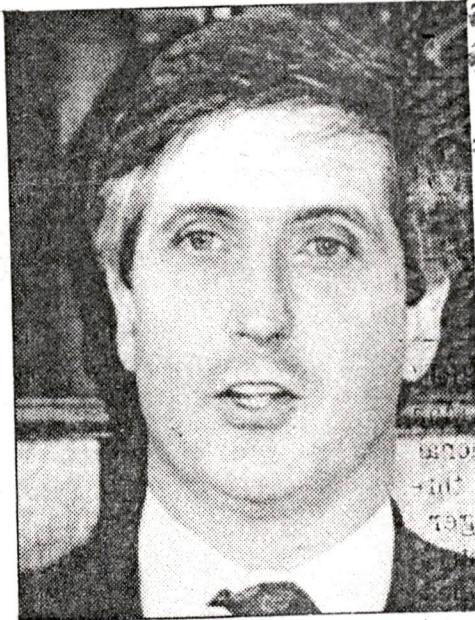
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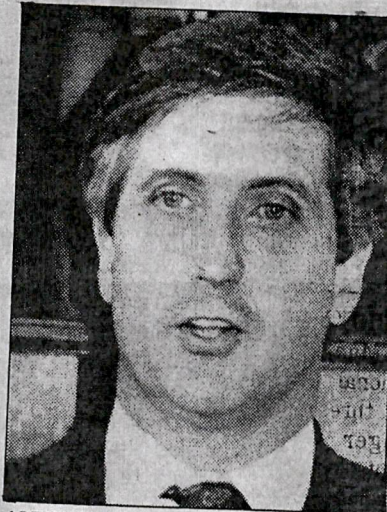
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*Back to
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August 2, 1991

President George Bush
c/o Mr. Andy Card
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

I just saw your news conference and I am answering your call for solid evidence on the existence of M.I.A.s in Southeast Asia. The officials of the government of Viet Nam told me " **We could produce some of your live M.I.A.s.**"

Here is an excerpt from my letter to Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach on January 25, 1989; six weeks prior to my two meetings with him in Hanoi, on my second trip.

I promised Mr. Can in our two meetings, which lasted 4 to 5 hours in total, in Hanoi, (1988), and Mr. Long, in Ho Chi Minh City, that I would work towards a resolution of the issues between our two countries. Those being the M.I.A. issue, area security, diplomatic recognition and lifting of the trade embargo. I believe that I have kept my word.

This healing process for the American and Viet Nameese People will result in an inner peace for all of us. It is **my hope that the live M.I.A.s that I discussed with Mr. Can and Mr. Quang in Hanoi and Mr. Long in Ho Chi Minh City can still be returned as we discussed.** If that is still possible, as Mr. Long said, I would like to be part of the return of our M.I.A.s in which your government would be assisting.

This information has been reviewed by D.I.A.s' Robert Destatte in seven hours of debriefing. Mr. Destatte is now in Hanoi at the U.S. M.I.A. office. I wish to serve as a member of Senator Dole's proposed Presidential Commission on M.I.A.s. I would also be willing to serve in some other position where my knowledge and relationship with the Government of Viet Nam will be most helpful to America's interests.

Would you please talk to Mr. Card and Mr. Porter Davis in Presidential Personnel. I believe that they can supply you with the information, such as yesterday's news article on my meeting with the Viet Nameese Ambassador, that may help you to make your decision.

I look forward to serving you and the United States.

Sincerely,

Bruce F. D'Agostino

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Date: August 5

TO: Bill Sittmann

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MIA activist heartened by meeting with ambassador

By Evan Berland

NEWS CORRESPONDENT

NATICK — A local Vietnam veteran's return from New York yesterday has brought him one step closer to returning to Southeast Asia.

MIA activist Bruce D'Agostino last night said he "is very encouraged" by his meeting yesterday with Vietnamese Ambassador Delegate Nguyen Can.

Can reaffirmed a 1989 promise to allow civilians open access throughout Vietnam to search for American soldiers listed as missing in action, D'Agostino said.

"He even increased our access to information and gave us full access to any area of the country, except for military installations," D'Agostino said.

The Hanoi government repeatedly has denied knowledge of any American soldiers living or held captive in Vietnam.

National attention has focused on MIAs in past weeks with the release of a photograph allegedly showing three American fliers held captive in Vietnam. The Pentagon said the photograph is a fake.

But D'Agostino said there is a chance that MIAs are hiding in the mountainous regions of the country, living with Montagnard tribesmen who were friendly with U.S. troops during the war. The Hanoi government does not monitor the activities of the tribesmen, he said.

"The tribesmen still control those areas and the men could be

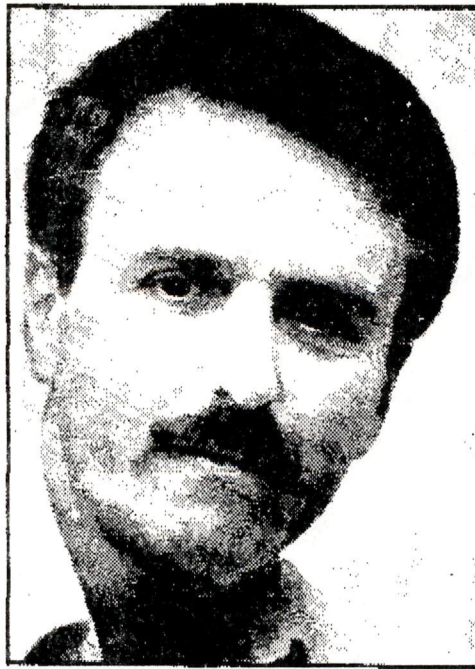
living with them, because they know that the Vietnamese government does not take lightly to people running across their country" without authorization, D'Agostino said.

He estimates that as many as 200 MIAs could be living in Vietnam, frightened to escape because of their perceived threat of capture.

"They may believe they've been written off," D'Agostino said.

D'Agostino said the search effort now awaits funding and information from MIA support groups.

"The greatest fear of many families (of MIAs) is that we will do a quick search and come back with nothing," he said.



Bruce D'Agostino

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Linda Casey
Dear Linda,
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July 16, 1991

Mr. Ronald C. Kaufman
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Kaufman,

Congratulations on **TOUGHING IT OUT** with the Mass. Democrat's law suit. I am happy to see that all went well.

Enclosed is a letter that I sent to Sen. John Kerry after a visit to my home by The Boston Globe's Associate Editor H.D.S.(Dave) Greenway. He worked for Time-Life in Viet Nam at the same time that I was freelancing for A.P. Photo in 1967. We did not know that until he came to my home last week. Anyway, I hope that the enclosed material may help you in some way.

On another note, Mr. Porter Davis in Presidential Personnel(456-2684) called me two weeks ago and said that he may have a position for me this week, if one does open up. I was hoping that The President might appoint me to a post or create a post called Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator for Donation Acquisitions. The idea would be to coordinate and increase private sector donations while cutting the associated and delivery costs of materials to third world countries, such as I have already done in Viet Nam,(My March 7, 1989 and Andy Card's March 14, 1989 letter on C-141 shipments.)

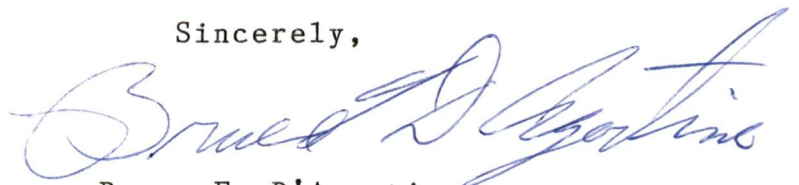
I have spoken to Maj. General Joe W. Rigby, Dep. Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition of the Army Materiel Command. I asked if he could give me office space at the Natick Army Labs and he said that if the need arose he thought that it may be possible. I believe that the Northeast region, in particular, is rich in private sector donations of medical equipment. Working from this area for The President would reduce costs to the U.S.G. of providing third world relief, increase productivity, and enhance the U.S.G. and administration's image at a small cost. I believe that I could save the U.S.G. money if I were appointed to this position. If you could put this before the right people, I would be most appreciative and would hope to serve The President well in my post.

I hope that this letter does not offend you or seem too opportunistic but it would seem an appropriate time to put this idea forward with Mr. Davis looking for a position for me.

Thank you for your time and the best of luck to you in all your endeavors. Please give my best to The President and to Andy.

Sincerely,

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July 9, 1991

Senator John Kerry
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Dear Senator Kerry,

I have been contacted over the past two weeks by reporters and veteran's groups regarding your claims on the P.T.S.D. return to Viet Nam trips and the authorization to search for M.I.A.s in Viet Nam. These people have said that " Senator Kerry is stealing credit for the work that you did in 1988 and 1989."

Senator Kerry, as you know I came to your Boston office and delivered these programs to your staff in 1989, both in an hour meeting with written documentation. Your staff later told me that " The Senator is not interested in those programs at this time."

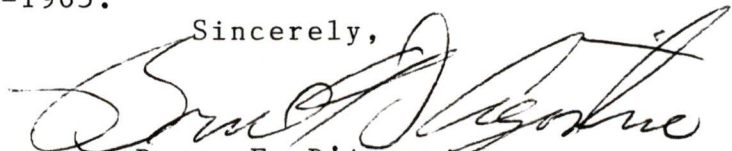
CBS sent a film crew with us to Viet Nam in April of 1989 and documented Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach's offer to let me " Go anywhere in Viet Nam at any time without prior notice of the location to look for M.I.A.s". I offered to have you accompany me with my authorization to Viet Nam. This offer was made to you through your staff and was rejected.

Also, in 1988 I established the Return to Viet Nam program with the Viet Nameese. During 1988 and 1989 through my organization, we brought back American veterans for a P.T.S.D. study while they built the clinic at Vung Tau. I also promoted this program during 1988 throughout the U.S.

I believe that you and I should have a face to face meeting to clear the air on this subject before I meet with any reporters again. I have withheld comment on their charge until we meet.

Please contact me, my pager is 1-508-483-1965 or my home telephone is 1-508 651-1965.

Sincerely,



Bruce F. D'Agostino
Founder and Executive Director.

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Enclosures

"HELPING PEOPLE THROUGH OUT THE WORLD, PEOPLE TO PEOPLE"

Natick vet, Vietnamese seal deal to open hospital

By Ellen Ishkanian

NEWS STAFF WRITER

NATICK - After months of negotiations with the people he fought against some 22 years ago, Bruce D'Agostino has secured a deal with the Vietnamese to establish a medical center on China Beach - a compound used to treat American soldiers during the war.

In addition, the Vietnamese government has granted him permission to lead a search team into areas of their country where American soldiers missing in action have reportedly been seen alive.

It is the first time the communist government in Vietnam has turned over land to an American group for any purpose, or allowed an extensive, private search for MIAs, according to D'Agostino who believes the deal "represents a tremendous opportunity for all of us."

D'Agostino, who has been working on the project less than two years, believes the center at China Beach will give Americans a chance to "finally put the war behind us, heal our wounds."

"Anyone who has ever bought a bumper sticker that supports Vietnam veterans, an MIA bumper sticker or T-shirt, gone to a movie about Vietnam, this is the time to give so we can move on," he said.

The project needs at least \$100,000 to get off the ground. D'Agostino plans to return in July to lead a search group and get the center at China Beach opened and running.

Humanitarian International

Inc., the non-profit group headed by D'Agostino, works on a three-pronged approach focusing equally on resolving the MIA issue, helping the Vietnamese people by supplying medical aid, and establishing a center for American Vietnam veterans and others to visit.

"If you take it as a package, it's a way to resolve the whole problem," said D'Agostino, who lives on Tournament Road with his three sons.

Although Humanitarian International is the focus these days of most of his attention, D'Agostino receives no pay from the organization and still maintains a construction business.

For six weeks starting in July, D'Agostino and a team of MIA family members, medics and support staff will search areas of Vietnam where they believe Americans may still be alive using sophisticated electronic tracking and helicopters.

"We've got information from some people in Vietnam who say they've seen Americans who want to come home, but can't get out," he said.

"The Vietnamese government's position is, 'You won't find anything, but go ahead and look and good luck,'" said D'Agostino. "At

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Bruce D'Agostino and Vietnamese Foreign Minister and Vice Premier Nguyen Co Thack meeting in Vietnam.

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Natick veteran, Vietnamese seal deal for hospital

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least the question will be resolved."

"Resolution" is also exactly what he sees as the purpose of the visitors center and hospital.

He envisions the visitors' center as a clearinghouse for American veterans who are still having trouble dealing with their feelings about what they saw during the war. By being able to go back to the country, meet some of the people they fought against, and take a final look at the places they fought, D'Agostino believes veterans will finally be able to go on.

"It's not just for veterans who are having problems, though. It's for any veterans who want to go back, or anyone who is curious about Vietnam," D'Agostino said.

The humanitarian efforts have

already begun. On July 13, a 36-year-old Vietnamese woman horribly burned and disfigured by napalm will undergo plastic surgery in Australia.

The cost of the surgery and hospitalization is being donated by the Australians, but D'Agostino must raise an additional \$15,000 to pay for a Vietnamese surgeon to go along on the trip to learn the techniques used to help the woman.

"This woman is so hideous-looking she hid for 20 years in her village 200 miles from Da Nang," D'Agostino said. Finally she made the trip to the city for surgery, and just as doctors were telling her they were incapable of helping her, D'Agostino said he met her.

"It was fate," he said.

In addition, D'Agostino has already delivered 24 crates of medical supplies donated by Marlboro Hospital, Leonard Morse Hospital, Brigham and Women's and Faulkner hospital in Boston to the China Beach compound.

Aside from providing medical treatments to the Vietnamese, the center will provide counseling for Vietnamese veterans suffering from post traumatic stress syndrome and others, and an American registration center where children of American servicemen can be identified.

"This can be a real cleansing, healing process," said D'Agostino. "But if we don't get support from the American people, the Vietnamese will assume we don't care about our veterans, or about resolving the question of the MIAs."

Donations should be made to Humanitarian International Inc., 5 Tournament Road, Natick.



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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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(212) 685-8001

June 29, 1990.

Mr. BRUCE D'AGOSTINO,
5 Tournament Road,
Natick - MA 01760.

Dear Mr D'agostino,

Thank you very much for sending me the card.
Regarding your humanitarian work vis-a-vis Vietnam,
I would like to, once again, express my appreciation
for what you have done for the betterment of under-
standing between our two peoples. It is my firm belief
that whatever you can do to help the solution of the
humanitarian issues of both Vietnam and the United
States, will be highly welcomed and appreciated by
our people as well as the American people.

Wishing you all the best.

Sincerely,

NGUYEN CAN,
Ambassador.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 14, 1989

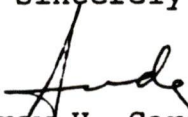
Dear Bruce:

Thank you for your letter of March 7, 1989, in which you request government assistance to send donated medical equipment to Vietnam.

