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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 16, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ROBERT G. BELL *RGB*FROM: RICHARD HOOKER *RDH*

SUBJECT: Proposed Visit of Secretary Brown to Somalia

We looked at the issues surrounding Secretary Brown's proposed visit to Somalia. Action officers we spoke to at OSD, the Joint Staff and CENTCOM advised against the visit, at least for the next few months. Secretary Aspin has not had an opportunity to visit yet, and accommodations for visiting delegations are not available. Admiral Howe has only recently arrived, and our military and State Department people are fully engaged in planning the transition to UN command and effecting the redeployment of UNITAF. Health and security concerns are also important factors. We think a high level visit by Secretary Brown's delegation at this sensitive time would hinder the transition process. A more opportune time frame would be after Admiral Howe has completed the transition and adequate security and guest arrangements can be made.

Concurrences by: Keith Hahn *KH*RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I proposing reconsideration of a visit to Somalia by Secretary Brown at a later date.

Attachments

Tab I Recommended Memorandum to Cabinet Affairs
Tab II VA Trip Proposal

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISTINE VARNEY

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Visit to Somalia by the Secretary of Veterans
Affairs

I would advise against a visit to Somalia by Secretary Brown's delegation at this time. Our military and diplomatic people there are fully engaged right now in preparations for the transition to UN command, and visits by high level delegations would be an added burden. I think it would be better to defer Secretary Brown's visit until Secretary Aspin has had an opportunity to visit Somalia and Admiral Howe has formally taken over and gotten established in Mogadishu. The security situation and nonavailability of guest housing are also problems. Once local conditions stabilize and the UN organization is up and running, I will be glad to support Secretary Brown's request to visit Somalia.

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WHITE PAPER -- SECRETARY'S SOMALIA PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL: That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, accompanied by a small official party of VA experts, Congressional and veterans organization representatives travel to Somalia by scheduled military aircraft.

PURPOSE: This fact-finding mission would serve to provide Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) policymakers with a better understanding of the transition needs to civilian life of individuals who served in Somalia. It would also be a vivid portrayal of the government's concern for these future veterans' well being, not only to personnel serving there, but to an American public that at times reflects skepticism about federal post-military services to veterans.

- RATIONALES:**
- o No prior administration has seen fit to exhibit direct and top-level concern for the troop transition process by sending the VA head to an active military zone.
 - o Such a gesture, with the involvement of U.S. veterans leaders, would obviate possible criticism toward perceived slow or protracted response to the needs of veterans who served in Somalia.
 - o The morale-building aspects of such a mission would be consistent with the President's "Putting People First" philosophy.
 - o Preliminary assessments suggest that psychological stress to the troops is at a level where direct intervention by military medical staff is appropriate and where civilian follow through is likely to be necessary.
 - o An overt display of a fully cooperative effort by VA and DoD would demonstrate a significant shift in committing to shared responsibilities.
 - o The unique nature of the Somalia military mission has no historical parallel upon which prospective VA policy can be premised.

SUMMARY: Recommend that the White House announce its approval of this initiative and authorize VA to establish appropriate liaison with the departments of State and Defense to accomplish the stated mission.

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Date 3-12-92

FROM THE OFFICE OF CABINET SECRETARY

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Remarks: Attached is proposal from Secretary J. Brown to do a fact finding trip to Somalia. Please advise ASAP! Cheryl

Response:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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March 15, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM H. ITOH

THROUGH:

ROBERT BELL *RGB*

FROM:

KEITH HAHN *KH*

SUBJECT: Significant Military Exercise NAUTICAL SWIMMER
93-2

Attached at Tab I is a proposed memorandum to the Executive Secretary, Department of Defense, approving military exercise NAUTICAL SWIMMER 93-2.

NAUTICAL SWIMMER 93-2 represents an opportunity for USN surface forces to train with Saudi Arabian and Bahraini surface forces. The goal is to progress toward future larger scale combined exercises with these navies. This exercise will consist of basic level drills and demonstrations over a four day period, April 3-7. It will take place in the central Arabian Gulf.

The critical cancellation date is March 24, 1993.

Concurrences by: Martin Indyk *MI* and Bruce Riedel *BR*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I approving this exercise.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for Signature
Tab II Incoming Correspondence

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White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

MEMORANDUM FOR COL. MICHAEL B. SHERFIELD
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Significant Military Exercise NAUTICAL SWIMMER
93-2

Military exercise NAUTICAL SWIMMER 93-2 is approved.

