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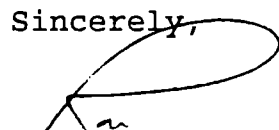
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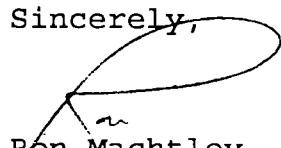
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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM ITOH
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: HOWARD PASTER *HP*
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) Elton Gallegly (R-CA), concerning Somalia;
- 2) Ron Dellums (D-CA), concerning Somalia;
- 3) Ron Machtley (D-RI), concerning Somalia;
- 4) Peter Blute (R-MA), concerning Somalia.

Attachments