Please be advised that I have forwarded your letter to the National Security Council for their review and consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Andrew H. Card, Jr.
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Bruce D'Agostino
5 Tournament Road
Natick, Massachusetts 01760

OK'ED
BY A.S.C.

SHIPMENTS
STARTED
BY GEN. VESSEY
IN FALL 89.

BRUCE FRANK D'AGOSTINO
5 Tournament Road Natick, Mass. 01760

March 7, 1989

Mr. Andy Card
The White House
Office of the Chief of Staff
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Card,

I have enclosed a copy of a letter that I feel you should have for your review.

I would like to know if our government would consider making a humanitarian gesture by donating a C-141 to fly medical equipment to Viet Nam. It might even be at a time that the Viet Nameese would have some remains to return on or about April 1, 1989 or when the U.S. had an aircraft going there for some other reason. This is just a thought on a possible positive image builder for the administration. By allowing humanitarian groups to use empty aircraft on their way to Viet Nam or that area, it would demonstrate the administration's positive attitude toward humanitarian concerns in the area. If this is a viable idea, I would like to be allowed to go with that aircraft. Hanscomb A.F.B. is only 25 minutes from my home. Even outdated military medical equipment and supplies, donated to humanitarian groups, could help fill the aircraft.

I am looking at the positive benefits, to our country from a humanitarian gesture of this kind. Since the medical equipment would be donated from groups such as Humanitarian International Inc., there would be no indication of any kind of trade off, just expression of humanitarian concern.

Sincerely,

Bruce F. D'Agostino
Bruce F. D'Agostino

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NGUYEN CO THACH
ANNOUNCEMENT OF
FINAL WITHDRAWAL FROM
CAMBODIA.

I WAS AT THE PRESS CONF. MINISTERS
IN HANOI AND MET WITH THACH AT THE CONFERENCE AND ALSO
TWO DAYS LATER AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



BỘ NGOẠI GIAO
NUỐC CÔNG HÒA XÃ HỘI CHỦ NGHĨA
VIỆT NAM

Hanoi, April 7th 1989

Dear Mr Bruce D' Agostino,

I am happy to learn that you are interested in helping our people with medical aid and would like to have a distribution center in Da Nang area.

To this end, you can have my support. I hope you will discuss the project with the local authorities there and proceed with the work soon.

Wishing you good success.

NGUYEN CO THACH
Foreign Minister
Socialist Republic of Vietnam

To : Mr Bruce D' Agostino
Humanitarian International Inc.
BOSTON
U.S.A.

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THE FOLLOWING ARTCL

APRIL 7, 1989

Vietnam expects to renew US ties

By SUE DOWNIE
in Hanoi

Vietnam expects to normalise relations with the United States before the end of September.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach told a visiting American veteran he was confident relations between the former enemies would resume by the time the last Vietnamese troops have left Kampuchea.

The Vietnamese and Kampuchean Governments announced last week that the remaining Vietnamese troops (about 50,000) would be withdrawn from Kampuchea by September 30 this year, regardless of whether there is a peace settlement

between the four Kampuchean factions.

Although it is almost 14 years since the end of the war, the US has refused to resume diplomatic relations with Vietnam until its troops leave Kampuchea and the issue of MIAs (men missing in action) is resolved.

The joint American-Vietnamese search for MIAs is now underway, and after announcing the troop withdrawal, Mr Thach said in Hanoi that the way was open for resuming relations with the US.

And he told Vietnam veteran Bruce D'Agostino, of Humanitarian International, this week that normalisation

would occur by September.

He also reiterated Vietnam's willingness to help search for the remains of MIAs and to allow Americans to go anywhere to search without prior notice.

At the same time the Foreign Minister approved the largest US humanitarian project to Vietnam which will involve building 20 health clinics and establishing a national distribution centre for medical supplies and equipment.

Humanitarian International, a non-profit organisation based in Massachusetts, will arrange for volunteer organisations to sponsor the building and supply of the health clinics.

Mr D'Agostino is hoping various veterans' groups from the countries that fought in Vietnam, including Australia, will each build a clinic.

The Vietnamese have initially approved 20 clinics but he says eventually there could be two in each of the 40 provinces.

The national medical distribution centre will be a joint project between Humanitarian International and Vietnam's recently established East Meets West organisation.

The distribution centre will be established in Da Nang at a medical supply complex that was originally set up by the French during their colonial rule.

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MIA SEARCH Agency!
FOR HUMANITARIAN TAT

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

September 30, 1988

Mr. BRUCE F. D'AGOSTINO
Humanitarian International Inc
5 Tournament Road
Natick MA 01760 - U.S.A.
(617) 655 - 5399.

Thank you for your letter and the precious gift
you sent to me on June 20, 1988.

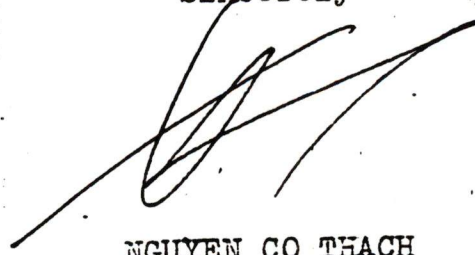
I welcome and highly appreciate your desire for
reconciliation between the Vietnamese and American
peoples and your activities which contribute for better
understanding between the two nations.

The Vietnamese people are grateful to the support
and humanitarian aid from American non-governmental
organisations as well as individuals.

For our part, we have tried our best to consoli-
date and increase the understanding between our two
peoples.

Please accept my best wishes for the health of
Mr. VANDERBIE, your children and that of your own.

Sincerely



NGUYEN CO THACH
Foreign Minister
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

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May 10, 1988

Received
JUNE 14, 1988

Mr. BRUCE F. D'AGOSTINO
Humanitarian International INC
5 Tournament Road
Natick MA, 01760 - U.S.A
(617) 655-5399

Dear Mr. D'Agostino,

I have received your letter dated April 4, 1988.

First of all, I would like to thank you for your kind words and sentiments towards the Vietnamese people.

During your recent visit to Viet Nam, we had useful discussions that paved the way for removing obstacles in the way to better understanding between our two countries.

As always, we are sincerely grateful to the support and humanitarian aid with no strings provided to the Vietnamese people from American non-governmental organisations as well as individuals.

It's known to you, I am sure that the Vietnamese people, for its part has tried its best in the solution of U.S humanitarian issues. As for the MIA issue, so far, we have handed over to the U.S Government 216 sets of MIA remains and information on 42 other cases.

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We have constantly considered the MIA issue a humanitarian one. U.S assistance in solving Vietnam's humanitarian concerns serves nothing other than encouraging the Vietnamese people in the search for American MIAs. By the way, I would like to reiterate once again that there is no living American MIA in Viet Nam.

You can rest assured of this.

Please accept my warmest greetings to you and Dr. Vanderbie.

Sincerely



NGUYEN CAN

Deputy Director
of the North American Department

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MIA breakthrough near?

Natick veteran says Vietnamese more cooperative

By Michael E. Knell

NEWS STAFF WRITER
AND ASSOCIATED PRESS

Overtures from Vietnam have prompted speculation of a coming breakthrough in relations with the United States, as well as new information about Americans missing in action.

The Vietnamese, who this week rescued and returned three U.S. flyers downed off their coast, have invited the United States to join in a search for the remains of American servicemen missing since the Indochina War.

"The shuttle diplomacy is beginning to pay off," Bruce D'Agostino of Natick said yesterday.

The United States has no diplomatic relations with Vietnam, but recent months have seen a flurry of activity involving both nations, including the trip of D'Agostino, a U.S. Air Force veteran of the war, to Vietnam in March.

On his return, he founded Humanitarian International, an organization aimed at funneling medical aid to the desperately poor country.

He has maintained that the promise of aid will persuade the Vietnamese to do more to track down some of the servicemen unaccounted for since U.S. combat forces left Indochina in 1973.

About 2,400 Americans disappeared in Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia during the Indochina conflict. Three-quarters of them were lost in Vietnam or off its coast.

Along with a total pullout of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia, Washington has demanded a fullest possible accounting of its missing servicemen as conditions

for the establishment of diplomatic relations with Vietnam.

D'Agostino has suggested that some MIAs may be alive somewhere in Southeast Asia, perhaps within reach of Vietnamese forces. Recent events make a resolution of the issue more likely, he said.

"I am optimistic," he said. "Based on our talks in Hanoi, I think the Vietnamese will do their utmost to find any live (MIAs)."

In a statement this week, Vietnam officials said they will try to resolve before the end of the year 70 cases of missing U.S. servicemen considered a priority by Washington.

Those 70 include "discrepancy cases" — men who did not appear on prisoner of war lists, but were believed to have been captured alive, D'Agostino said.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach "welcomes the United States for joint efforts in seeking out and excavating remains of U.S. missing-in-action in August, September and October this year," Hanoi Radio said.

Thach, who made the offer in a July 9 letter to U.S. presidential representative John Vessey, called on Washington "to seriously carry out all agreements on humanitarian issues relating to Vietnam," the broadcast, monitored here, said.

It said Vessey, in a letter dated July 18, had "welcomed Vietnam's readiness to allow the U.S. side to join with Vietnam in seeking and excavating the remains of MIAs."

Vietnamese and U.S. search crews jointly dug up a crashed B-52 bomber in a northern Vietnamese village in November 1985, but failed to locate any missing Americans' remains in their only joint excavation so far.

Vessey met Thach in Hanoi in August 1987, as an envoy of President Reagan to ease a deadlock in the tracing of MIA cases.

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Hanoi's offer to help US find MIAs accepted

Reuters

WASHINGTON — The United States yesterday welcomed Vietnam's offer of wider cooperation in searches for US servicemen missing since the Vietnam War and said it would send a team to Hanoi next week to plan joint searches.

"The Vietnamese offer is an encouraging development and we look forward to greatly expanded cooperation in the coming months," State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said at a news briefing.

"The two governments have agreed to hold planning meetings in Hanoi from July 25 to 28," to discuss technical aspects, she told a press briefing.

Washington has demanded a fullest possible accounting of its missing servicemen and a total pullout of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia as conditions for the establishment of diplomatic relations with Vietnam.

Vietnam announced yesterday that it had invited the United States to join in a search for missing servicemen and had brought forward the planned date for withdrawal of its troops from Cambodia by about a year.

Asked if the developments meant a thaw in frosty relations between the two countries, Oakley replied: "We are not drawing any conclusions... Our policy on Vietnam remains in place in terms of Vietnam's occupation of Cambodia."

The United States was in the forefront of an aid and trade embargo by Western and non-communist Asian nations over Vietnam's presence in Cambodia. This deprived impoverished Vietnam of aid, credits and commerce needed to overcome economic crises and crop disasters.

Hanoi radio said yesterday that Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach "welcomes the United States for joint efforts in seeking out and excavating remains of US missing-in-action in August, September and October this year."

"If they are talking excavations, we have a priority list of sites," said one Pentagon official of Vietnam's latest offer.

The Pentagon still lists 2,394 Americans missing in action in Indochina since the war ended in 1975. They include 1,758 in Vietnam, 547 in Laos, 83 in Cambodia and six in China.

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PHAI DOAN THUONG TRU CONG HOA XA HOI CHU NGHIA VIET NAM
 TAI LIEN HIEP QUOC
 Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
 to the United Nations
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 (212) 685-8001

New York, April 13 1990

Dear Mr. D'agostino,

This is the translation of the AFP report on the recent hand-over of MIAs' remains:

AFP-Hanoi-April 10th :

A Vietnamese official source reports that on April 10th the Government of Vietnam handed over to the U.S. side 10 sets of remains believed to be of American MIAs.

These sets of remains were turned over to a delegation of the American Joint Casualties Resolution Center. Hanoi said that this was the 30th hand-over of remains to the U.S. side since March 1974, bringing the total number to 404.

The U.S. said that since General Vessey's visit to Vietnam in August 1987, it has received 240 sets of remains from Vietnam and this was the 13th hand-over.

The American sources said: as the result of the work of American experts only 60 sets of remains had been identified as of American MIAs.

HUMANITARIAN INTERNATIONAL, INC.
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 NATICK, MA 01760 - U.S.A.

BRUCE F. D'AGOSTINO
 FOUNDER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"HELPING PEOPLE THROUGH OUT THE WORLD,
 PEOPLE TO PEOPLE"
 TEL (508) 651-1965 Fax (508) 653-1185

Sincerely yours

Tran Minh Izung
 Third Secretary

THIS LETTER IS
 PARTIAL RESULT
 2 HR MEETING
 AT U.N.
 APRIL 13, 1990
 WITH AMBASSADOR
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Napalm woman given new hope

By SUE DOWNIE

THE Vietnamese napalm victim Dang Thi Thanh who came to Australia five weeks ago for major reconstructive surgery is now able to move her head for the first time in 17 years.

Two operations by Adelaide surgeons have given a new lease of life to the woman who is regarded as one of the worst napalm victims of the American-Vietnam war.

"I feel so much better. Wonderful. And more confident," said Thanh, 26, who has lived all her life in a remote mountain village in central Vietnam, hiding her horrendous injuries.

She was nine years old when she was struck by dreaded napalm while hiding in a underground tunnel during an American aerial attack in 1972. The deadly fire grossly disfigured her face, neck, shoulders, chest and hands.

The bottom half of her face melted on to her chest, gluing it there permanently, leaving her unable to lift her chin or move her head sideways, and barely able to eat or drink.

The little girl spent three months

in hospital, but Vietnamese doctors could not restore her face; and, as a teenager and young woman, she learnt to live with the disfiguration until American veteran Bruce D'Agostino found her and arranged for her to come to Australia for surgery.

Two of the first English words she learnt here were "thank you", and she directed them towards doctors at the Australian Cranio-Facial Unit in Adelaide. "They were very good," Thanh said last week, through an interpreter.

"I was surprised and happy it was so good," she said, now able to smile properly for the first time since 1972.

Three weeks ago a seven-person team spent seven hours laboriously cutting through burnt skin, from ear to ear, to separate her chin from her chest and create a false chin.

"The most amazing sight was when one of the surgeons put his finger under her chin and just lifted it up," said film producer Mike Piper who is recording Thanh's story for a documentary.

For the past 17 years she was able to do only limited work around her mother's home and rice fields, but she is looking forward to returning to Vietnam and starting a career as a seamstress.

She will have three or four operations, which individually are not complicated but together constitute a complex case, according to Dr Mark Moore, deputy director of the unit.

During the first operation, a large skin flap was transferred from her groin to her neck to make a new chin which required delicate microsurgery to join the vital arteries and veins.

The chief surgeon was a former Singaporean-Chinese, Dr Eugene Tan, regarded by his colleagues as one of the best microsurgons in the world.