William H. Itoh
Executive Secretary

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 15, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM H. ITOH

THROUGH: ROBERT BELL *RGB*

FROM: KEITH HAHN *KH*

SUBJECT: Significant Military Exercise INDIGO MUSKET 93-1

Attached at Tab I is a proposed memorandum to the Executive Secretary, Department of Defense, approving military exercise INDIGO MUSKET 93-1. At Tab II Defense recommends approval and State concurs.

INDIGO MUSKET 93-1 is designed to provide: Amphibious Ready Group experience in reinforcing coalition forces in Saudi Arabia; direct air support training for the ARG and Saudi Arabian forces; and individual and crew weapons firing and combined armed training. It is scheduled to take place April 10-16 in the Red Sea and ashore in the vicinity of Al Qadimah.

The critical cancellation date is March 31, 1993.

Concurrences by: Martin Indyk *bol for both* and Bruce Riedel

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I approving the exercise.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for Signature
Tab II Incoming Correspondence

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By *VZ* NARA, Date *8/23/2016*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

MEMORANDUM FOR COL. MICHAEL B. SHERFIELD
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Significant Military Exercise INDIGO MUSKET 93-1

Military exercise INDIGO MUSKET 93-1 is approved.

William H. Itoh
Executive Secretary

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WASHINGTON D.C. 20506

March 16, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ROBERT G. BELL *RB*
FROM: STEVEN R. JONES *J*
SUBJECT: Letter from Representative Montgomery and Senator Rockefeller RE: Service Members Occupational Conversion Training Program (SMOCTP)

Representative Montgomery and Senator Rockefeller, Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs, have written to the President urging immediate implementation of \$75 million of FY93 funds for the SMOCTP program, which would provide on-job training for certain separating active-duty service members and veterans. Their letter, dated February 24, was received by FAX at the White House late on March 12.

The \$75 million program in question is part of the President's defense reinvestment and conversion package announced last week (part of the \$1.4 billion that had been withheld by DoD). The \$75 million for SMOCTP, originally appropriated to DoD, was transferred to the Department of Veterans' Affairs under a DoD/DoL/VA Memorandum of Agreement dated March 11, 1993. This program, along with other efforts to assist dislocated workers with retraining, will be examined as part of the NEC-coordinated and DoL-led interagency Task Force on Dislocated Workers. The findings will be presented to the President by May 1993.

The President's reply at Tab A relays the good news that through the emphasis this Administration is now placing on Defense Reinvestment and Conversion, the \$75 million--withheld since its appropriation last October--has in fact been transferred to the VA. DoD-VA-DoL are working closely to coordinate and expedite the implementation of SMOCTP. Furthermore, the special retraining needs of dislocated military and civilian workers will be addressed by the Task Force on Dislocated Workers.

The draft response has been coordinated with DoD, VA and DoL.

Concurrences by: *In draft* Jeremy Rosner, *In draft* Keith Hahn, *In draft* Dorothy Robyn
(NEC), David Lane (NEC), Bonnie Dean (NEC)
In draft *In draft*

RECOMMENDATION

That you send a joint memo with Bob Rubin and Howard Paster to the President recommending his signature at Tab A.

Tab I	Memorandum to the President
Tab A	Letters to Representative Montgomery and Senator Rockefeller
Tab B	Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
HOWARD PASTER
ROBERT RUBIN

SUBJECT: Letter from Representative Montgomery and Senator
Rockefeller RE: Service Members Occupational
Conversion Training Program (SMOCTP)

Purpose

To respond to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees regarding their concern about separating military personnel and assistance provided to them as part of the "Service Members Occupational Conversion Training Program" (SMOCTP).

Background

The \$75 million of 1993 SMOCTP funds for dislocated military, which had been withheld at DoD, was released as part of the Defense Reinvestment and Conversion package you announced last week. Under a Memorandum of Agreement signed March 11 between the Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans' Affairs, the VA will take the lead in implementing this program.

Streamlining assistance to all dislocated workers is being examined within your NEC-coordinated and DoL-led Task Force on Dislocated Workers, which is scheduled to report to you in May 1993.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Representative Montgomery
and Senator Rockefeller
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing concern about separating military personnel and assistance provided to them as part of the "Service Members Occupational Conversion Training Program" (SMOCTP).

I share your concern about our men and women in uniform who must cut short their planned military careers. This Administration will be aggressive in helping these people, and in rechanneling talents, skills and resources that helped us win the Cold War into new, productive uses for our nation.

