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An Analysis of the Letter George Bush Wrote to Saddam Hussein President George H.

Bush takes initiative in a potentially threatening situation and writes to Saddam Hussein in a way that gently warns Hussein to assert control to avoid the start of a war. Initially, the letter is very forward towards Hussein and it is obvious to the audience that Bush is using an argumentative tone to avoid a serious consequence. When analyzing the letter from a rhetorical aspect, it seems as if the letter is written with not just one audience.

Bush addresses the letter to Hussein, but reading it more closely shows the ulterior aim of communication with a broader secondary audience by referencing “we” in the start of the letter. While speaking to Hussein, Bush uses references to the secondary audience (in paragraph 1, 3, and 5) and repeats “we” to show that he and Hussein are not the only ones that are being affected by the outcome of this letter. Throughout the entire piece, Bush repetitively brings up the people of Iraq as well as the people of the US, a tertiary audience to the letter. If Hussein chose to not fulfill what Bush is requesting, the Iraqi and the Americans would have to assume further action. By the restatement of “we”, Bush is showing to readers that he is not only speaking for himself, but expressing the thoughts and words of others that are in agreement with him. In paragraph 7, Bush mentions other countries (Arab and Muslim countries) that stand by the disapproval of Hussein’s tactics.

By providing the audience with examples of others who are in agreement with his argument, Bush is establishing his credibility and emphasizing to the

audience and Hussein the importance of the information he is speaking on. Bush uses these mentions of other political groups to indicate the support of his thoughts which further assists in accomplishing the goal of the letter. The objective of the letter is to draw the attention of the Iraqis to be in compliance with the UN Security Council resolution which is directed towards Hussein from the start of the letter. As a reader examines the letter more closely, Bush ties in “we” (everyone in agreement with his argument), other Arab and Muslim countries, and mentions the entirety of the world, all serving the purpose of secondary audiences of this piece of writing. Analyzing this letter rhetorically shows the logos being Bush pushing for Hussein to comply and avoid a war breaking out, the pathos is Hussein and a secondary audience of the people of the US and Iraq, and the ethos is Bush who speaks with an authoritative and confrontational attitude to convince Hussein to retract the Iraqi from Kuwait.