During Friday's operation, surgeons worked on Thanh's jaw which was displaced, and her damaged hands, and they "unglued" her left armpit where the skin of her arm had been fused to her body.



Dang Thi Thanh before her operation



After ... able to move her head for the first time since 1972

People 's Committee of
Quangnam-Danang Province

NGUYEN DINH AN
Vice- President

Socialist Republic of Viet nam
Independence Liberty Happiness

Danang the ~~fourth of April~~, 1966

~~To~~ Mr GEORGE BUSH

President of the United States of America

Dear Mr President,

We have great pleasure to keep contact and work with Mr Bruce F. D'Agostino , the founder and executive director of Humanitarian International Incorporated.

We appreciate highly the good will of Mr D'Agostino ,his organization and that of various humanitarian organizations from all parts of the United States of America ,in the efforts of helping our people to overcome difficulties and shortages we are now facing as the result of a long and seriously devastating war .

We also have great honour to propose Mr President, in your position to create favorable conditions for Mr D'Agostino and his organization as well as other humanitarian ones to help our people in items of medical equipments and supplies.

please assist Mr D'Agostino in the mean time to help our children who are in immediate need.

At present,as agreed by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet nam, Danang airport has become an international one and **is ready to receive flights from America Airlines** together with their shipments to Viet nam of valuable medical equipments and supplies and other significant gifts.

We are convinced that your decisions , full of responsibilities , will certainly help better the understanding and relations between the two peoples -Vietnamese and American which beneficially expand the friendship among nations on this truly beautiful planet

With all our best regards and respect;



NGUYEN DINH AN

HUMANITARIAN INTERNATIONAL INC.
5 TOURNAMENT ROAD
NATICK, MA 01760-U.S.A.

January 17, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear President Bush,

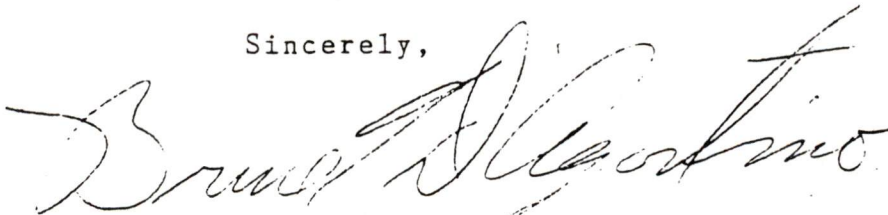
Thank you for fulfilling your promise, in your August 20, 1990 letter to me, to liberate Kuwait and for not making this war another Viet Nam. Your decisive and courageous decision to destroy the Iraqi offensive capability with swift and massive air strikes will, in the long run, save many lives on both sides.

While I was in Hanoi in 1988 and 1989, the Vietnamese government officials and former N.V.A. and V.C. discussed, at great length, the many mistakes made by the U.S. and how they exploited those mistakes. I am so very pleased to see that several of those major errors are not being made this time. The control of the media to enhance security and eliminate its use by Iraq, the use of massive and effective force and gaining the support of The Congress, The U.N., the American people as well as most of the world, shows that we have learned some valuable lessons from Viet Nam.

Your leadership and steady course in these events will lead us to victory and restore stability to the world, the Mid East and especially to Kuwait.

I applaud your efforts and stand ready to serve you and our government when you determine the position that best suits my abilities.

Sincerely,



Bruce F. D'Agostino

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"HELPING PEOPLE THROUGH OUT THE WORLD, PEOPLE TO PEOPLE"

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 25, 1991

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Dear Mr. D'Agostino:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I was very moved by your heartfelt comments about what we and the international coalition are trying to achieve through Operation Desert Storm.

When Saddam Hussein rejected all diplomatic efforts calling on him to withdraw his occupation forces from Kuwait, I called on our Armed Forces, in cooperation with those of our coalition partners, to restore liberty to the Kuwaiti people. I am grateful that our courageous troops face this historic challenge knowing that they have the support of millions of people around the world and that we are all tremendously proud of the job they are doing.

I am heartened that so many Americans are joining Barbara and me in praying for our brave service men and women and for their families.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Bush", written in a cursive style.

Mr. Bruce D'Agostino
Executive Director
Five Tournament Road
Natick, Massachusetts 01760

Building a bridge to Vietnam

Natick man gathers medical aid, hopes to boost relations

By Michael E. Knell

NEWS STAFF WRITER

NATICK — As he prepares a shipment of medical aid to Vietnam, Bruce D'Agostino hopes that citizens in the United States can help him build a bridge between the two countries.

Humanitarian International Inc., founded by D'Agostino after a trip to Vietnam earlier this year, has received more than \$100,000 worth of medical equipment, D'Agostino said.

In talks to veterans and social service groups, he asks for more supplies, as well as \$20,000 needed to transport the aid through Europe to Vietnam.

"I'd like to have it on the water in less than a month," D'Agostino said.

D'Agostino, a Natick High School graduate, is an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. With Natick psychologist Jan Vanderbie, he began working last year to improve U.S.-Vietnamese relations.

The two nations have had no diplomatic ties since the war ended in defeat for the U.S.-backed South Vietnamese government in 1975. D'Agostino argues that a thaw could lead to help for the desperately poor country and news about U.S. veterans still missing in action.

Vietnamese government officials have encouraged D'Agostino.

D'Agostino's efforts were praised in a recent letter from Nguyen Can, deputy director of the North American Department in the Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"We had useful discussions that paved the way for removing obstacles in the way to better understanding between our two countries," Can wrote.

D'Agostino also sees last month's announcement that the Vietnamese will withdraw 50,000 troops from neighboring Cambodia partly as an attempt to court favor with the United States.

D'Agostino hopes to coordinate shipments with Oxfam America, the Boston-based aid group, which delivers tools, seeds and educational supplies to many Third World nations, including Vietnam and Cambodia.

Better U.S.-Vietnam relations are becoming more likely, according to Joel Charny, Oxfam's assistant regional director.

"Something is happening, when Republicans are standing up and taking positions that Democrats didn't dare to take in public," he said. "Something positive is going on which will bear fruit in the next five years."

Among those calling for improved relations are U.S. Rep. John McCain, R-Ariz., a former prisoner of war, and U.S. Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D.

Even President Ronald Reagan wrote Oxfam a letter acknowledging the humanitarian needs of the Vietnamese, Charny said.

D'Agostino continues to ask that contributions, medical supplies or inquiries be made to him, care of Humanitarian International, 5 Tournament Road, Natick. The telephone number is 655-5399.

Vietnamese officials have promised to help Americans resolve the issue of 2,400 people — including 59 from Massachusetts — still unaccounted for.

Most are listed as "killed in action, body not recovered," according to a State Department official.

Since 1975, remains of about 200 men have been returned to the United States. The most recent release came March 2 while D'Agostino was in Hanoi.

D'Agostino said the aid helps demonstrate American good will and encourage Vietnamese assistance. And he wants to continue the work — even if the Vietnamese produce no new information about MIAs.



'It doesn't go against my grain to help people. There isn't a child in the world who isn't worth our help.'

BRUCE D'AGOSTINO

"It's still worthwhile to go ahead on it," he said. "It doesn't go against my grain to help people. There isn't a child in the world who isn't worth our help."

Because the United States has no diplomatic relations with Vietnam, the government has imposed an embargo on official aid. Groups such as D'Agostino's or Oxfam are required to apply for government licenses to deliver aid.

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LIST.

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SUPPLIES
MARCH
1989

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

TO
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Humanitarian International Inc.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LIST

SHIPPED DELIVERED

APRIL 1-1989

Quantity	DESCRIPTION	Serial No.
INCUBATOR		
2	Armstrong X4 Baby Incubator (Model 500)	16216 16211
GENERAL ANESTHESIA		
	Heidbrink Kinet-O-Meter (with large drawers)	
1	Catalog #100C	1510
1	Catalog #2333	374
RESPIRATION UNIT		
	Bennett Respiration Unit (& stand) Patent # 3,265,061	
1	Model PR-2 (bottom dial)	913249
3	Model PR-1	547793 437540 437506
DEFIBULATOR		
1	Burdick Defibulator (Model DC160)	2197R
DEFIBULATOR EQUIPMENT		
1 Box	of Defibulator Tubing, Paddles, Manual	
STRESS TEST MONITOR		
1	DelMar Avionics Stress Test Monitor (Model 2900B)	776
GENERAL ANESTHESIA		
1	Beckman Medical Gas Analyzer LB-2 Model 240M Catalog #149148	336
1	Heidbrink Kinet-O-Meter (no drawers)	K24446
1	Fluotec type FR E397 (stamp in plate) 3 sm. drawers	35565A

Humanitarian International Inc.

Quantity	D E S C R I P T I O N	Serial No.
SURGICAL EQUIP./SUPPLIES FOR OR		
6	21-21121 Micro-Gard	XOMed
1	21-61441 Micro-Gard	XOMed
3	#7931 Microscope Drape	Microtek Med., Inc.
	Poly Tie Straps	
5	OR - Shoe Covers	
2	#4931 Microscope Drape for ZEI SS OPMI with Monocular Observer Tubes	Microtek Med., Inc.
1	Richardo Medical	
1	Ultradex Surgical Scrub	
2 bxs.	Talc Free Surgeon's Gloves by Seamless (50/box)	
2 bxs.	1 Doz/Box Anchor Surgeon's Brushes	
2 bxs.	12/Box Olympic Bill Mask	
3 bxs.	Tomac Tongue Blades Jr. size	
7 bxs.	Curity Hypoallergenic Clear Tape	8534
3 bxs.	Destructclip	5685
3	Surgical Scrub Soap Dispenser	
5	Portex Tracheostomy Unit	
10 bxs.	3M Micropore Surgical Tape $\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 10yds.	
1 bx.	Assorted Surgical Instruments	
1	SK-400 2 Pocket Instrument Holder	
2 bxs.	#15 seamless steri sharps surgical blades	"
1 bx.	#10 "	"
1 bx.	#12 "	"
1 bx.	Plastipak single use syringe	
1 case	Surgical caps (100/case)	
3	Curatage Surg. Instrument	D&C Instruments
5	Dialators	
2	Misc. D&C Instruments	
2	Autoclave Forceps	
2	OR Surgical Scrub Soaps	
1 bx.	Eye & Ear Drape (small)	
18/bx.		

Humanitarian International Inc.

Quantity	D E S C R I P T I O N	Serial No.
IV		
	Deseret Pharm. Cut-down Catheter	
1	16 ga. 12 in.	
1	19 ga. 12 in.	
SURGICAL EQUIP./ENDOTRACHEAL TUBES		
	Portex Disposable Endotracheal Tubes	
6	Size: 7.0 mm	
7	Size 6.5 mm	
SUTURES		
5 bxs.	2-0 Silk	
1 bx.	4-0 Silk	
1	1 Silk	
1	2-0 Plain Gut	
1	6-0 Plain Gut	
1	1 Chromic Gut	
1	2 Chromic Gut	
2	SK-650 10 Pocket Suture	
2	3-0 Plain Gut	
1	7-0 Plastic	
1	E Thistrip $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 3	
1	2-0 Coated Vicryl	
1	0 PDS Violet Monofilament	
12	Resterilization Sutures Asst.	
1 lg. bg.	Misc. Sutures	
RESPIRATOR HOSES		
2 cases	Cirrus Nebulizer (Disposable)	
(100/case)	#66-1501 to be used with Respirator	
ASPRATION NEEDLES		
10	Monoject Aspiration Needle	
	16 ga. Adjustable length	241163

Humanitarian International Inc.

Quantity	DESCRIPTION	Serial No.
IV CATHETERS		
28	18 Gauge Catheter Bard A-Cath Intravenous Placement Unit	197218
BONE MARROW BIOPSY ASPIRATION UNIT		
2	Kormed Jamshidi Disposable Bone Marrow Biopsy Aspiration Needle	Catalog # DJ4011
	4 in. 8 ga.	
5	Pharmaseal Jamshidi Disposable Bone Marrow Biopsy Aspiration Needle 4 in. 11 ga.	Catalog # DJ4011
UROLOGY		
5	Urology Instruments in Padded Box	
SUMP DRAIN		
8	Silicone Dual-Sump Size: Small Length: 14"	
FOLEY CATHETER		
6	Foley Catheter FR16 5CC	
ANESTHESIA EQUIPMENT		
25	Anesthesia IV Set Up List# 42071-01	
UROLOGY/GYN.		
1	Urology Dialator Kit	
MISCELLANEOUS		
1	Calcitrel 10/Box	
1 sm. bg.	Radiopaque Clamps (orange)	
1 med. bg.	White Plastic Clamps	
2 pkg.	Tonsil Sponde, Medium	
1 bx.	Misc Anesthesia Equipment	
1 bx.	Misc. Respiratel Equip.	
CYSTOCATH SUPRABUBIC		
12	By Dowcorning Cystocath Suprebubic Catalog # 330-8	

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Quantity	DESCRIPTION	Serial No.
IV CATHETERS		
3	Bard I-Cath Intravenous Placement Unit with Stylet Catheter 16G x 8 in.	
IV		
30	Delmed Inc. 16g x 12 in. Catheter 14g x 2 in. Needle	
SUMP DRAIN		
8	Argyle Saratoga Sump Drain Size 28 Fr.	
ANESTHESIA & RESPIR.		
1 bx.	Accessories for anesthesia & Respirators 6 Resp. Ther. 5 Mistogen Etc.	

21 BOXES
TOTAL

ADDITIONAL 6 BOXES OF MTL
SHIPPED AFTER PREP OF THIS
LIST

27 BOXES TOTAL
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RESUME OF:
BRUCE F. D'AGOSTINO

BRUCE F. D'AGOSTINO

5 Tournament Road
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(508) 651-1965

OBJECTIVE

To obtain a challenging position where I can fully utilize my skills, background, and established interpersonal relationships with the leaders of the government of Vietnam to further the national interests of the United States of America.

WHO I AM

A 43 year old entrepreneur who has devoted his working life to developing creative and rewarding business and volunteer organizations . . . A tireless worker and coordinator who is able to bring enthusiasm and team spirit to any project, regardless of complexity or seemingly insurmountable obstacles..

I have a high regard for the feelings needs, and efforts of others who contribute to the achievement of shared objectives. Whether in a leadership role or as part of a team, I have always given one hundred percent of my energy and determination toward the realization of established objectives. I am seeking an opportunity to start a new career in government service where I can fully utilize my experience and where I can demonstrate a high level of motivation to succeed in a challenging liaison position.

WHAT I HAVE DONE

In 1988 I founded **Humanitarian International**, a non-profit organization formed to funnel medical supplies and equipment to Vietnam. In my role of Executive Director of **Humanitarian International** I travelled extensively to Vietnam and I have established cordial and productive personal relationships at the highest levels of the Vietnamese Government.