As I am not sure you are aware, last week I announced a major \$20 billion initiative on defense reinvestment and conversion that included the release of the \$75 million of 1993 funds for SMOCTP, and the transfer of these funds from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans' Affairs signed a Memorandum of Agreement on this program on March 11, 1993, and will be closely coordinating their efforts to ensure their prompt and effective use of the SMOCTP funds.

I feel fortunate to have been able to build on the strong foundation provided by Congress last year for defense reinvestment, particularly in such areas as retraining. My Task Force on Dislocated Workers will be providing me with additional suggestions in May as to how we can further improve the quality and responsiveness of our retraining and transition assistance.

I appreciate your commitment to our military and veterans, and always appreciate your thoughts on these important defense transition issues.

Sincerely,

The Honorable G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery
Chairman
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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I appreciate your commitment to our military and veterans, and always appreciate your thoughts on these important defense transition issues.

Sincerely,

The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV
Chairman
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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February 24, 1993

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs, we are writing to ask you to urge the Secretary of Defense to immediately implement Subtitle G, Title XLIV of Public Law 102-484, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, and to release the \$75 million which has been appropriated for this program. Subtitle G establishes the "Service Members Occupational Conversion Training Program" (SMOCTP), an on-job training program for certain separating active-duty service members and veterans.

The men and women serving in our nation's Armed Forces are of the highest caliber--intelligent, dedicated, and disciplined. Since implementation of the All-Volunteer Force, and particularly since 1981, our national policy has been to provide the incentives necessary to recruit the best and the brightest of our young men and women to military service. Our country encouraged these talented, smart young people to commit themselves to the rigors and stress of military life with a promise that, if they served honorably and well, they would have the opportunity to pursue a military career. The international situation changed dramatically and abruptly, however, and our government is now requiring these same individuals to amend their expectations and establish their futures in the civilian community.

We are very concerned about the men and women being forced out of the Armed Forces as a result of military downsizing. These former service members are entering the civilian workforce during a period of economic uncertainty and elevated unemployment levels. Additionally, although many service personnel leave the military with job skills transferable to the civilian job market, others who specialized in critical military skills, such as combat arms, will find it particularly difficult to make the adjustment into the civilian workforce.

The President
February 24, 1993
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Mr. President, the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces are a national resource whose skills and abilities must be absorbed by, and integrated into, the civilian workforce. In order to facilitate this transfer of talent, however, the country has an obligation to provide those separating service members with the tools they need to make the adjustment to the nonmilitary workplace. Implementation of SMOCTP will fulfill that obligation and accomplish that goal.

Section 4484 of P.L. 102-484 requires the Secretary of Defense to implement the SMOCTP not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993. The Executive Branch is, of course, well past that deadline. Because of the transition and leadership changes in the Department of Defense, a delay in program implementation is reasonable and understandable. At this point, however, we see no justification for further delay. Veterans should no longer be denied the opportunity to participate in the program intended by Congress to assist them in their efforts to obtain training and employment.

Much has been said about the obligation to provide retraining for civilian defense workers whose jobs are terminated because of the restructuring of our national defense needs. While we do not disagree that these individuals deserve our assistance, our highest national priority must be the provision of significant support to our separating military personnel. It is only because of their honorable and distinguished service during times of war and peace that our nation now has the opportunity to reorder its national priorities. The swift implementation of SMOCTP will afford our service personnel the solid footing they need to be reassimilated into the civilian community and continue to be outstanding, productive citizens.

Sincerely,


G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY


JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV

cc: Honorable Les Aspin
Honorable Jesse Brown
Honorable Robert Reich

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 16, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM H. ITOH

THROUGH: ROBERT BELL *RB*

FROM: KEITH HAHN *KH*

SUBJECT: Significant Military Exercise ASIFAT AL BAHR

Attached at Tab I is a proposed memorandum to the Executive Secretary, Department of Defense, approving military exercise ASIFAT AL BAHR. At Tab II Defense recommends approval and State concurs.

ASIFAT AL BAHR (Sea Storm) is the first trilateral naval exercise between the U.S., Oman, and the United Arab Emirates. Exercise events will include search and rescue, surface gunnery, and maritime boarding. It is scheduled to take place March 27-31 in the coastal waters of Oman and in the Gulf of Oman.

The critical cancellation date is March 22, 1993.

Concurrences by: Martin Indyk and Bruce Riedel *[Signature]*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I approving the exercise.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for Signature

Tab II Incoming Correspondence

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

MEMORANDUM FOR COL. MICHAEL B. SHERFIELD
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Significant Military Exercise ASIFAT AL BAHR

Military exercise ASIFAT AL BAHR is approved.

