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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6050

July 20, 1998

Mr. Samuel R. Berger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Sandy:

Last week, former Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld and several other members of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States held a classified briefing for Senators on the Commission's report. During this briefing, Secretary Rumsfeld stressed that commercial exchanges and technology transfers, particularly from countries like Russia and China, have greatly increased the proliferation of ballistic missile technology to countries like Iran, Iraq and North Korea.

As an example, Secretary Rumsfeld used a classified chart of entities in Russia that have contributed to Iran's ballistic missile development program. I asked whether in the Commission's view these entities had continued to provide assistance to Iran after the January 22 of this year, the date of the so-called Chernomyrdin decree. Secretary Rumsfeld responded that assistance from these Russian entities had in fact continued since January 22.

I wanted to share this information with you because I think it will reinforce views of Senators regarding the veto override of The Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Ranking Minority Member

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