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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The American people are increasingly concerned that your Administration has decided to launch a military invasion of Haiti. I am gravely concerned that such an undertaking would expose our men and women in uniform to unnecessary dangers and would not enjoy popular support. Consequently, I would strongly urge you to reconsider any decision to initiate military activities against Haiti.

There is every reason to believe that a military incursion into Haiti will follow our previous experience and will result in our long term military presence on that island. Should this prove to be the case, our military personnel will be subject to significant dangers while our regional interests suffer. At the very least, the U.S. Congress and the American people need to be informed about the full content and implications of your Haitian policy before your Administration makes any formal decision to restore President Aristide to power by force.

Overseas military activities always require broad bipartisan support. Consequently, Senator Dole proposed the creation of a bipartisan Congressional Commission to explore U.S. options in Haiti. I believe that such a commission could advise your Administration in formulating a viable policy towards Haiti and in explaining that policy to the U.S. public. I am aware that Senator Dole's proposal was defeated when it was offered as an amendment to the International Operations Appropriations Bill. However, I believe that the proposal could be revived with your support and that your Administration will benefit from the initiative.

Sincerely,



William V. Roth, jr.
U. S. Senate

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 15, 1994

Dear Senator Roth:

Thank you for your letter sharing your concern about the possible use of military force in Haiti.

From the start of my Administration we sought to facilitate a settlement between the Haitian parties to achieve our policy objectives. In the end, negotiation involving the military leaders proved fruitless. At every stage they violated solemn commitments, rebuffed our efforts and played for time. General Cédras' endorsement of the proposal for a bipartisan commission on Haiti is very much in that vein.

Initiatives which raise doubts in the military leaders' minds about our resolve to see them leave and protect our compelling interests in Haiti are not an appropriate response to the Haitian crisis. What is needed is a concerted international effort to bring about the departure of the military leaders, without which our interests will continue to suffer and our objectives cannot be achieved.

As you know, my emphasis is on making the sanctions effective in bringing about the departure of the military leaders and the restoration of democracy. We have increased the pressure and it is being felt by the military leaders. However, I have not excluded any option which may be required to protect our interests in Haiti, including the use of force.

I am committed to ongoing and intense consultations with the Congress on all aspects of our policy toward Haiti. I would welcome the support of Congress and hope that I will have it should I decide that military action in Haiti is required.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton ^A

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