William H. Itoh
Executive Secretary

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

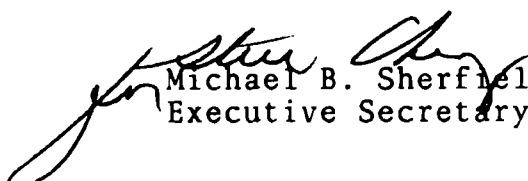
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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Significant Military Exercise - ASIFAT AL BAHR
(Sea Storm)

The Department of Defense recommends NSC approval of a trilateral surface fleet proposed Exercise ASIFAT AL BAHR (Sea Storm). Details of the exercise are attached. The Department of State concurs with this recommendation.

Please note the critical cancellation date is 22 March 1993.


Michael B. Sherfield
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
As stated

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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March 16, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ROBERT BELL *R.B.*

FROM: KEITH HAHN *KH*

SUBJECT: Selective Service System

At Tab B sixteen members of Congress have written the President urging the elimination of the Selective Service System. The main argument set forth is that there is no scenario in which we might need to use the Selective Service System. Specifically, they ask that he not include funding for the system in the FY94 budget. The current draft of the budget includes approximately \$29M for the Selective Service.

In calling for the abolishment of the entire Selective Service System, this letter goes beyond last year's Congressional debate, which mostly focused on the need to continue draft registration. The FY93 Defense Authorization Act directed the Secretary of Defense to submit by April 30, 1993 a report to the President on the continued requirement for draft registration under the Selective Service System. The President has until May 31, 1993 to transmit the report to Congress, along with his advice on what actions, if any, he plans to take on the report. In addition to recommendations on continuing draft registration, DoD plans to include a broader discussion on the future requirements for the Selective Service System. They plan to have the report done on time, if not earlier.

There is no reason for the President to get out front on this issue until after the review is completed and DoD has presented its options. The response from the President at Tab A cites the Congressionally-mandated study, as well as the current "Bottom Up Review" being conducted by DoD, which will include a study of possible future contingencies requiring the use of military forces. It promises to work together with Congress to find ways to trim the defense budget while ensuring strong and ready forces for the future.

Concurrence by: Jeremy Rosner *JR*

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to the President.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
 Tab A Letter to Members of Congress from the President
 Tab B Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
HOWARD PASTER

SUBJECT: SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Purpose

To respond to a letter (at Tab B) from sixteen members of Congress who ask that you eliminate the Selective Service System and not include funds for the system in the Fiscal Year 1994 budget.

Background

The Fiscal Year 1993 Defense Authorization Act directed the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to you by April 30, 1993 on the need for continued draft registration. You then have until May 31, 1993 to transmit the report to Congress, along with your advice on what actions, if any, you plan to take on the report.

The Secretary of Defense is also conducting a "Bottom Up Review" of the military forces that might be needed for contingencies in preparation for future defense budgets. Together these two studies will better enable us to determine the continued need for the Selective Service System.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A promising to work with Congress on this issue.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Members of Congress
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Representative DeFazio:

I very much appreciate your writing me concerning the continued need for the Selective Service System. We need to leave no stone unturned in our search for prudent economies in our defense budget.

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I look forward to working with you towards this goal.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Representative Mineta:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

The Honorable George Miller
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Bruce F. Vento
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Michael J. Kopetski
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Barney Frank
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Representative Unsoeld:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Jolene Unsoeld
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Sidney R. Yates
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Dana Rohrabacher
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

The Honorable William Clay
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Representative Lipinski:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable William O. Lipinski
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 15, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

FROM: HOWARD G. PASTER *HP*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that was sent to President Clinton from several Members of Congress. I have also enclosed copies of the acknowledgement letters I sent to them.

The President has requested that he see and sign every letter going to Capitol Hill. We did not want to fully answer the issues addressed in Representatives' letter without advice from your department; therefore, I am requesting that your office draft a response and return it to LeeAnn Inadomi (WH-East Wing) within 48 hours. She will then print the letter in final form and have President Clinton sign the letter.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call LeeAnn at 456-7500.

Enclosure

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 22, 1993

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you continue your search for budget savings, we would like to call your attention to an agency that has long since outlived its usefulness. It was difficult enough to imagine a role for the Selective Service System and draft registration when it was restored in 1980; to continue it after the end of the Cold War constitutes a unconscionable waste of taxpayer's money.

