

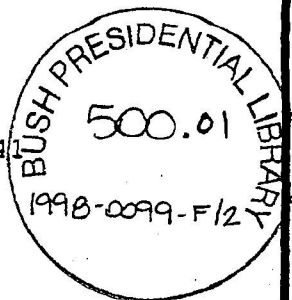
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Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee (SVTS)

DATE: August 1, 1990
LOCATION: Situation Room
TIME: 10:15 p.m. - 2:15 a.m.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the NSC Deputies Committee Meeting on Iraq (S)

PARTICIPANTS: See Tab A

Minutes

1. CIA Intelligence Briefing (Kerr):

(b)(1) The border posts have been overrun. The Iraqis have secured Kuwait International airfield. They have moved a lot of troops quickly and in a direct line. According to the Kuwaiti Ambassador, they are three kilometers east of the city. They also are moving along a western front. He made no request for assistance; he was just informing us of this. Nat Howell (Ambassador) is reporting from Kuwaiti sources that Iraqi forces are on the outskirts of Kuwait City and are larger. He can hear small arms fire coming from the edge of the city. The Kuwaitis are asking what we are going to do. IL-76s have arrived with airborne troops. Iraqi patrol craft also are in Kuwait city. (S)

At 0100 there was a border probe into Kuwait. By 0500 the Iraqis were in Kuwait City. There has been artillery and tank fire. The warden system has been implemented. (b)(1)

(b)(1) 1K-76s from Iraq have landed at the Kuwait airport. There are 4 patrol boats off Kuwait City. (S)

2. State Update (Kimmitt): We have sent a message to our Charge' in Baghdad. Ambassador Pickering will be calling the UN Secretary General. There is a Security Council meeting tonight. Secretary Baker will be discussing this with Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze. We are contacting Ambassadors in Washington from the UK, France, the FRG, Japan, Turkey, Italy, Canada, Egypt, Israel, China and the Soviet Union. CNN and

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Reuters are covering developments. The consular section is issuing a travel advisory. The Embassies are destroying classified material. One of their main concerns now is the protection of Americans. (S)

3. Kuwaiti Government Request: 1) they expect their friends in the United States to fulfill the commitments they have made to the security and sovereignty of Kuwait; and 2) they have asked us to issue a strongly worded statement to Iraq to cease the invasion and withdraw immediately, condemning the use of force and violation of the UN charter. (S)

-- We should send a message asking for public statements to all Arab League and NATO members. The UN Secretary General should call an emergency meeting. The President should make calls to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan. (S)

-- The Kuwaiti Ambassador, Saud Nasser has called to say the situation is desperate and they need help in any form. (S)

4. Treasury: We are freezing Kuwaiti assets here. (S)

5. CIA: Iraqi troops may be firing on civilians. (S)

Discussion: The major source of U.S. support is our warships in the area. (S)

The phone calls to Mubarak, King Hussein and King Fahd should request presidential messages to Saddam duplicating our public statements, calling for a ceasefire and withdrawal, and warning about the safety of American citizens. (S)

Kuwait and Iraqi funds are being frozen. The President can issue an International Economic Emergency Powers Act (IEEPA). (S)

At the United Nations, the United States and Kuwait should stay together. We should get the Soviets too, and move with as many others as possible. We should ask the Soviets to cut off arms to Iraq. (S)

We need to consider what to do about the Saudi and Turkey pipelines. (S)

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Military Steps: We are looking from the Kuwait/Saudi border down to the UAE. We have seven ships in the Gulf plus the flagship LASALLE. They include a cruiser and FFs. The D Ray has TLAM/Cs. There are 2 Kc135s in UAE. The INDEPENDENCE CVBG is near Diego Garcia. It is an AEGIS CG. It would take three days to get targeting data for the TOMAHAWKS. KC10s and B52s or B1s could be there in 36-72 hours. With the CVBG they would provide a strike capability with the TACAIR and TOMAHAWKS. We should have planning talks with the Saudis right away on TACAIR deployments. (S)

The CVBG is moving to the North Arabian Sea. We should put 2 KC10s at Diego Garcia. We need to consult with the UK within the next 18-24 hours. We should hold the frigates until the CVBG arrives. We can get additional KC-135s there by August 8. We should tell the Saudis we are willing to deploy TACAIR -- F15s, F16s and/or F18s. The TACAIR will require presidential approval. Should we put the 82nd Airborne on alert? There are also three U.S.-flagged ships in the Gulf. (S)

We should talk to Prince Saud about the upcoming OIC Foreign Minister's meeting. According to Prince Turki, he spoke to the Crown Prince a few hours ago about the situation and our offer to deploy aircraft. We might consider a more general phone call to King Fahd. (S)

Actions Required

- A USG public statement on the invasion and appropriate Questions and Answers for press spokesmen. (S)
- Get instructions to Pickering for use with the U.N. Security Council. (S)
- Send a cable to all diplomatic posts. (S)
- Send a cable to Baghdad. (S)
- Presidential phone calls to King Hussein, King Fahd and President Mubarak. (S)
- Implement the IEPPA, embargoing and freezing assets for Iraq and Kuwait. (S)
- Inform the UK of our desire to base KC-10s at Diego Garcia. (S)

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- Issue a notice to Mariners and Airmen. (S)
- Keep the KC135s in UAE through August 8th. (S)
- Leave the two frigates in the Gulf. (S)
- Accelerate the CVBG from the Indian Ocean to the North Arabian Sea. (S)
- Begin planning for a TACAIR deployment to Saudi Arabia. This will require a presidential decision. JCS should go ahead and issue a warning order. (S)
- Notify Congress -- the majority and minority leadership of what is going on and what we are doing. (S)
- Prepare appropriate material for the President's Aspen Trip. (S)
- Note Arab League convening at 0200 our time and the UN convening at 0100 our time. (S)
- Hold another video at 8:00 am tomorrow, August 2. (S)

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