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Dear Arnold,

At the joint meeting today of the Standing Committee for External Affairs and International Trade and the Standing Committee for National Defence and Veterans Affairs which you chaired, the subject of the oil spill in the Gulf arose.

I would like to provide the following additional information on Canada's response to this wanton act. Iraq has shocked the world by discharging vast quantities of crude oil into the Gulf.

Such massive and purposeless destruction of the natural environment cannot be tolerated by any one of us. The resulting oil slick contains millions of barrels of oil, a quantity vastly larger than the Exxon Valdez spill.

An international response to the disaster is being put together. This Government treats this calamity with the utmost urgency.

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