BACKGROUND

1988-Present **Humanitarian International**
 Natick, Ma

Created non-profit organization to provide medical aid to Vietnam, improve U.S. - Vietnamese relations, and resolve M.I.A. issues. As Executive Director, served as chief M.I.A. negotiator - Hanoi, 1988.

Bruce F. D'Agostino
resume . . . page two

BACKGROUND

1972 - Present **D'AGOSTINO CORP.**
 Natick, Ma.

Created successful general contracting company providing quality construction in Eastern Massachusetts area. Complete responsibility for all aspects of daily operations - hiring, training, business records, sales, management etc.

EDUCATION

1973 -74 **Northeastern University**
 Evenings . Major - Engineering Graphics

1970 **San Bernadino Valley College**
 Evenings - Anthropology

1966 -69 **University of Maryland**
 Extension - Courses in Japanese, Math, Creative Writing

MILITARY

1965 - 1969 **U.S. Air Force, Sergeant**

 Attended Electrmecanical Communication School (38 wks).
 Cleared for Top Secret/Crypto. Served in Japan and Vietnam.

HONORS AND SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

CITATION for "Your Patriotic valor and Heroic Efforts to bring home American P.O.W.s and M.I.A.s from Vietnam", presented by House of Representatives, Massachusetts, 1988 ; LETTER OF APPRECIATION from Nguyen Can, Deputy minister of Foreign Affairs and Head of the M.I.A. Office, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, 1988; CERTIFICATE OF GRATITUDE from President Ronald Reagan, 1989;

PERSONAL DATA

Born in Framingham, Massachusetts. Graduated from Natick High School, Natick Massachusetts. Able to speak, read and write Japanese. Licensed private pilot since 1981. Father of three boys. Hobbies : Flying (aerobatics), SCUBA, Skydiving, Traveling - visited 22 countries.

REFERENCES

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22 Hillcrest Avenue
Natick, MA 01760
(508) 653-1421

Mr. Richard Forsen
9 Tournament Road
Natick, MA 01760
(508) 655-4037

Mr. Walter Catarius
Route 1
Laurens, SC 29360
(803) 682-2312

July 23, 1990

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April, 28, 91

Dear Andy,

You may have seen this letter from our selectmen. They are making a request of the President.

They asked me to forward a copy to you to try to get it into the President's hands. It's your call.

They also sent photos of the Feb. 14, 91 "OPERATION DESERT SUPPORT" to the President. I hope that everyone is well and happy at your home. Sincerely,

"HELPING PEOPLE THROUGH OUT THE WORLD, PEOPLE TO PEOPLE"

Bruce W. McArthur



Town of Natick
Massachusetts 01760

Franklin W. Fessenden
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Mel Willens
Vice-Chairman
Edward H. Dlott
Clerk

April 20, 1991

President George Herbert Walker Bush
The President of The United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Town of Natick, not unlike many cities and towns in Massachusetts has been hit hard by a sluggish economy. The downturn has not only put people out of work, but it has also resulted in a dramatic drop in tax revenue needed to operate our community. As a result, many of the programs the Town took for granted must now be supported through user-charges or donations.

For 35 years the residents of Natick either through their property taxes or through direct donations have supported the largest Fourth of July Celebration in the region. There have traditionally been many events, ranging from the "Miss Natick" Pageant to band concerts on the Natick Common. But, the crowning jewel of our celebration has always been the Fourth of July Parade. Many of the participants you are familiar with. Our American Legion, Post 107, Color Guard was present at your Inauguration and marched in the Inaugural Parade. The Waltham American Legion Band - which has always led Natick's parades - made national news when they ventured to the Soviet Union as part of a cultural exchange. The organizations and individuals involved in Natick's Fourth of July Parade are proud to be Americans and show it in their efforts.

I am sorry to say that this year our Fourth of July Parade is in danger of falling victim to our loss of revenue. While I am sure that the economy will rebound, it is doubtful that the recovery will take place in time to save our celebration. I am writing because we need your help.

After the successful War in the Gulf - for which you are to be commended - you had stated that you wanted this Fourth of July to be the best ever. We in Natick could not agree with you more. Even before our stunning victory, the people of our Town have cherished this most important holiday -marking the independence of our great Nation.

The President of The United States of America
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April 20, 19991

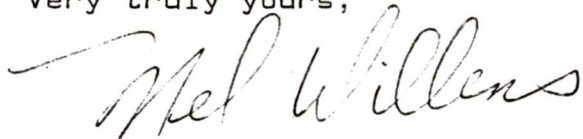
However, despite a strong feeling of pride and patriotism, we have not been able to generate enthusiasm for this year's celebration. Because of the economy, now more than ever we need to encourage private donations. This is where you can be of helpful.

In order to generate the high level of interest which in turn will result in a greater number of donations, we need a drawing card for the parade. The War in the Gulf produced many heroes. In Natick alone, we had 50 service men and women who saw action. Many of them will be participating in the parade - which, of course will be well received by the townspeople. But, ~~what would create the necessary excitement for the parade, is the participation of one of your Generals who was responsible for our success in the Gulf. As a Massachusetts native General Neal would be a great draw.~~ But any General involved in the effort will provide the needed boost to our fund raising effort.

Mr. President, your assistance in this would be greatly appreciated. The Town of Natick, which has celebrated the Fourth of July for many, many years - when other communities did not - wants to participate in what you have said will be the greatest celebration ever. With your help we can!

Thank you for your support. God Bless America.

Very truly yours,



MEL WILLENS
Selectman
Town of Natick
FAX 508-650-9879

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Mr. Andy Carl
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
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Dear Andy,
I thought that the President and
you might get a real laugh out of
this Boston Globe cartoon. Since
the President flew against the ^{DEMOCRATIC} ~~Japanese~~
he'll get a chuckle out of the KAMIKAZE
cartoon. At 12 true! No one could win
against President Bush.

Sincerely,
Bruce D. Cortino



THE WORLD, PEOPLE TO PEOPLE"

BRUCE F. D'AGOSTINO

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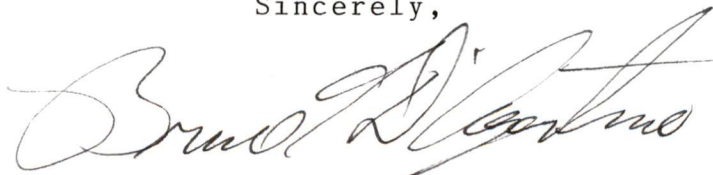
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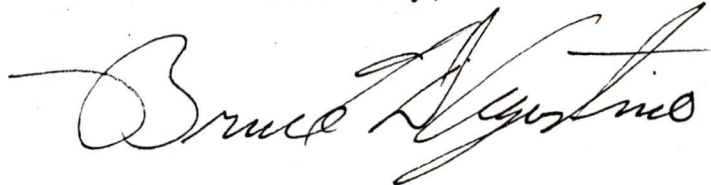
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Would you please give my request your most immediate attention. I would be truly grateful and hope to serve our country well in an appropriate capacity.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bruce F. D'Agostino". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Bruce" being particularly prominent.

Bruce F. D'Agostino

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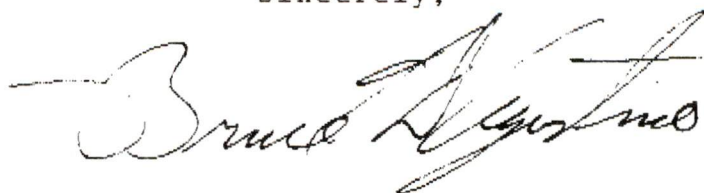
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March 6, 1991

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Dear Andy,

I've enclosed some appropriate cartoons from the 3-5-91 Middle East News. Mr. Frankfurter's cartoon depicts the position of the Democrats quite accurately.

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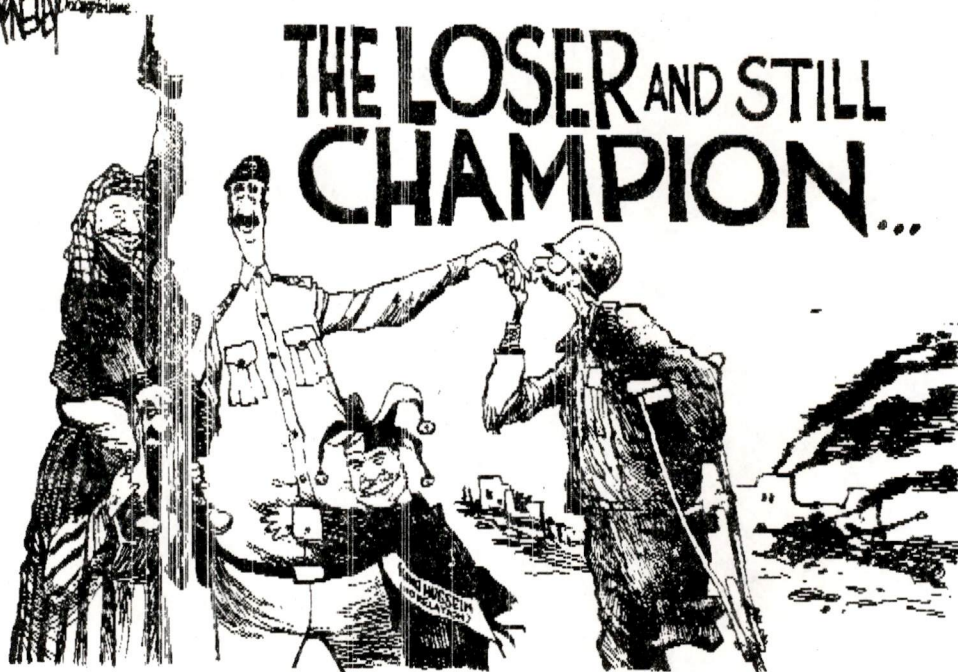
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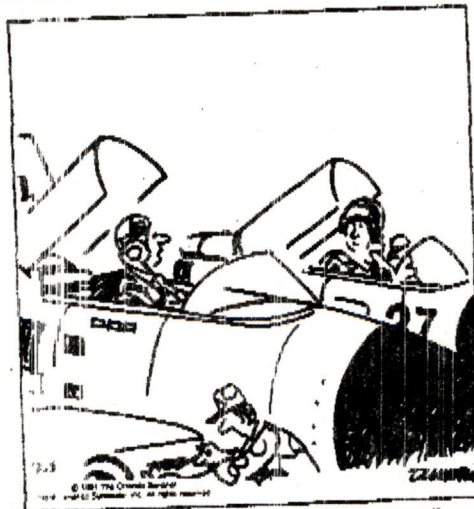
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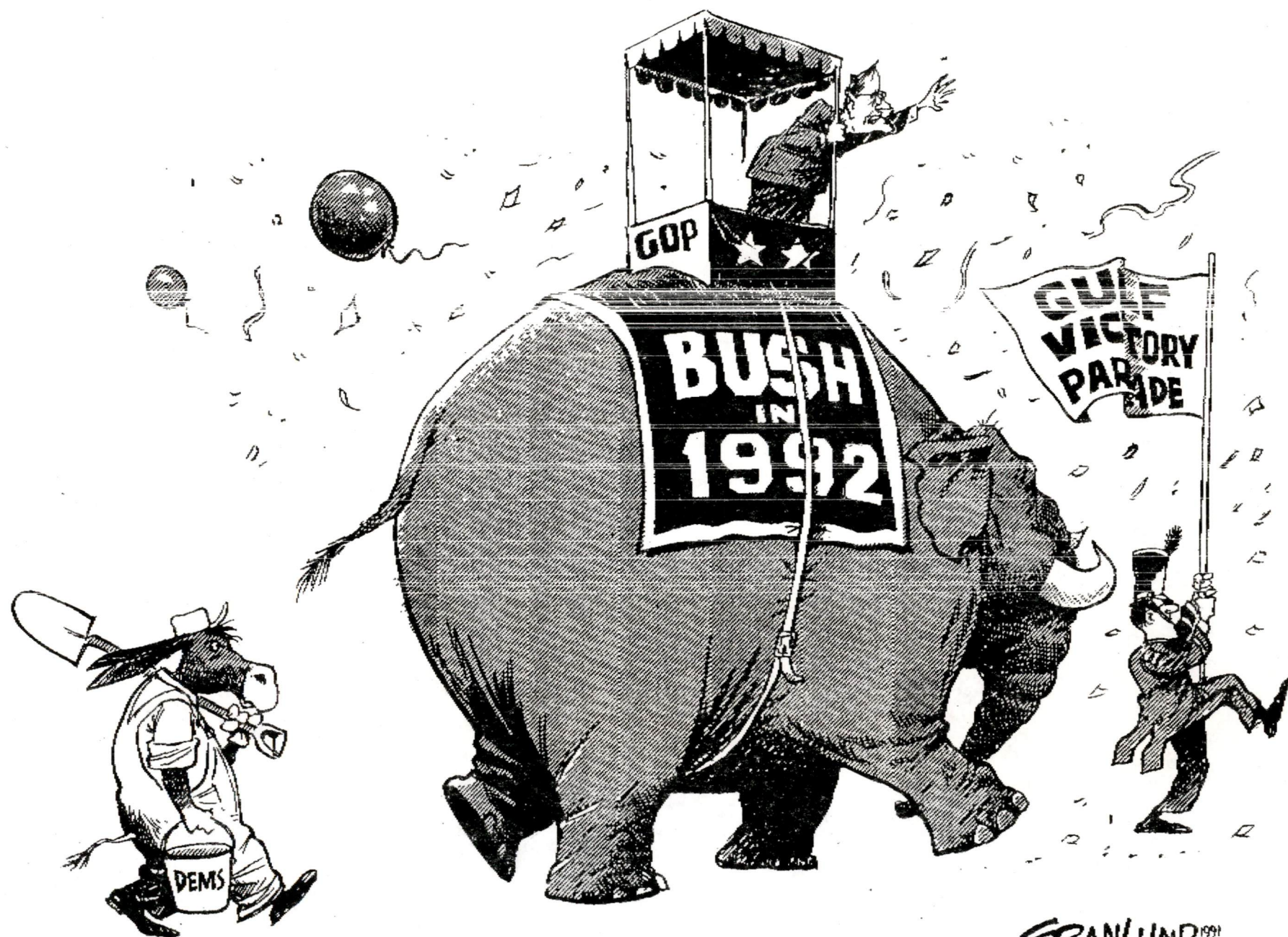
THE LOSER AND STILL CHAMPION...



DUNAGIN'S PEOPLE



'MY BOMBS ARE SMARTER THAN YOURS.'



GRANLUND¹⁹⁹¹
MIDDLESEX NEWS

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Dear Andy,

You hold my heart
felt thanks for being
part of The White House
Team that won this
war, the right way!!

We went in to win
and we as a nation
have won, emotionally
and spiritually. No more
Viet Nam! You did it!
Your friend and fellow American
Bruce D'Agostino

P.S. I had my friend make up 3
cards. One for the President, one for
you and one for Linda Carey.

