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My fellow citizens: At this hour, American and coalition forces are in the early stages of military operations to disarm Iraq, to free its people, and to defend the world from grave danger. On my orders, coalition forces have begun striking selected targets of military importance to undermine Saddam Hussein's ability to wage war.

These are opening stages of what will be a broad and concerted campaign. More than 35 countries are giving crucial support – from the use of naval and air bases ... to help with intelligence and logistics ... to the deployment of combat units. Every nation in this coalition has chosen to bear the duty, and share the honor, of serving in our common defense.

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In this conflict, America faces an enemy who has no regard for conventions of war or rules of morality. Saddam Hussein has placed Iraqi troops and equipment in civilian areas, attempting to use innocent men, women, and children as shields for his own military – a final atrocity against his people. I want Americans and all the world to know that coalition forces will make every effort to spare innocent civilians from harm.

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My fellow citizens, the dangers to our country will be overcome. We will pass through this time of peril, and carry on the work of peace. We will defend our freedom ... we will bring freedom to others ... and we will prevail.

May God bless our country, and all who defend her.

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