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General H. Norman Schwarzkopf
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Dear General Schwazkopf:

Nothing about the war in the Gulf impressed me as much as the statement you made to David Frost that you grieve for everyone of the servicemen who gave their lives. The feeling with which you said this made the sincerity of your statement ring true. I am writing to you because, much as I grieve for those who have fallen ill battle, I grieve more for those who are overseas inhaling the smoke and pollution from the burning oil wells. Because of my personal experience of several years of disability as a result of pollution; I have some idea of the problems they will face from exposure to these toxins. Over the years I have learned of hundreds of thousands of persons like myself who have become disabled in varying degrees as a result of exposure to pollution similar to that which our servicemen now face. I have written six books about environmental illnesses and have been a consultant to hospitals and physicians in many countries.

More than ten years ago, when consulted by a department head at EPA about some of the staff who were becoming ill, I predicted that if there were no changes to improve the air quality there would be an epidemic of sick people in the EPA headquarters at the Waterside Mall. Unfortunately, my warning went unheeded and so many people are now sick and unable to work in that building, a situation which has had extensive media coverage. A similar situation occurred when I learned about the Vietnam soldiers who were only able to eat exotic foods like wild game. My doctor and I realized that they were having difficulty with their food because their immune system had been damaged by toxins. Although we contacted Walter Reed Hospital, here again no one paid attention and many all these Vietnam veterans are now very sick.

Taking care of the problem our servicemen face will be costly. However, if this, problem is neglected it will be much more costly to the health of our servicemen, and eventually to, our government which will have to take care of disabled veterans. I would like to recommend that two things be done immediately. First, use the physicians, scientists and others like myself which servicemen should be

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removed immediately from the areas of high pollution. These will be persons with any kind of allergy or immune system irregularities. Second, those who must remain should do so on a rotational basis. They should spend no more time than three weeks stationed in this polluted environment, followed by a period of time in a pure environment or detox center.

A further step would be to have doctors skilled in **Clinical Ecology** consult with the physicians stationed over there to assist them in dealing with these problems and avoiding pitfalls. These doctors could consult with physicians at Walter Reed and veterans hospitals on ways of taking care of these people before they are beyond help.

I would consider it a privilege to be able to serve my country by leading you to doctors and scientists who can give you the necessary scientific data to help you cope with this problem before it becomes a disaster. You can write to me or, because it is so important, you can call me at .

Yours sincerely,

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