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Dear Charles:

As you may know when the Prime Minister and the President met recently in New York, they agreed to convey to President Mitterrand their acute concern about the lack of unequivocal French support for our position toward Iraq. I wanted you to be aware that the President has in fact communicated his concern. (S)

More specifically, President Bush has told President Mitterrand that we must avoid any daylight among us with regard to the need for immediate and unconditional Iraqi withdrawal in accordance with Resolution 660. Further, the President underscored the perils of any weakening of our position regarding the restoration of the Government of Kuwait. While we would naturally be pleased by further democratic reform once the legitimate government has returned, the recent French position on this aspect is a departure from the Security Council Resolution 661 and a recipe for encouraging Saddam Hussein's further intransigence. (S)

We are grateful for your continued strong position, which is an important factor in the unity of purpose and power confronting Saddam Hussein. (U)

Sincerely,

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