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Re: Iraq's Oil Belongs To Iraq

Dear Editor,

There is one small thing that President Bush can do to win my complete support for his effort to remove Saddam Hussein and eliminate his weapons of mass destruction. Simply pledge that 100 percent of the profits from the sale of Iraqi oil go toward the rebuilding of the country of Iraq.

Iraqi oil belongs to Iraq, does it not? And after we have bombed and invaded Iraq, who will deserve these profits more than the Iraqi people, who have lived on so little for so long under this brutal dictator, that we ourselves placed in power and armed?

I know that Bush has probably already divvied up Iraqi oil rights to the member states of the U.N. Security Council (or concessions of equal value), but I imagine that my not-so-modest proposal might go over quite well on the Arab street.

If we are the stand-up country we imagine ourselves to be, let's prove to everyone that we are waging war, not for control of the world's second largest oil reserves, but to make the world a freer and safer place for everyone.

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