TURDAY, MARCH 2, 1991

Bruce F. D'Agostino
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March 2, 1991

Dear Cindy,

I hope that you have enjoyed
the political cartoons during this time
in our history.

I am very concerned that the Veterans
of Desert Storm will personally pay much
of the cost of the war. They have lost
jobs, income and may need many
Veteran's services. May I suggest
that the U.S. pump Iraqi oil
from the now occupied area. This
would build up a cash reserve for
veterans and could be paid as a bonus.
Also, the U.S. could cover some of
its government cash losses. I also hope
that the Iraqis are made to clear all the
mines and body bags.

Sincerely
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Brn J. Martine

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LESSONS OF THE WAR



A restoration of faith in America

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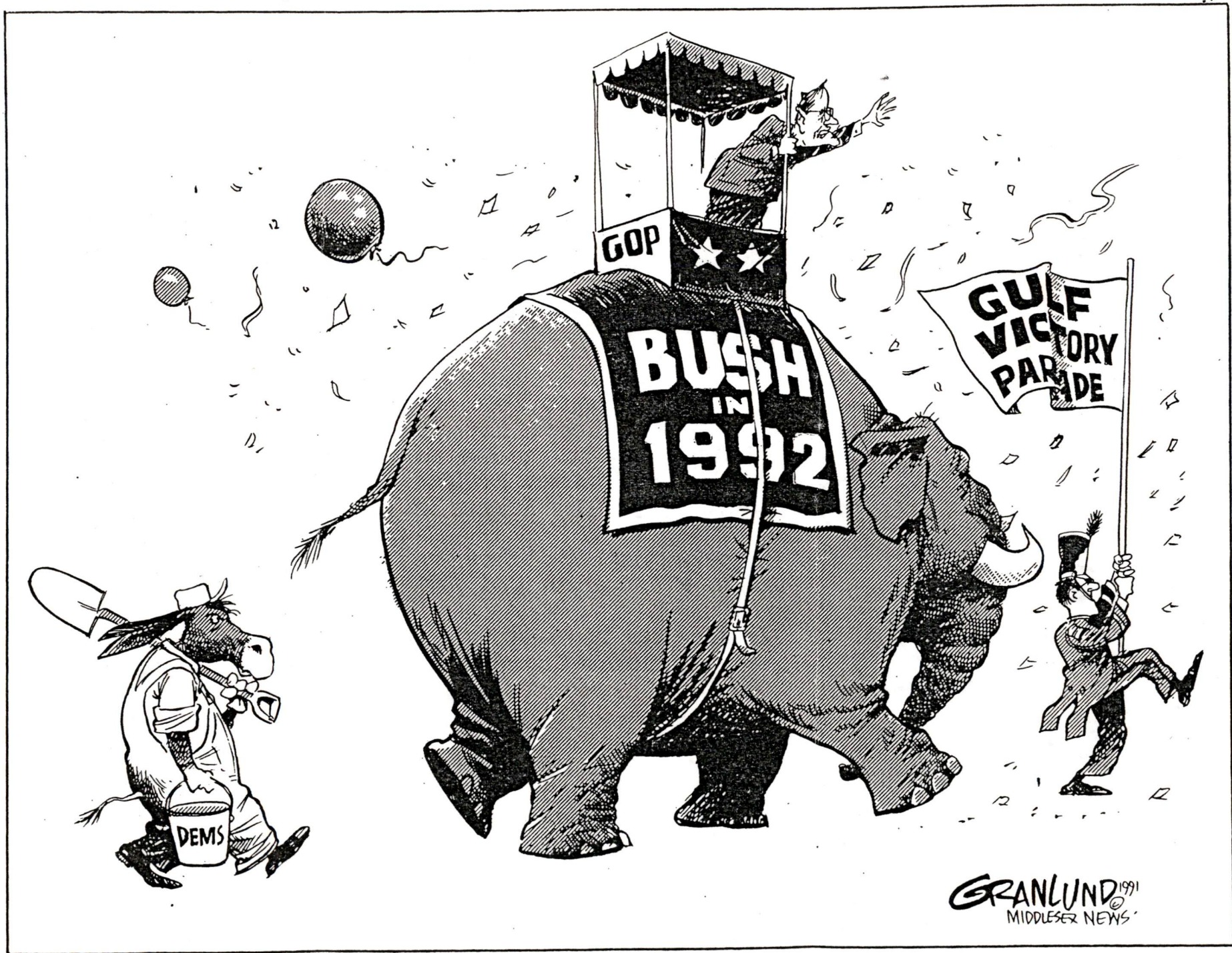
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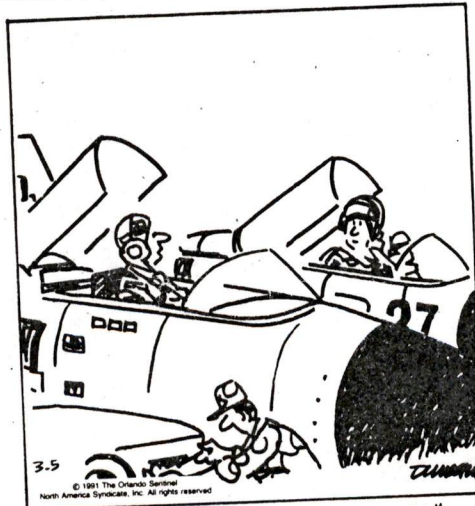


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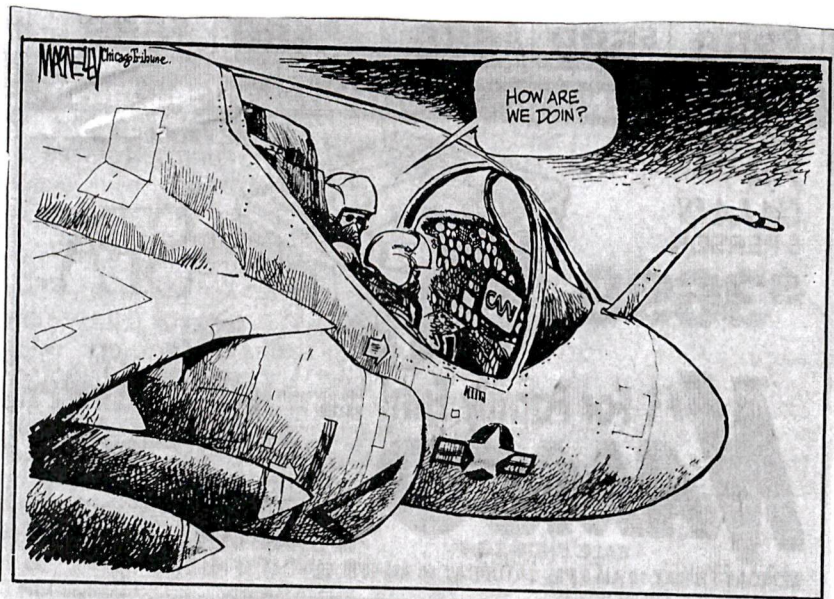
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IRANIAN "NEUTRALITY"...



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Dear Andy,

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Here are a few more quips to lighten
the White House staff's heads.

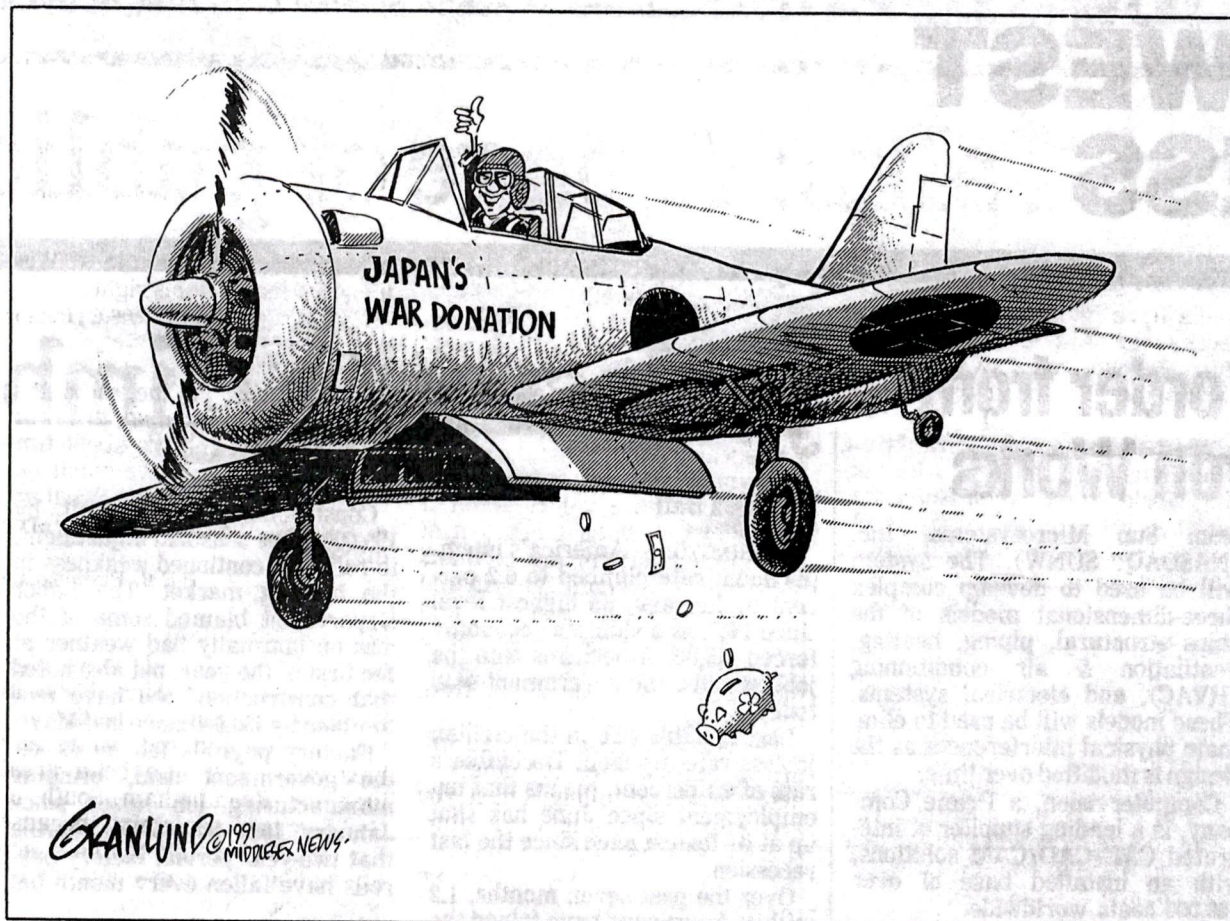
As I talk to many people here,
the question most often turns to use
of Nuclear force. We all want to
know if political concerns are going
to take precedence over American lives.

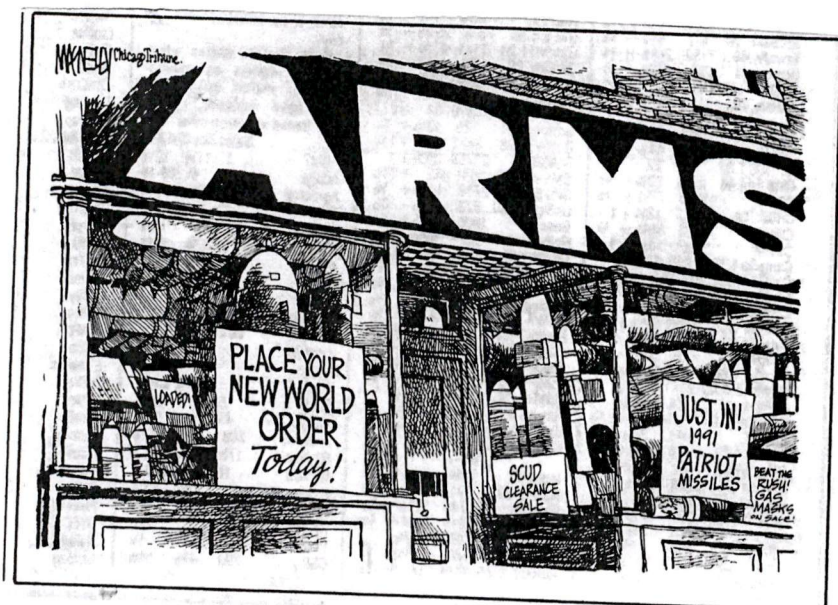
The small, low yield tactical nuclear
weapons could melt the armor and
spirit of the enemy. Please do not
wait for tens of thousands of Americans
to die before we make President Truman's
decision to end a war and save lives.

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Dear Andy,

February 2, 1991

The cartoon says it all 13.5 billion is about 10% of what Japan should be paying. We pay in lives for their sake, to protect their business interests. Those same Japanese companies are trying to take the U.S. over. The President sent a very nice reply that arrived today. Please thank him for me and let him know that I stand ready to serve. Sincerely
Bruce P. J.

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P.S. The nuclear option looks better on the tragic advance. I agree.

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Dear Andy,

I read about the 11 Marines that were killed, possibly by our own air strikes. What a sad loss and similiar feeling to those felt in Viet Nam in the Friendly Fire deaths that occured.

I thought that I might have a person that the President would like to have come to the White House to speak to those families, if the President brings those family members to meet with him. The he is Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, the author of **WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE** and other well known books. His ability to make sense out of senseless loss when speaking to any group or individual is truely healing and he is a true embodiment of the concept that he written about.

I will be at his home in at 20 Robinhood Road Natick, Mass. 01760 (Tel. 508 655-1834) today. I have known the Rabbi and Mrs. Kushner for a year or so and they are wonderful people. If you decide to call him, you may use my name.

Sincerely,



Bruce F. D'Agostino

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February 12, 1991

Mr. Andy Card
The White House
Office of the Chief of Staff
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Andy,

I hope that you and your family are well these days.
I am sure that you have put in long hours since the Iraqi
situation started.

I have heard that The President will be in
Massachusetts on Thursday to visit the Raytheon plant.
Would it be possible to meet him on that day? If it is
possible, please contact me and let me know if it would be
at Andover or at Hanscomb Air Force Base. I would be
honored by the opportunity to meet him and you, if you will
be with him at that time. Once again, please thank The
President for his letter of January 25, 1991 to me regarding
Iraq and Kuwait.

form letter

I have some nonlethal ideas on how to drive the Iraqis
out of their bunkers in Kuwait and into the waiting arms of
well timed B-52 raids. If you are interested and you have
a contact person in the Boston area or at the U.S. Army
labs, Natick, MA, have them contact me at 651-1965.

Sincerely,



Bruce F. D'Agostino

Andy,

Just FYI. **AC HAS SEEN**

I had one of the standard
"messages for rallys" sent
to Bruce. He means well.

