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**Report to the Congress
on US Policy in Somalia**

October 13, 1993

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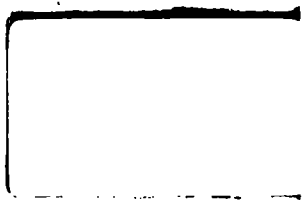
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1993

Dear Ron:

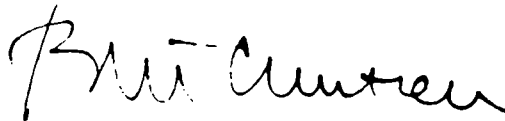
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Congressional support for our new policy in Somalia is essential in the coming months not only for our foreign policy, but for the effectiveness and safety of our people in Somalia. I look forward to working with you to assure success in this important mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Clinton" clearly distinguishable.

The Honorable Ronald D. Coleman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1993

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
HOWARD PASTER

SUBJECT: Reply to Congressman Ronald Coleman on Somalia

Purpose

To reply to Congressman Coleman's letter to you on Somalia.

Background

Congressman Coleman wrote to ask you to more clearly define the mission of U.S. forces in Somalia and to formulate a plan for withdrawal quickly.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A to Congressman Coleman.

Attachment

Tab A Proposed Reply to Congressman Coleman

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

October 20, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: RICHARD A. CLARKE *RC*FROM: SEAN J. DARRAGH *SD*

SUBJECT: Reply to Congressman Ronald Coleman on Somalia

Congressman Ronald Coleman wrote to the President encouraging him to more clearly define the U.S. mission in Somalia and to formulate a plan for withdrawal as quickly as possible.

At Tab A is the reply to Congressman Coleman's letter to the President.

Concurrences by: *for SD* Jennifer Ward, *for SD* Jeremy Rosner, Susan *SD* Rice

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for the President

Tab A Proposed Reply to Congressman Coleman

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16TH DISTRICT, TEXAS



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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

October 6, 1993

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my concern about our current mission in Somalia. Yesterday, I joined many of my other colleagues in calling for Congressional review of our current role and mission in Somalia. I believe that the challenge to U.S. troops in the region has changed greatly in the last few weeks and I am concerned that they may indeed not have the resources they need to carry out the mission of restoring peace in Somalia.

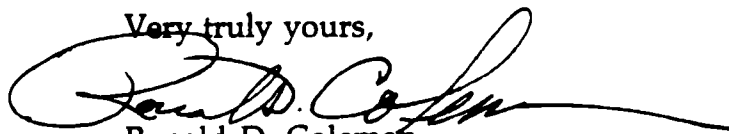
Last night I learned that a young man from my hometown, Sgt. Lorenzo Ruiz, 27, was killed in Somalia attempting to capture confidantes of Somali warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid. This tragic event motivated me to write you today and urge you to redefine our mission in Somalia so that we might better protect brave soldiers like Sgt. Ruiz who continually find themselves in combat, not peacekeeping, situations.

I applaud your decision to send additional troops and armor to Somalia. And I urge you to send to Congress as soon as possible a comprehensive plan that includes requests for the troops and equipment needed to finish our job in Somalia in the safest and quickest manner.

As the world's only remaining superpower we can expect to be called on in the future to take the lead in restoring peace and quieting despots. The operation in Somalia gives us the opportunity to set a precedent which clearly states that even when U.S. troops are under the command of multi-national forces, they are not beyond the purview and control of our military leaders or elected representatives.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,


Ronald D. Coleman
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 7, 1993

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) Charlie Rangel (D-NY), concerning Haiti;
- 2) Chris Shays (R-CT), concerning Somalia;
- ✓ 3) Ron Coleman (D-TX), concerning Somalia;
- 4) Ben Gilman (R-NY) and others, concerning Somalia;
- 5) Martin Hoke (R-OH), concerning Somalia.

Attachments

TO: MICHEL, ROBERT H
ET AL

FROM: PRESIDENT

DOC DATE: 05 NOV 93
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: SOMALIA

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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REP MICHEL ET AL ON SOMALIA

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FOR WILLIAM H. LEARY

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1993

Dear Representative Machtley:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on Somalia.

You can be sure that I am dedicated to the safety of our forces in Somalia, and that I will remain vigilant until the last U.S. soldier, sailor and marine is withdrawn. In keeping with this mandate, I have ordered that sufficient combat capability be introduced into Somalia to ensure the security of all our personnel there.

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The Honorable Ron Machtley
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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WASHINGTON

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House of Representatives
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