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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT K. DORNAN

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF
AMERICAN-MADE JET FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TO TAIWAN

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N. Calvo

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

August 14, 1992

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to urge that you allow the sale of American-made jet fighter aircraft to the Republic of China (ROC) on Taiwan.

There are two compelling reasons to sell U.S. fighters to Taiwan. The first is that the ROC deserves to purchase these planes. The ROC has been a staunch U.S. ally in the fight against communist aggression. The past few years have seen tremendous progress toward democratization in that country. It is a showplace of market economics. In most respects, the country reflects the American ideals of individual liberty and freedom.

But the ROC is also threatened by the Peoples Republic of China, which is now in the process of significantly upgrading--both quantitatively and qualitatively--its air force with the planned purchase of a total of 72 Su-27 fighters and 24 MiG-31 interceptors. The government of the ROC has understandably looked on these developments with alarm.

According to the Taiwan Relations Act, "...the United States will make available to Taiwan such defense articles and defense services in such quantity as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability..." In our view, the current situation not only meets that requirement, but demands that the U.S. grant the ROC's request for advanced fighters. We owe our allies no less.

The second reason the U.S. should go forward with a fighter sale to the ROC is economic. If the U.S. does not make this sale, the business--and the jobs--will go to other countries. At a time when the economy is sluggish and the defense industry is hurting, it does not make sense to give business to our competitors.

Whether we sell the ROC F-15s, F-16s, or F-18s does not matter. What does matter is that the ROC purchases American aircraft produced by American workers.

The sale of American jet aircraft to the ROC is good for the U.S. economy and good for U.S. national security. We therefore urge that the sale be approved.



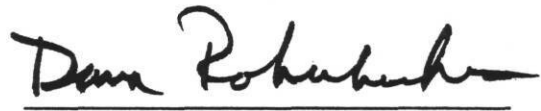
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U.S. Congressman



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U.S. Congressman



William E. Dannemeyer
U.S. Congressman

August 24, 1992

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President, cosigned by seven of your colleagues, expressing your support for the sale of fighter aircraft to Taiwan.

We appreciate being advised of your support for such a sale based on both economic and foreign policy considerations. I have shared your letter with the President's national security and foreign policy advisors for their review and consideration.

Thank you again for writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Robert K. Dornan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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