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IRAQI PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN

-- I am sorry to be calling so late and awakening you at this hour.

-- I appreciate the recent exchange of messages we have had, and your comments to our Ambassador that you intend to refrain from the use of military force to resolve your current dispute with Kuwait.

-- King Fahd, President Mubarak and King Hussein also have reported to me on the talks they have had with you, and I have been encouraged by what they have said.

-- I believe it is extremely important, as we agreed in our previous messages, to keep the lines of communication open -- hence the reason for my phone call.

-- First, I again want to underscore my strong belief that it is important to find a peaceful resolution to this dispute.

-- As you know, some of your actions have been of concern to your neighbors, and frankly they have troubled me as well in view of your message not to use military force.

-- As we have said before, we do not intend to take sides on the issues currently in dispute between you and Kuwait. Negotiations are the route to resolve your differences. In this regard, I hope you will resume your talks with Kuwait as soon as possible.

-- We also believe that it would improve the climate for negotiations and send a positive signal that Iraq intends to resolve this matter peacefully if you were to draw down some forces from the border area.

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