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4TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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October 4, 1993

The President
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my grave concern about a matter of great urgency to the American people. I am deeply dismayed by the escalation of violence against U.S. troops in Somalia and I believe the time has come for us to withdraw our military presence.

The most recent combat in Mogadishu underscores the need for immediate action. Early reports indicate that just today twelve American soldiers have been killed, 75 injured, and an unknown number possibly taken prisoner. These casualties come on top of fifteen U.S. soldiers previously killed in Somalia. I understand that we are now preparing to send heavy armor there in a further expansion of our involvement.

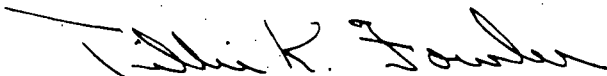
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Under the circumstances, I do not believe it would be prudent for us to wait any longer to withdraw our troops. The original U.S.-led Operation Restore Hope came to an end on May 4, 1993. The responsibility for security was turned over to a United Nations force.

I respectfully urge you to withdraw U.S. forces from Somalia now. We have accomplished our objective and for us to remain in Somalia is both pointless and needlessly risky. We should bring our men and women in uniform home before more American lives are lost.

Sincerely,



Tillie K. Fowler
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 7, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM ITOH
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: HOWARD PASTER 

SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President from various members of Congress.

Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in having drafts written.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call LeeAnn Inadomi at x7500.

~~The~~ following is a brief description of the letters:

- ✓ 1) Tillie Fowler (R-FL), concerning Somalizi;
- 2) Dean Gallo (R-NJ), concerning Somalia;
- 3) Newt Gingrich (R-GA), concerning Somalia;
- 4) Bob Michel (R-IL) and others, concerning Somalia;
- 5) Hank Brown (R-CO), concerning uranium and Russia.

Attachments

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 13, 1993

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TILLIE K. FOWLER

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO WITHDRAW UNITED STATES
FORCES FROM SOMALIA NOW

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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