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Dear Linda,

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Here are two articles from the rally in support of the troops. I made copies of the President's letter and distributed them to all the family members and the organizers. The reading of the President's letter was the highlight of the rally. Everyone here deeply appreciates the President's letter and your help. My friend, selectman Mel Wilbur will be writing a letter of thank you to the President. I will forward the letter and some photos of the rally. Thank you for your kindness.

P.S. Possibly the President would enjoy seeing the articles. Bruce D. Cortina

"HELPING PEOPLE THROUGH OUT THE WORLD, PEOPLE TO PEOPLE"

350 at Natick rally tell troops they're loved

By David D. Saltonstall

NEWS STAFF WRITER

NATICK — Her name is Jill, her husband is a Kuwaiti soldier fighting alongside Americans in the Gulf, and like 350 other residents she stood on the Town Common last night with tears in her eyes and hope in her heart.

"It is heartbreaking," said Jill, who asked that her full name not be used. "I am so proud. ... And I want people to know that the Kuwaitis are so grateful for what the American troops are doing over there."

The comment was just one of many Natick voices heard last night at a rally to show support for the troops overseas. The event was organized by three local teens and included Valentine's cards made by local elementary students for Natick soldiers overseas.

"They are some of the bravest people this town has ever known, and we should show them that, and anyone else who has any doubts," said Michael C. Aries, 19, who with Rick O'Neill, 19, and Kristin Caswell, 18, helped organize the event.

The emotional high point came early in the program, as the names of more than 15 Natick residents serving in the Gulf were read aloud, one by one, as Bette Midler's ballad "You Are My Hero" spread quietly across the common.

"PFC John Robert Mawhinney ... Capt. Christopher P. Costa ... Cpl. Michael Martin ... LCpl Paul Bradley ... Cpl. Jeff Ward ... Sgt. Daniel E. Egan ... Sgt. David Roberts ... SK2 Robert J. Feeney ... Mark Johnson ... Capt. Brian R.

Hurley ... SPC Edward E. Ward ... FCCM Paul A. Cevolani ... Brian J. Schofer ... CPT Timothy Looby ... PVT Jeffrey Klein."

Throughout the downtown area, 50 brand new American flags paid for by local businesses and hung by local firefighters flew from telephone poles and light posts. On the rain soaked common, hundreds of smaller flags bobbed atop the crowd. The local color guards stood at attention.

At one point, Selectman Mel Willens produced a letter signed by President George Bush that had been faxed from the White House earlier in the day. "You might be interested to know that the President answered us in less than six hours," Willens said.

"I am grateful that our troops face the challenges before them knowing that they have the steadfast support and heartfelt prayers of millions of people like you," read a part of the letter from Bush.

Bob Ward, a local Department of Public Works employee whose son, Jeff, is attached to a helicopter unit in Saudi Arabia, read another kind of letter from his son that the crowd would answer by the end of the night.

"I can only hope we are doing the right thing," wrote Ward from Saudi Arabia. "I have been reading the paper, and have seen people's opinions vary. I pray that we do not lose your support, as those of Vietnam did."

The rally ended in an explosion of songs like "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America,"

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MIDDLESEX NEWS



NEWS PHOTO BY PAUL KAPTEYN

The color guard stands at attention while speakers address a crowd of 350 at a rally on the Natick Town Common last night. Speakers included Mike O'Callaghan, representing disabled veterans, left, Lenny Jennings of the Natick Police Department, and Phil Ingleby of American Legion Post 107. Story, Page 4A.

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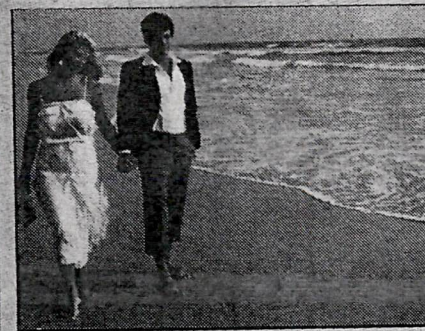
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Sidney Carter, Tim White and Michael Carter Jr. join hundreds in support of U.S. troops in the Middle East.

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Rally round the common

Townsfolk gather to support troops in Gulf

By Scott Blake
TAB Staff Writer

NATICK — About 400 people gathered at the town common on a cold, misty Valentine's night in an emotional rally to support U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf.

A band played the national anthem, military veterans brandished flags and rifles, and families of soldiers held yellow flowers. Politicians, clergymen and other speakers excited the crowd during the one-hour ceremony.

"In the Vietnam era," said Richard O'Neill Jr. of Park Street, "veterans came home without a simple word of thanks, which they very much deserved.

"We are here to make sure that never happens again," O'Neill said. "This is a new generation — a new America — one that will not forget to give the respect our troops deserve."

Organizers said they will send belated Valentine cards made by schoolchildren, as well as photographs of the rally, to 23 soldiers from Natick in the war against Iraq. Organizers urged the crowd to buy American flags for \$2 and flowers for \$1 to help pay for postage to the troops.

They also plan to hoist a flag emblazoned with a yellow ribbon above the common to honor the troops March 16.

"They are some of the bravest people this town has and we should show them that and anybody else who has any doubts," said Michael Aries Jr., a Quince Street resident who helped organize the rally.

"We must never forget the sacrifices they have to make to ensure not only our freedom, but for the freedom of others as well," Aries said.

Selectmen Mel Willens and Ed Dlott, state Rep. Douglas Stoddart and former state Rep. Joseph Connolly attended the rally.

Willens, who led efforts to decorate local homes and buildings with yellow ribbons honoring soldiers, read a letter from President Bush about the rally.

Letter from president

"This is a wonderful way to stand in solidarity with our brave servicemen and women who are now taking part in the liberation of Kuwait," Bush wrote. "The United States has acted in cooperation with the coalition partners to resist unprovoked aggression and to defend the lives of innocent people."

Iraqi President "Saddam Hussein's blatant violation of international conventions regarding the treatment of prisoners of war and his willingness to target innocent civilians with Scud missiles have outraged millions people and have only served to strengthen our resolve," Bush wrote.

Robert Ward, 50, of Lake Street read a letter from his 22-year-old son, Jeff, a U.S. soldier in Saudi Arabia.

"I can only hope we are doing the right thing," Ward wrote. "I pray that we do not lose your support as those of Vietnam did."

Rabbi Mark Cooper of Temple Israel of Natick and Rev. Daniel Tooney of St. Patrick's Church also addressed the crowd.

"Father of all," Tooney said, "we ask your blessing upon our courageous men and women who are at this hour standing guard in the Persian Gulf, risking their lives for the sake of security and freedom."

"Sustain all the citizens of this great nation who have gone forth to arrest a reckless wave of aggression and bloodshed in the Middle East ... strengthen them in the performance of their duties."

After the rally, many in the crowd marched to the American Legion post on West Central Street for a reception.

see Rally, page 6

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Valentine rally draws 400

RALLY, from page 1

During the rally, organizers insisted they were not advocating war, but their purpose was to boost support of U.S. troops and to pray that they return safely.

Christine Caswell, speaking from a podium on the bandstand, said: "We, as a committee, have organized this rally not to show support for the war, but to support those individuals who are unfortunately in a situation in which they have little control over."

However, others in the crowd said they support the war against Iraq.

Christine White of Ash Street, who is engaged to a marine in the Persian Gulf, said: "If we didn't go in, God only knows what [Saddam Hussein] would have done."

White, 23, said the U.S. bombing last week of a shelter in Baghdad, which apparently killed hundreds of civilians, did not detract from the rally.

"From what I gather on TV, it's propaganda for [Saddam Hussein]," she said. "I mean, it seems like he sent those people to their deaths just to gain something for himself."



PHOTO BY OTA RICHTER

A color guard of veterans listen to speakers at support rally on common.

"I think they made the right decision bombing it," she added. "The military had a bunker in there and they had to get rid of his communications. Unfortunately, people had to die, but that's war."

Jennifer Chapman, 18, crowned Miss Natick last year, said she supports the war "100 percent."

Chapman, who helped sell flowers during the rally, said about the bombing of the shelter: "I think we need to do whatever we have to do to get this war over with."

"Saddam had his chance for peace ... And I feel bad for the people over there but, I mean, what are we gonna do?"



BRUCE D'AGOSTINO
WEEK OF FEB. 14, 1991

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Mr. Andy Cord
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Andy,

As you know by now, I
am not one to give up on any
objective. Enclosed is a letter that was
sent to the President on Feb. 12, 1991.

You have a wonderful secretary
in Linda Carey. She made possible a
tremendous feeling of pride and connection
to the President with the fax from the President.
"HELPING PEOPLE THROUGH OUT THE WORLD, PEOPLE TO PEOPLE!"
It was read on the 14th with pride!

Bruce.

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February 12, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear President Bush,

Thank you for your personal letters to me, January 25, 1991 and August 20, 1990, regarding the Iraqi situation.

I have heard that you will be in Massachusetts on Thursday to visit Raytheon in Andover. I would like to know if I could have the honor of meeting you at that time? If that is possible, could you have Linda Casey in Mr. Card's office contact me, she has my home telephone number.

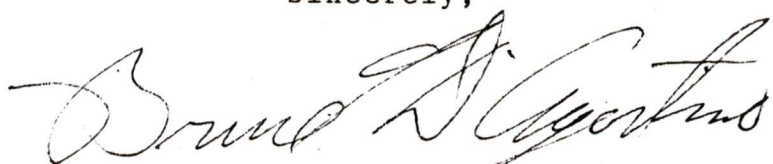
Thank you for your responses to my letters and for having the courage and wisdom to hold back on a ground assault in Kuwait. The support lost by waiting will be nothing compared to the losses when the ground war does start. I hope that we can wait until the Iraqis run out of supplies and morale.

I know that everyone in the White House is very busy with the Kuwaiti situation.

I last heard from Mr. Untermeyer in a letter dated October 24, 1990. He said that The Office for Special Appointments of Presidential Personnel had not found a position for me as of that time. I would like to know if you feel that I could fill one of the positions that may have been vacated or created due to the Kuwaiti situation. I would think that some personnel may have been shifted to areas dealing with the Kuwaiti situation; leaving openings in other areas. If there is any possibility of me filling one of those positions, I would be honored to serve.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Chief of Staff
Andrew Card
The White House.

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Dear Andy,

I've enclosed an article in the National Brief section that is very upsetting. I have also enclosed just some of the incident articles from one day and one paper, the Globe.

I am a history buff and one thing I have learned is that when peace between major powers is at hand, we drop our guard. The wars, W.W. I, W.W. II, Korea and Viet Nam were examples of the U.S. dropping our guard and cutting back on intelligence gathering. I believe that

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Now, more than ever, we need a strong,
overseas intelligence gathering capability.
If you read the history of build-up and cuts
in the intelligence forces, you'll see that
down sizing of the intelligence force
severely limited our capability to
forewarn of danger. We need our eyes,
ears and American interests out there.
Just as we need seismic monitors
to predict earthquakes, we need
intelligence gatherers to prevent damage
to the U.S. and its allies. Please
give a copy of this to The President.
We need his support to keep our
country safe and prepared.

Sincerely,

Bruce D'Agostino

National Briefs

N.Y. senator calls for CIA cutbacks

WASHINGTON - The Central Intelligence Agency is "an anachronism of the Cold War" and should be restructured and cut in half, Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan of New York said yesterday. Moynihan said he plans to introduce legislation next week that would place the CIA under the secretary of state and cut its staff in half. He mentioned the

proposed legislation during a briefing on the Persian Gulf with New York reporters. (AP)

US studies new drug category

WASHINGTON - Federal health officials are studying the possibility of creating a new category of drug approval that would allow some drugs to be sold before they

have been thoroughly studied, but would also require close scrutiny of them after they reach the marketplace. Dr. David Kessler, the new commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, has established an internal task force to examine the idea of "conditional" approval of drugs for life-threatening illnesses, such as AIDS and cancer, for which there are few or no therapeutic alternatives, FDA officials said yesterday. (Los Angeles Times)

Mexico, V regional o

REUTERS

TUXTLA GUTIERRA - Mexico - Mexico yesterday offered five Central American nations a generous oil plan and trade to help drag the region of poverty and war.

At the close of a two-day summit here, the presidents of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica

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Remember what they called WWI,
the war to end all wars. Things change. I hope you'll all
help stop this bill!*

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Although Interfax used office space at Moscow Radio, Komissar said the agency plans to move to new offices in another section of town.

Although the new premises are still being renovated, he said Interfax will try to resume operation from them sometime this weekend.

Komissar said Gostelradio officials told him they were disconnecting the lines because Interfax had not adequately compensated the government for use of the offices. He said Gostelradio had been paid in the form of electronic equipment. "The main problems are political," he said.

Neither Kravchenko, Reshetov nor their deputies were available yesterday to comment on the Gostelradio actions, aides said.



AFP PHOTO

A member of Lithuania's national militia, after donning a gas mask waves from his post yesterday at the Parliament building in Vilnius

Soviet troops seize key buildings in Lithuania

■ LITHUANIA

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turn phone calls from the Lithuanian president Vy-

'Today in Vilnius, soldiers shot at people, tanks charged at people. Only

Lithuanian, Russian and Polish.

Crowds stood vigil outside some of the most important installations. But with the exception of the Parliament building which sen-

Kremlin muzzles TV show, news agency

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — The Soviet government canceled a controversial television program yesterday and tried to shut down the leading independent news agency in what critics called a campaign against glasnost.

As Soviet troops seized buildings in the secessionist republic of Lithuania, the government put a chill on the policy of greater media openness that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev began nearly six years ago.

Pyotr Reshetov, deputy director of Gostelradio, the state broadcasting organization, suspended produc-

tion of the weekly television program "Vzglyad," or viewpoint, said Andrei Shepilov, one of the program's producers.

And the chairman of Gostelradio, Leonid P. Kravchenko, ordered the plugs pulled on most telephone lines from Interfax, the independent news agency that sends its dispatches via telefax.

Interfax had been operating from the premises of Moscow Radio, a Gostelradio affiliate, and was emerging as a competitor to Tass, the state news agency, which Kravchenko headed until taking over state broadcasting late last year.

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Crisis in the Middle East

US warns of possible worldwide terrorism, calls for travel precautions, domestic watch

FROM WIRE SERVICES

WASHINGTON — The State Department said yesterday it has evidence that terrorists supported by Iraq are planning attacks around the world if war breaks out over Kuwait and has advised travelers to take all possible precautions.

—The warning came as the government also ordered a domestic anti-terrorism watch, telling nuclear plants to be on guard and saying it will photograph and fingerprint everyone entering the United States on Iraqi or Kuwaiti passports.

The Coast Guard moved to shield US ports and coastal factories. Airlines said they are prepared to protect travelers but would not discuss



AFP PHOTO

Protesters urging a peaceful solution in the Persian Gulf argue with police yesterday at the US Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

CRISIS AT A GLANCE

YESTERDAY

► UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar met with European Community leaders before leaving for Baghdad, where he will hold talks today with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in an effort to avert war. Perez reportedly was taking with him a list of proposals that might help resolve the crisis.

► Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev telephoned Bush to propose what Bush later called "innovative" suggestions for resolving the Persian Gulf crisis.

► Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d told US troops in Saudi Ar



AFP PHOTO

A Soviet tank points its cannon over a crowd of Lithuanians gathered yesterday at the main printing plant in Vilnius after Soviet paratroopers seized the building during a crackdown.

Soviet troops seize key Lithuanian sites

Shots fired in clashes; 7 hurt, 15 reported missing

and firing some shots

Berlin convenes united assembly

BERLIN – The city's first united Parliament since 1946 convened yesterday in the city's oldest building. The 241 delegates elected in December's city election met for their inaugural session in the twin-spired Nikolai Church in the center of the former East Berlin. They were expected to approve a new constitution for the city. (Reuters)

Fighting stalls Somalia exodus

NAIROBI, Kenya – Heavy fighting again stalled efforts yesterday to rescue foreigners trapped in Somalia's capital of Mogadishu, where the first foreign casualties were reported during battles outside the Italian Embassy. There was a report that one foreigner, believed to be Korean, was killed in the Italian Embassy during fighting Thursday night. An Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman in Rome said "apparently the casualty did occur within the embassy compound." The spokesman, Alessandro di Franco, said some Italians were also wounded in the fighting Thursday, but he had no details on the number of casualties, the extent of the injuries or if other nationalities were involved. Italy, a former colonial ruler of Somalia, said it would close its diplomatic mission in Mogadishu as soon as foreigners taking shelter there could be evacuated. (AP)

3 Palestinians reported killed

JERUSALEM – Three Palestinians were shot and killed by fellow Arabs in the occupied territories on suspicion of collaborating with Israel, Arab reports said yesterday. An Israeli army colonel, meanwhile, received a six-month suspended sentence for the July 1989 killing of a Palestinian youth in the occupied Gaza Strip. It was the second day in

World Briefs

Haitian urges rebel's arrest

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti – Haiti's president-elect, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, emerged from hiding yesterday and called for authorities to arrest suspected accomplices of the Duvalierist leader of a coup attempt Monday. Speaking to reporters for the first time since the failed predawn coup, Aristide briefly described how he eluded the leader of the coup attempt, Roger Lafontant. Aristide, who is a priest, said Lafontant's men had gone to his home searching for him. "They wanted to know if I was there," the priest said. "I was but they didn't find me." Aristide's bodyguards, who were at the news conference, said they escaped from Aristide's home but had to keep moving throughout the night because Lafontant's men tried to follow them. (Reuters)

Angola aid halt spurs US concern

WASHINGTON – US officials are "gravely concerned" over an Angolan government cutoff of United Nations relief to starving civilians affected by a 15-year civil war, a State Department spokesman said yesterday. The United Nations suspended food convoys last month after they were blocked by the Angolan government. The Soviet-backed government said military action by US-armed rebels had slowed down convoys to areas under government control. A State Department spokesman, Richard Boucher, said 800,000 civilians already are at risk of starvation in Southern Angola in areas controlled by both sides

Vietnam faces life after Soviets

Beset by its own problems, Moscow cuts aid and trade concessions to Hanoi

By Mary Kay Magistad
SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE

HANOI — The chimes that ring in 1991 will sound the beginning of the end of the Soviet era in Vietnam.

There will be no dramatic pictures, as when US helicopters lifted off the embassy roof in Saigon in 1975, evacuating Americans only hours before North Vietnamese troops laid claim to the city.

Now, 15 years after Moscow's support helped Hanoi to victory in the Vietnam War, the Soviets have served notice that they will no longer be doing the Vietnamese any special favors on aid and trade concessions. From now on, deals must be in hard cash and at world market rates.

Hundreds of Soviet technical advisers and diplomats have already packed their bags and returned to face the troubles wracking their own country. Hundreds more will remain, but with less direct influence over how Vietnam is run.

As Americans found a generation ago, that is just what the Vietnamese prefer. In the 1960s, US military advisers often seethed with frustration when their Vietnamese counterparts ignored their advice, sometimes to the detriment of the South Vietnamese war effort.

Vietnam's desire for self-rule was strengthened by centuries of keeping superpowers at bay — including its northern neighbor, China. Vietnamese nationalism grew even stronger from three decades of fighting French colonizers, and then

American troops. Although they accepted the Soviet Union as an economic patron for a dozen years, the Vietnamese urge to independence never flagged.

"We listen to advice, but we take only what is appropriate for Vietnam," Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach said. "Each country has its own reality."

Vietnam's current reality is bleak. Millions are unemployed. Prices are soaring as inflation hits 5 percent per month. Soviet cutbacks in oil, fertilizer, cotton and steel have hammered the Vietnamese economy. But the Vietnamese insist they can still make it on their own.

Some Soviets in Vietnam admit grudging respect for this independent streak.

"Both the Soviets and the Americans were too persistent in trying to have influence over Vietnam," said Andrej Levin, Soviet counselor in Hanoi. "We considered ourselves more experienced, more clever, more civilized."

"Soviet, number 10"

Vietnam has been a passion for Levin for almost three decades. Fluent in Vietnamese, he has spent a dozen years in this country since 1967, working as a journalist for Tass and as a translator for the Soviet Embassy.

Levin also edited a monthly Soviet magazine about Vietnam and wrote novels about Vietnamese guerillas and Chinese criminal networks in Southeast Asia.

"The Vietnamese made films of those two books," Levin said proudly. "But now they're not so interested in films based on Russian literature. Now they want to see second-rate Hong Kong westerns."

Having devoted most of his professional career to Vietnam, Levin speaks with a hint of bitterness at how the Vietnamese seem to perceive the Soviet legacy.

"I've talked with Vietnamese people who were not very happy about the Soviet presence here," Levin said. "They said our help was not effective. Our buildings were not built according to plan and took too long to build. Frankly speaking, I guess they're right. . . . But we did help build up the electric supply and some of the infrastructure."

Vietnamese scoff at some of that "infrastructure." They point to the Soviet-built bridge over Hanoi's Red River. The costly behemoth spans the river miles upstream of the city, far out of the way for many Hanoi commuters. The Vietnamese ended up building their own bridge closer to town.

Then there is Hanoi's dreary Cultural Palace, which one pedicab driver sneered at as he drove by.

"Soviet, number 10," he said. "America, number one."

Trade links will remain

The Vietnamese may be veering away from Soviet culture, but the socialist government is likely to keep up economic ties even after transactions switch to a hard currency basis.

"It's an easy market for us," said a senior Vietnamese economist. "They want tropical products like fruit, rubber and timber — and we can supply them. The trade routes are already established. We just continue."

One Hanoi-based Western diplomat said Vietnam's sagging economy needs to keep up such trade links.

"It's not easy for the Vietnamese to find markets for their goods, because the quality control and packaging aren't up to scratch," he said. "But the Soviets will gladly accept them."

Crippled by its own economic woes, the Soviet Union is starting to pressure Vietnam to repay its debt of \$2.9 billion plus 9.8 billion rubles. Analysts say it is certain the Soviet Union's annual \$2 billion aid package to Vietnam will be slashed next year.

Like the Americans before them, the Soviets never really caught on to the Vietnamese way of life. Veteran US reporter Stanley Karnow noted how the Vietnamese used to deride the Soviets as "Americans without dollars."

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Such Vietnamese disdain has not been lost on Soviets like Levin. He admits that it is getting hard to fill the Russian classes in Vietnamese universities.

"They all want to learn English instead," he shrugged.

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Dear Andy,

I have enclosed a letter that I sent to Ambassador Can, the man on the video tape that I sent to you. He is the former head of the Viet Nameese M.I.A. office in Hanoi and he was Foreign Minister Thach's deputy. I am hoping to give the Viet Nameese as many options as possible to returning the M.I.A.s that they told me about in 1988, in Hanoi.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ambassador Can:

I am disappointed in the speed with which the issues of diplomatic recognition and lifting of the trade embargo are being resolved. I am sure that you are also feeling this way. You know that when you and I spoke in Hanoi in 1988 and on my second trip in 1989, I told you that we needed to resolve two issues. One is the Cambodian issue, that is being resolved and two; that your government would have to produce or assist me in producing some American M.I.A.s. If you remember, I told you that it would hold your country back if you could not produce at least a few live M.I.A.s. I told you at that time, that the American people would never forgive or trust your country if you could not produce a few live American M.I.A.s.. This has proved to be the case as of this time. It has been two years since that meeting and three years since your deputy, Mr. Nguyen Hoang Quang, told me in Hanoi, that your government could produce live American M.I.A.s. He said that if I assisted your government in communicating with the White House and the President on the issues of diplomatic recognition and lifting of the trade embargo, your government would produce these M.I.A.s.. I have done what I can but your government has not decided to use it's resources to deliver the M.I.A.s.

If your government would consider using the option of turning any people listed as an American M.I.A. over to me as a humanitarian worker, I believe, that move would be the turning point in Viet Nameese / U.S. relations.

Mr. Quang and I discussed this in 1988 in the same meeting in which he told me of your government's ability to produce some live M.I.A.s. Your government has vast intelligence resources and connections to the various factions throught Southeast Asia. If you decide to use these resources to find and return some American M.I.A.s, then I believe that your government will have made the decision that will unlock Viet Nam's bright economic and political future .

I know that you, as a diplomat, must present whatever policy or position that your government has decided. I am asking your government to review it's options and use it's resources to resolve our mutual issues.

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Dear Andy,

Here are two articles from today's Boston Globe, one on your work to assist Mr. Gates and one that Ron Kaufman should be interested in. The Democrats seem to have opened up a can of what they thought were worms. It would appear that the can may be full of snakes, that may bite **them!**

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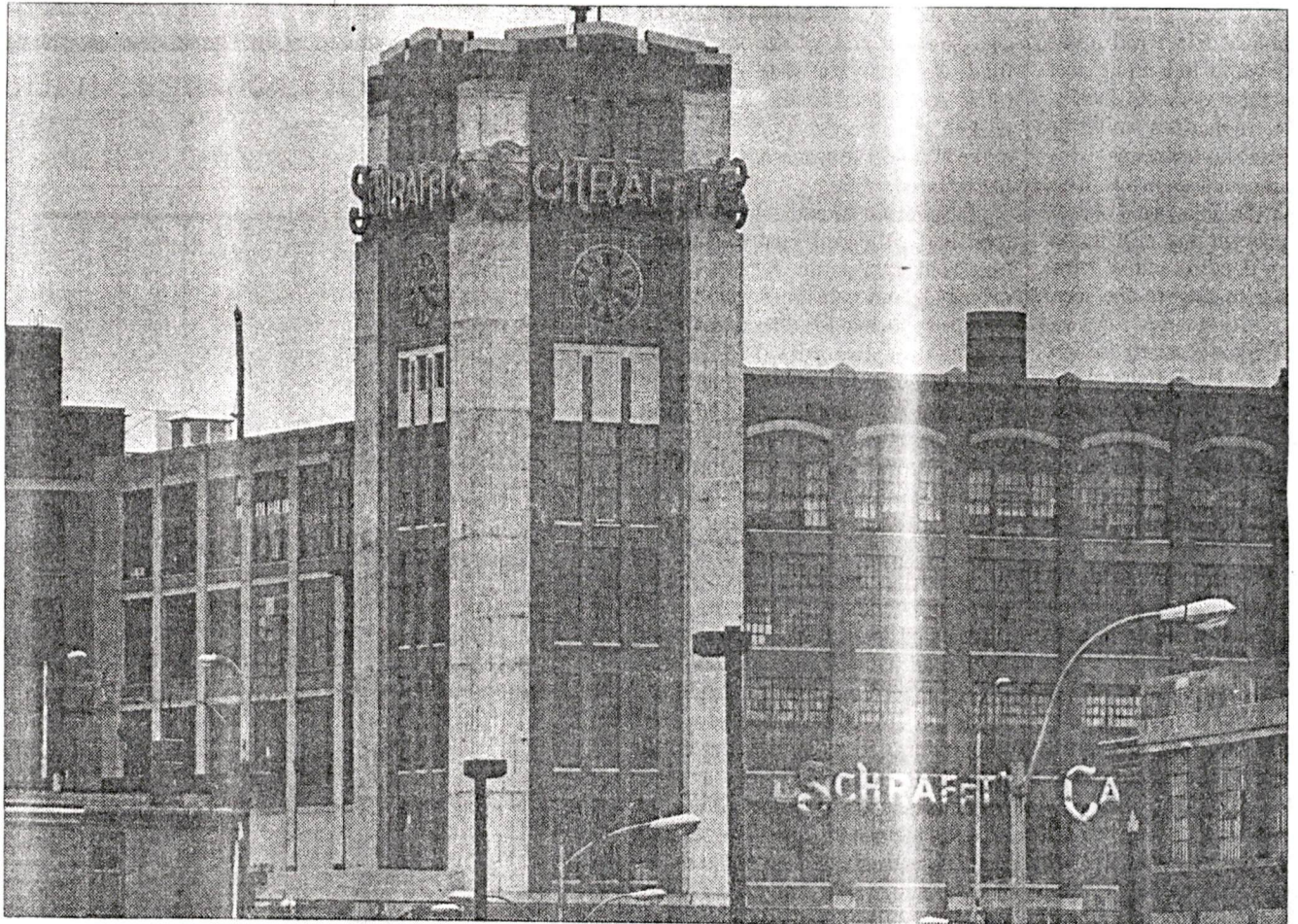
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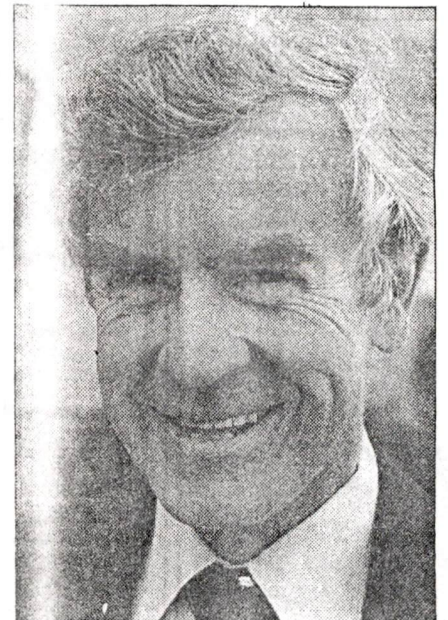
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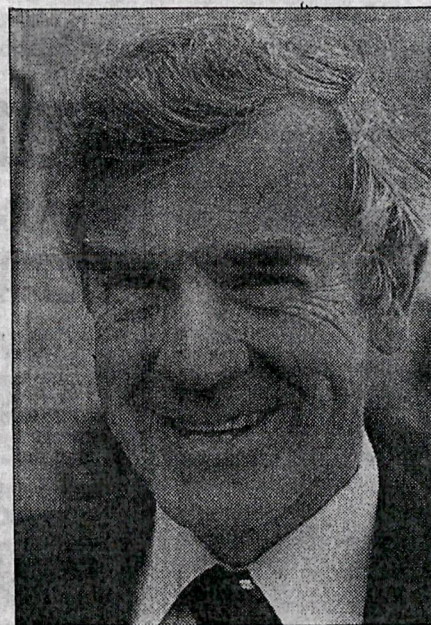
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Porter Davis called me last night at 6PM, returning my call the same day. He said that the position that he is trying to obtain for me is on the M.I.A. commission proposed by Secretary of Defense Dick Chaney. He said that the funding for that commission is somewhere in the budget approval process in Congress. If you speak to Secretary Chaney, could you mention me to him and share this video of my July 31, 91 meeting with the Viet Nameese Ambassador at the U.N., (6 min.), and the 1989 video segment on my M.I.A. /veterans / humanitarian work that was filmed in Viet Nam by C.B.S., (25 min.). and also used by a local cable station.

