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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 25, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With the pause in the Rambouillet negotiations, we wish to bring to your attention a provision in the FY 1999 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Public Law 105-262) requiring a comprehensive justification for any American military presence in Kosovo *prior* to the deployment of U.S. ground forces.

Without a detailed presidential certification, we believe a decision to deploy would be contrary to the consultative requirement on the use of FY 1999 funds established by Section 8115 of the aforementioned law. The provision prohibits funding for an additional deployment of U.S. troops to Yugoslavia, Albania, or Macedonia unless and until the President submits a report to Congress that includes the following:

- (1) Certification that the presence of those forces in each country to which the forces are to be deployed is necessary in the national security interests of the United States;
- (2) The reasons why the deployment is in the national security interests of the United States;
- (3) The number of United States military personnel to be deployed to each country;
- (4) The mission and objectives of forces to be deployed;
- (5) The expected schedule for accomplishing the objectives of the deployment;
- (6) The exit strategy for United States forces engaged in the deployment;
- (7) The costs associated with the deployment and the funding sources for paying those costs;
- (8) The anticipated effects of the deployment on the morale, retention, and effectiveness of United States forces.

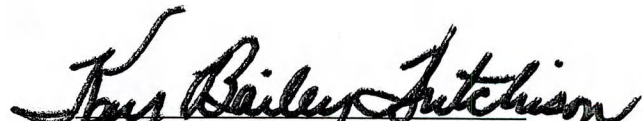
With the Senate's passage of S.4, the Soldiers', Sailors', Airmen's, and Marines' Bill of Rights Act of 1999, we feel it is particularly appropriate to restate the administration's obligation under Section 8115. No-fly zone missions in Southwest Asia and peacekeeping operations in Bosnia continue at considerable cost to our military with respect to modernization, readiness, retention, and quality of life. While S. 4 addresses critical issues now, it remains primarily your responsibility to publically define and prioritize America's vital national interests and develop corresponding national security strategy to secure those interests. Specifically, it is our hope your report clarifies U.S. strategy in this troubled region.

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
February 25, 1999
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Sincerely,



Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS)



Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN T. DAVIES
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: JANET MURGUIA
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 the responses.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call Eli Joseph at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-DE), concerning the President's request for supplemental assistance to Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian Authority;
- 2) Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-DE) and Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), concerning the President's report to Congress pursuant to the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act;
- 3) Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-IA) and six other Senators, concerning the annual certification of Mexico;
- 4) Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), concerning the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty;
- 5) Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) and Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS), concerning the potential deployment of American troops to Kosovo;
- 6) Rep. Marion Berry (D-AR), recommending the sale of food to Iran;
- 7) Rep. Mac Collins (R-GA), concerning the United States Army School of the Americas; and,

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- 8) Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL) and Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), expressing concern over alleged Syrian efforts to manipulate Lebanese political affairs.

Enclosures

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

1607

March 12, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: GREG SCHULTZE

FROM: MICHAEL HURLEY

SUBJECT: Presidential Response to Letter from Senator Pat
Roberts on Kosovo

Attached at Tab A is a Presidential response to a letter from
Senator Pat Roberts regarding American military presence in
Kosovo prior to the deployment of U.S. ground forces.

Concurrences by: Miles Lackey, Joseph Bouchard

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for the President
Tab A Proposed Response
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

March 10, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: MIRIAM SAPIRO

FROM: MICHAEL HURLEY

SUBJECT: Presidential Response to Letter from Senator Pat Roberts on Kosovo

Attached at Tab A is a Presidential response to a letter from Senator Pat Roberts regarding American military presence in Kosovo prior to the deployment of U.S. ground forces.

Concurrences by: Miles Lackey, Joseph Bouchard

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the draft response at Tab A and sign the memorandum for the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for the President
Tab A Proposed Response
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
LARRY STEIN

SUBJECT: Response to Senator Pat Roberts

Purpose

Respond to a letter from Senator Roberts

BackgroundRECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Senator Roberts
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

PRESIDENTIAL/NSA CORRESPONDENCE

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

ACTION OFFICER: Hurley

LOG NUMBER: 1607

DUE DATE: 19 Mar

DATE STAFFED: 8 Mar

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO:



PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM: Rep Roberts, Hutchinson

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