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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE *AL*
SUSAN BROPHY *SB*

SUBJECT: Letter from Representative McCandless on Haiti

Purpose

To respond to Representative McCandless' concerns about our Haiti policy.

Background

Representative McCandless wrote to urge that there be no U.S. military intervention in Haiti and that sanctions be lifted so that an internal democratic solution could ensue. Our proposed reply explains why you are focussed on making sanctions effective in achieving our policy objectives. It notes that no option, including use of force, is excluded and assures Representative McCandless that you will be mindful of the types of concerns he raises in contemplating use of force.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Representative McCandless at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Proposed letter to Representative McCandless
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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July 26, 1994

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Al McCandless
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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RM:

OK FOR SIGNATURE PER JOHN PODESTA

**RETURN ALL LETTER(S) AND ORIGINAL MEMO(S) TO PODESTA'S
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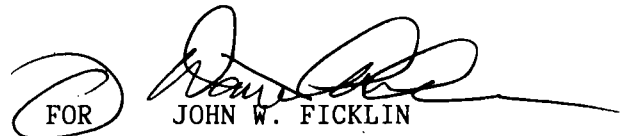
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