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CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO:



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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM:

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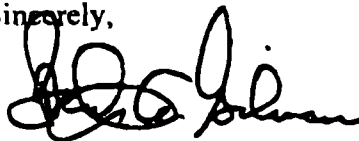
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Sincerely,



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UPDATE LINE 201/059-0131

February 6, 1998

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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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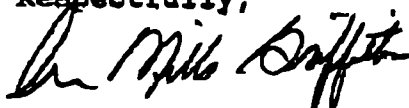
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Respectfully,



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cc: Honorable Madeleine Albright
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES

NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: JANET MURGUIA *JM*
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris Walker at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), concerning Iraq,
- 2) Sen. John Ashcroft (R-MO), concerning the People's Republic of China's most-favored-nation trade status,
- 3) Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-IA), Rep. J.C. Watts, Jr. (R-OK) and others, concerning President Mohammed Khatami of Iran,
- 4) Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA), concerning Iraq,
- 5) Rep. Bernard Sanders (I-VT), concerning Ms. Lori Berenson,
- 6) Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY), concerning the U.S. Trade Representative for Africa,
- 7) Rep. James T. Walsh (R-NY) and others, concerning the extradition of Kevin Artt, Terence Kirby, and Pol Brennan,
- 8) Rep. Gerald D. Kleczka (D-WI), concerning Chiapas Mexico; and,
- 9) Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY), concerning the POW/MIA cooperation of Vietnam.

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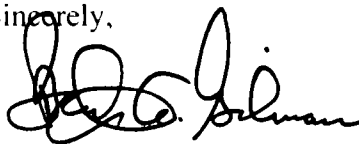
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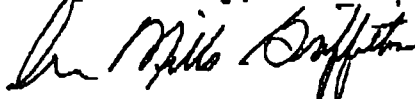
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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 16, 1998

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING CERTIFICATION ON
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