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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JAMES R. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: URGES APPROVAL OF SALE OF 180 F-16 AIRCRAFT TO TAIWAN

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August 5, 1992

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The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge speedy approval by the U. S. State Department of Taiwan's request to purchase 180 F-16 aircraft to be produced by General Dynamics in Fort Worth, Texas.

As you know, Taiwan has made repeated requests to purchase this superb aircraft for a number of years and I am afraid if approval of the sale is not given at an early date, then this good friend of the United States will turn to the French and purchase the Mirage 2000. This is unfortunate because it is my understanding that they prefer the F-16, to say nothing of the economic loss of sending the benefits of these potential jobs to one of our strongest competitors in the international market.

On a personal note, we are hurting here in Fort Worth, Texas. The loss of jobs at Carswell Air Force Base, General Dynamics, LTV, and Bell Helicopter, has come at a time when the economy was still reeling from slowdowns in the petroleum and real estate markets.

Again, I urge you to use your influence to approve the sale of F-16's to Taiwan. In doing so, you will be continuing a long relationship between this country and a trusted friend and ally, and at the same, providing jobs and boosting the economy of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Nichols

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 18, 1992

Mr. James R. Nichols
Chairman
Freese and Nichols, Inc.
811 Lamar Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Mr. Nichols,

I am responding on behalf of President Bush to your letter of August 5 regarding the sale of F-16 combat aircraft to Taiwan.

As you know, the President announced on September 2 that the U.S. will sell 150 F-16A/B combat aircraft to Taiwan in accordance with our obligations under the Taiwan Relations Act. This will help Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability.

This decision also reflects the President's determination to make sure U.S. industry is supported in its campaign to compete successfully in the global market place. The F-16 sale demonstrates that we will be competitive in Taiwan, in defense and other industries.

I can assure you President Bush is committed to promoting U.S. trade abroad. Thank you for your letter to the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. Lynn Pascoe".

B. Lynn Pascoe
Principle Deputy Assistant
Secretary,
Bureau of East Asian and
Pacific Affairs

Attachment: correspondence returned.