Andy, I want you to know that Porter Davis has been very responsive, friendly and professional throughout my year long contact with him at the Presidential Personnel office. If dealing with him is any indication of the quality professionals that I will be dealing with, then I am sure that I will thoroughly enjoy working with the White House staff members.

Thanks again for all your help! I hope that you and the family are well and that the kids are enjoying the school year so far.

Sincerely,



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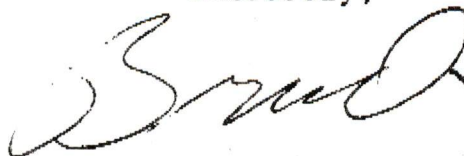
The next page of this FAX is an article that appeared in today's Boston Globe. I'm pleased but not surprised to see that your work to guide Mr. Gates nomination will be successful. I wish to congratulate Mr. Gates you and The President on your apparent success in bringing Mr. Gates to the position of Director of the C.I.A.. I will continue to be a supporter of a strong and independent C.I.A.. As we can see from the situation in Iraq today; we need the intelligence arm of the government more than ever.

Porter Davis, in Presidential personnel sent the enclosed reply to a letter from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Natick.

Well, maybe you could take on **my nomination next!**
Just joking! You seem to have just the right touch with these issues.

Again, please relay my message and know that many people understand how difficult it is to operate outside this country with the rules that we set to live by in the U.S.. I think that the Bush administration has done a fantastic job living by our rules while having to deal with the rules or lack of rules of other nations.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1991

Dear Mr. Willens:

Thank you for your letter recommending Mr. Bruce F. D'Agostino for an appointment in the Bush Administration.

We appreciate your bringing this candidate's credentials to our attention. We have contacted Mr. D'Agostino, and he is part of our personnel system.

Once again, on behalf of the Bush Administration, we thank you for your remarks.

Sincerely,



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REUTERS PHOTO

President Bush takes a break during a brief hike yesterday along the Grand Canyon's south rim, where he attended the signing of a pollution control agreement.

Democratic critics attacked him in addresses in the canyon visit and trying to take credit for the air quality agreement.

Environmentalists, while praising the Grand Canyon accord, have accused Bush of not doing enough to protect the environment in general, despite his declarations of being an environmentalist.

Bush defended his policies as he toured an air-quality monitoring station overlooking

the mile-deep, 10-mile-wide gorge. "We're not going to respond to the extremes,"

Later, in a speech to a small audience of environmentalists and local business leaders, Bush noted the crystal-clear view across the canyon and joked: "I just have to ask some of the critics out there - How's this for the 'vision thing?'"

The president said his critics are "wrong. They're wrong."

Senators hint that Gates is likely to be confirmed

REUTERS

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But they said it was too early to make any flat predictions because problems could arise as early as today when hearings continue and present and former CIA officials give their version of whether Gates knew more than he says about the Iran-contra affair when he was deputy CIA director in 1986.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is conducting Gates' confirmation hearing and has only general advance information on what the officials will say.

When the committee's vice chairman, Sen. Frank Murkowski, an Alaska Republican, was asked if there was a possibility that any of them will say Gates has not told the full truth, he said, "Sure, there's a possibility."

But committee members, including one of Gates' chief critics, Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum, said they believed the Senate

would confirm Gates unless his testimony at the first two days of hearings this week can be shaken.

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Mr. Andy Card
The White House
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Dear Andy,

The next page of this FAX is an article that appeared in today's Boston Globe. I'm pleased but not surprised to see that your work to guide Mr. Gates nomination will be successful. I wish to congratulate Mr. Gates you and The President on your apparent success in bringing Mr. Gates to the position of Director of the C.I.A.. I will continue to be a supporter of a strong and independent C.I.A.. As we can see from the situation in Iraq today; we need the intelligence arm of the government more than ever.

Porter Davis, in Presidential personnel sent the enclosed reply to a letter from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Natick.

Well, maybe you could take on **my nomination next!**
Just joking! You seem to have just the right touch with these issues.

Again, please relay my message and know that many people understand how difficult it is to operate outside this country with the rules that we set to live by in the U.S.. I think that the Bush administration has done a fantastic job living by our rules while having to deal with the rules or lack of rules of other nations.

Sincerely,



Bruce F. D'Agostino

Bush goes to canyon to hail pact on clean air

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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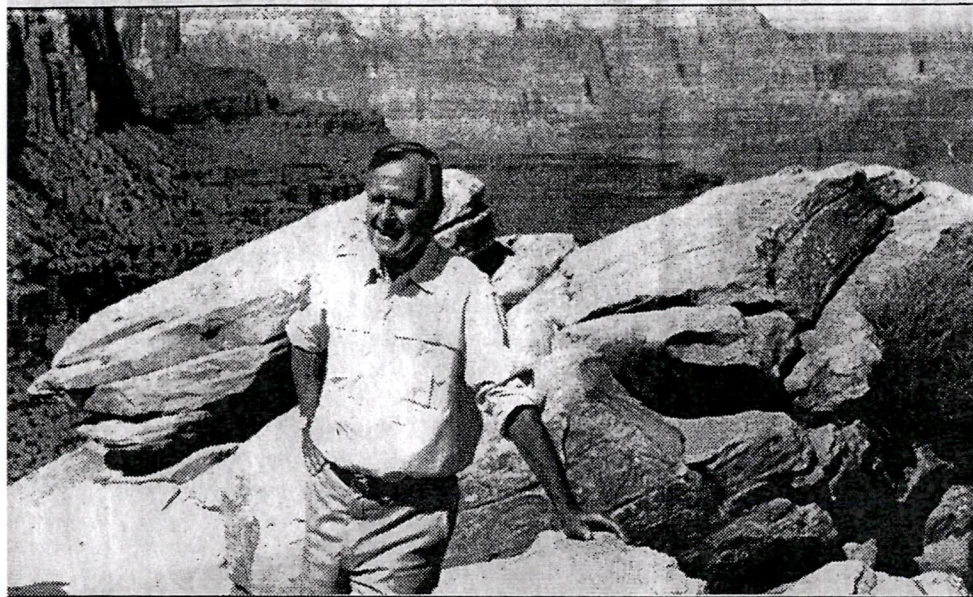
"A wise environmental policy enriches everyone," Bush said in a speech at a site overlooking the canyon's south rim.

Bush was on hand for the signing of an agreement that will sharply reduce vista-obscuring emissions from a nearby power plant by 1999. The accord ends a 10-year legal dispute.

The president said the agreement shows "you can get further seeking people's help than by suing them."

Later, Bush flew to Salt Lake City, where he planned to address a Republican fund-raising dinner and meet with officials of the Mormon Church.

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REUTERS PHOTO

President Bush takes a break during a brief hike yesterday along the Grand Canyon's south rim, where he attended the signing of a pollution control agreement.

Democratic critics attacked him in advance for grandstanding for political purposes in the canyon visit and trying to take credit for the air quality agreement.

Environmentalists, while praising the Grand Canyon accord, have accused Bush of not doing enough to protect the environment in general, despite his declarations of being an environmentalist.

Bush defended his policies as he toured an air-quality monitoring station overlooking

the mile-deep, 10-mile-wide gorge. "We're making progress," he said. "You can't respond to the extremes."

Later, in a speech to a small audience of environmentalists and local business leaders, Bush noted the crystal-clear view across the canyon and joked: "I just have to ask some of the critics out there - How's this for the 'vision thing?'"

The president said his critics are "wrong. They're wrong."

Senators hint that Gates is likely to be confirmed

REUTERS

WASHINGTON - Robert M. Gates, President Bush's nominee to head the CIA, has dispelled some concerns about his role in the Iran-contra affair and is likely to be confirmed by the Senate, senators said yesterday.

But they said it was too early to make any flat predictions because problems could arise as early as today when hearings continue and present and former CIA officials give their version of whether Gates knew more than he says about the Iran-contra affair when he was deputy CIA director in 1986.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is conducting Gates' confirmation hearing and has only general advance information on what the officials will say.

When the committee's vice chairman, Sen. Frank Murkowski, an Alaska Republican, was asked if there was a possibility that any of them will say Gates has not told the full truth, he said, "Sure, there's a possibility."

But committee members, including one of Gates' chief critics, Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum, said they believed the Senate

would confirm Gates unless his testimony at the first two days of hearings this week can be shaken.

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August 27, 1991

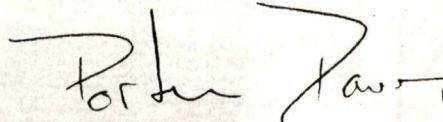
Dear Mr. Willens:

Thank you for your letter recommending Mr. Bruce F. D'Agostino for an appointment in the Bush Administration.

We appreciate your bringing this candidate's credentials to our attention. We have contacted Mr. D'Agostino, and he is part of our personnel system.

Once again, on behalf of the Bush Administration, we thank you for your remarks.

Sincerely,



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Dear Cindy.

All of us here in Mass.,
except for a few malcontents (WAR PROTESTERS),
support you, your staff the President
and all our troops. We are proud
of everyone in the White House.
Anything we can do, we will!

Sincerely
Bruce D'Agostino

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President George Bush
The White House
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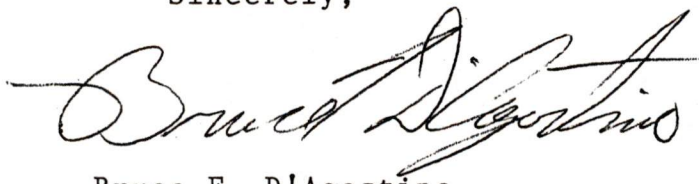
Thank you for fulfilling your promise, in your August 20, 1990 letter to me, to liberate Kuwait and for not making this war another Viet Nam. Your decisive and courageous decision to destroy the Iraqi offensive capability with swift and massive air strikes will, in the long run, save many lives on both sides.

While I was in Hanoi in 1988 and 1989, the Vietnamese government officials and former N.V.A. and V.C. discussed, at great length, the many mistakes made by the U.S. and how they exploited those mistakes. I am so very pleased to see that several of those major errors are not being made this time. The control of the media to enhance security and eliminate its use by Iraq, the use of massive and effective force and gaining the support of The Congress, The U.N., the American people as well as most of the world, shows that we have learned some valuable lessons from Viet Nam.

Your leadership and steady course in these events will lead us to victory and restore stability to the world, the Mid East and especially to Kuwait.

I applaud your efforts and stand ready to serve you and our government when you determine the position that best suits my abilities.

Sincerely,



Bruce F. D'Agostino

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"HELPING PEOPLE THROUGH OUT THE WORLD, PEOPLE TO PEOPLE"

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 20, 1990

Dear Mr. D'Agostino:

Thank you for your warm and thoughtful message regarding the situation in the Persian Gulf.

I am heartened by the widespread support of the American people for the efforts to enforce United Nations sanctions aimed at bringing about a withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and restoration of Kuwait's independence. I am also encouraged by the number of other countries -- including Arab nations -- that have joined the international effort to defend Saudi Arabia against aggression.

Your kind words mean a great deal to me, and I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Bush".

Mr. Bruce F. D'Agostino
Executive Director
Humanitarian International
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We must support the troops

Almost all day today, I've kept abreast of events in the Middle East, since the deadline for Saddam Hussein, dictator of Iraq, to get his troops out of Kuwait, as ordered to do so, by the U.S and its allies, back by a U.N. resolution, passed.

I saw more anti-war protests in the past few days that were more vehement than in the '60s, during the Vietnam era. It is free speech to protest war, however, I disagree with the use of violence in the course of such protests and demonstrations.

I believe, also, that protesters should realize that our troops, men and women, involved in the Middle East crisis, need and deserve our support, both moral and otherwise, from home.

I, myself, abhor war, except if it is for a just cause, and with decisive results, i.e., victory is attained. Vietnam was an excersize in futility, but I am proud of my brothers, Bob and Jim, who served there, as Marines. World War II, from what I read, was a just cause, because Hitler, Tojo and Mussolini had to be fought.

Fifty years later, I believe we're up against another madman dictator, under similar circumstances, fighting against his aggression and helping a peace loving people regain their country, which was taken from them by force, and they, driven out. We are also keep-

ing him from getting a chokehold on the world's economy, by attaining control of close to half the world's oil supply.

The President of this country, being its leader, is in a powerful position, which he is in effect, leader of the free world, as well. Through his position, and the decisions he makes, Bush can change the course of history for better or for worse. Only history will tell if Bush's decision to commit us to fighting this war to free Kuwait, was a noble or ignoble one.

I saw democracy in action when Congress voted to support Bush in this issue. I hope and pray that Bush made the right decision to commit us to war to free Kuwait.

Join me in praying for our government, the troops over there, their families and others involved in this conflict, that it will be resolved quickly and for peace. Let us show them our support.

DONALD E. FRANKLIN
Framingham

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A promise the press must doubt

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — "We will not lie," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said hours before President Bush pummeled Iraq with an awesome array of firepower.

Ann McFeatters

Fitzwater knew that war was imminent and that he must dodge reporters' questions. He did it in an honorable way — by simply refusing to comment.

He also hinted. He personally appealed to journalists in Baghdad to leave for their own safety. He knew a communications tower next to their hotel was a target of U.S. bombers.

Fitzwater is an honorable man. He is also pragmatic. Lying usually backfires. But he made his promise on behalf of the U.S. government.

Sadly, it is a promise that may be difficult to keep in the coming weeks.

This war, which started right on schedule and so flawlessly that even Bush and his military planners were surprised, is not likely to end that way.

Casualties will mount. There will be mistakes. There will be failures of technology and equipment. Weather will not cooperate. Tempers will fray. Scapegoats will be sought. As usual, the press will report it.

The role of a free press in times of turmoil is not an easy one. The role of the press is not to cheerlead the nation's politicians and military planners but to report and honestly what is

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