

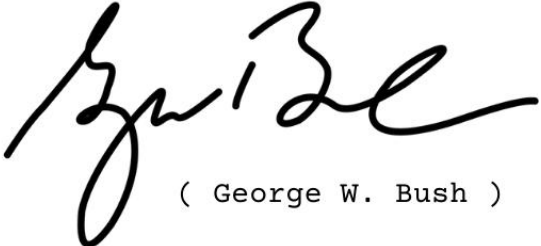


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This is to confirm the initiation of Operation Iraqi Freedom, launched to address the critical threats posed by Saddam Hussein's regime. The operation aims to eliminate weapons of mass destruction, dismantle terrorist networks, and promote regional stability in the Middle East. This decisive action, supported by a broad international coalition, underscores our commitment to upholding United Nations resolutions and advancing democracy and human rights for the Iraqi people.

All recipients of this message are directed to convene at the White House Situation Room on March 15, 2003, at 0030hrs EST to discuss the operational directives and further course of action.



(George W. Bush)