Peacetime draft registration in the 1980s was never anything more than an expensive symbolic gesture. Selective Service admitted that it would take at least 30 days to prepare training facilities to cope with a draft. With draft registration, draftees would be available three weeks before the military could start to train them; without registration, they still would be ready at least two weeks before the training camps opened. Not a single draftee would be prepared to fight even one hour earlier just because we force all young men to sign up in peacetime.

Draft registration today makes even less sense. Two years ago, this country mobilized 500,000 servicemen and servicewomen, sent them and virtually all of their supplies halfway around the world, and defeated the fifth largest army in the world. All of this happened without serious discussion of a new military draft. Secretary Cheney went out of his way to say that there was no scenario in the war with Iraq that could lead to a draft. It is difficult to even imagine a scenario that would require any use of the Selective Service System.

We deeply appreciate your sincere desire to reduce the federal budget deficit, and applaud your efforts to rationalize the structure of the Executive Branch and eliminate unnecessary federal bureaucracies. We urge you to end spending on this wasteful vestige of the Cold War in the budget documents you present for FY 1994.

Sincerely,



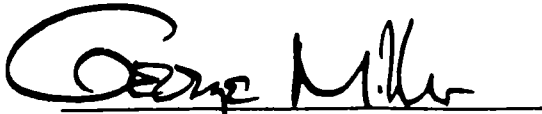
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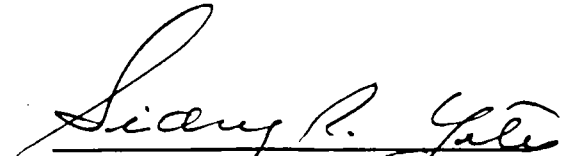


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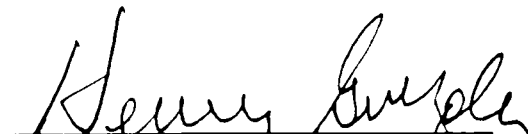
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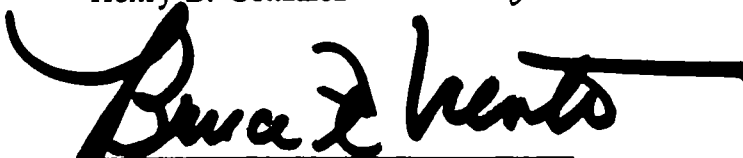

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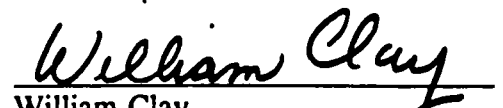

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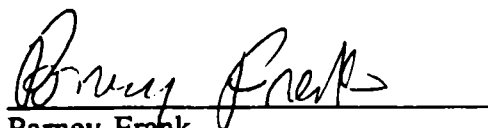

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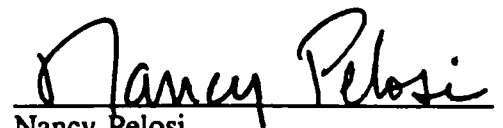

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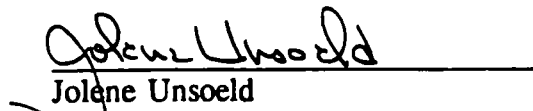

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March 9, 1993

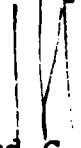
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Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Howard G. Paster
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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March 9, 1993

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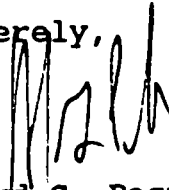
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Howard G. Paster
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House of Representatives
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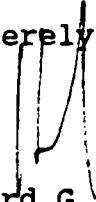
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House of Representatives
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 9, 1993

BRUCE

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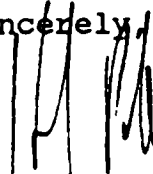
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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Howard G. Paster
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Michael J. Kopetski
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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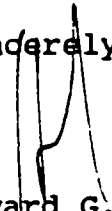
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Howard G. Paster
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Barney Frank
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Representative Unsoeld:

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The Honorable Jolene Unsoeld
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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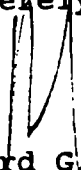
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The Honorable Sidney R. Yates
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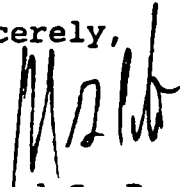
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Howard G. Paster
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Dana Rohrabacher
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Don
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Howard G. Paster
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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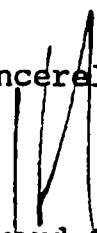
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Howard G. Paster
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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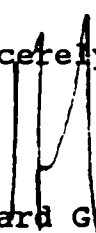
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Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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