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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 26, 1990

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: VIRGINIA A. LAMPLEY

SUBJECT: Presidential Letters on Egypt for Senate Leadership and Appropriations Committee

At Tab I is a memo the President requesting his signature on letters to the Senate Leadership and members of the Appropriations Committee. These letters urge their support for cancellation of Egypt's FMS debt, so that the initiative can move to floor consideration.

Concurrence by: Richard Haass

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments
Tab I Memo to the President
Tab A Letters to the Senate Leadership and Appropriations Committee Members

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT: Letters to Senate Leadership and Appropriations Committee on Egypt's FMS Debt

Purpose

To urge the Senate Leadership and Appropriations Committee members to support cancellation of Egypt's FMS debt.

Background

The Egypt FMS debt cancellation initiative could face Appropriations Committee mark-up as early as this evening. There is speculation that Senator Byrd may try to take the House's Continuing Resolution with the Obey Egypt debt amendment directly to the Senate floor. His purpose would be a quick vote (no conference) in anticipation of your veto in order to attempt an immediate veto override. In this case, our next vehicle for Egyptian debt would be the Senate Foreign Operations Bill expected to be marked up next week. A push from you could help, particularly if directed to both the full Committee membership and the Senate leadership. We have prepared letters (Tab A), stressing the importance of cancelling Egypt's FMS debt to Mubarak and to our Gulf policy generally. The State Department has cleared these letters.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A to the Senate Leadership and Appropriations Committee members.

Attachment
Tab A Letters to the Senate Leadership and Appropriations Committee Members

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
Chairman
Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Jerry

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The Honorable Brock Adams
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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United States Senate
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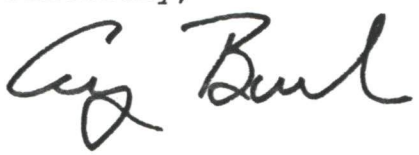

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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE

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Shirley Green

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