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December 28, 1989

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear President Bush:

I recently returned from a mission to the Middle East, where I met with the heads of state of Israel and Egypt, and with prominent government leaders in Saudi Arabia. The mission was extremely successful and should lead to strengthened economic ties and cultural exchanges between Maryland and these three countries.

Our visit was designed to cultivate existing contacts our state has in these countries, as well as to look for new trade opportunities. State officials joined forces with our private business community and educational institutions to meet business and civic leaders throughout Israel, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia.

The trip was an extremely moving personal experience for me. I had the opportunity to speak to people from all levels of society and learn of their honest desire for peace and prosperity in their countries. My talks with the heads of state reinforced my understanding of the history and the current political situation in the region and should allow our state to better position itself to take advantage of trade opportunities.

The assistance which was given to our delegation by the United States embassies in Egypt and Saudi Arabia was invaluable. Embassy staff provided assistance with logistics and business appointments, and provided political and cultural briefings for our group. Having such a team of dedicated professionals in place who were eager to assist us in every way added greatly to the success of our trip.

I would like to especially highlight the assistance and support offered to us by Ambassador Frank Wisner in Egypt. Ambassador Wisner personally accompanied me to my meeting with President Mubarak, made the entire embassy available to assist us in our

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planning for the trip, and arranged the highest level meetings and appointments for our delegation during our visit.

Having the cooperation of the federal government enables Maryland to continue to develop international trade, to build traffic to our Port and airport, and adds greatly to the economic well-being of our community. I was able to see first-hand the results that can be accomplished by linking the efforts of federal and state governments.

If there are additional opportunities for mutual cooperation in the area of international trade being undertaken by your administration in which states can play an active and creative role, Maryland would be pleased to join forces with the United States government in pursuit of our common interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don Shaffer".

Governor

cc: Secretary of State James A. Baker
Secretary of Commerce Robert A. Mosbacher