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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MALCOLM WALLOP

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES A COPY OF HIS LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE BAKER URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF F-16 AIRCRAFT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN

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The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was gratified to see that you are personally considering the sale of F-16 airplanes to Taiwan. I wrote to the Secretary of State in May (copy enclosed) to encourage the sale for the sake of Taiwan, whose security we took the trouble to pledge in public law.

While the State Department answered with a non committal letter, I hope this matter will get the attention it deserves with you.

It was good talking with you last month on the need for a national security doctrine.

Sincerely Yours,

Malcolm Wallop
Malcolm Wallop
United States Senator

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May 18, 1992

The Honorable James A. Baker III
Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Baker:

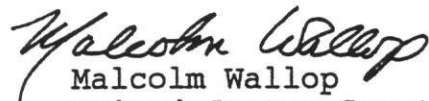
I am writing to encourage you and the administration to approve the sale of F-16 airplanes to the government of Taiwan.

The Congress has been keenly interested in safeguarding the security of Taiwan, as seen by the passage of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979, and continues so. The Taiwan Relations Act (P.L. 96-8), SEC 3. (a) states, "the United States will make available to Taiwan such defense articles and services in such quantity as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability."

I believe the sale of F-16's, which are, I'm sure, the aircraft of choice for Taiwan, would benefit both our defense industries and lower our production costs while fulfilling the requirements of Taiwan Relations Act. We should proceed now to make these aircraft available to the Taiwanese and to meet our obligations in public law.

It seems absurd to deny the sale of F-16's to Taiwan when we have sold F-16's to many other countries on the Pacific rim including Thailand, Indonesia, and Korea. Our policy should not be to single out our close friends by denying them access to the defense systems and materials that we have promised in public law. It is the right thing to do; we should take a stand on the issue, as it is in the best interests of both the United States and Taiwan for Taiwan to purchase and operate U.S. made F-16 aircraft for defense of their small nation. Such a sale could hardly be seen as a threat to the PRC. The aircraft would, however, provide a vital system of defense for Taiwan.

Sincerely,


Malcolm Wallop
United States Senator

August 14, 1992

Dear Malcolm:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President expressing your support for the sale of F-16 airplanes to the government of Taiwan.

We appreciate being advised of your support for such a transaction. I have shared your letter with the President's national security and foreign policy advisors for their review.

Thank you again for writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Malcolm Wallop
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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