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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ROGER A. MUNSON

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F-16 AIRCRAFT TO TAIWAN

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OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL COMMANDER

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September 2, 1992

*B. Caldwell*

President George H. W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The day after you addressed our 74th National Convention in Chicago on August 24, 1992, the delegates reaffirmed The American Legion's strong conviction that the U.S. Government should be willing to sell modern armaments to the Republic of China. Such sales are clearly mandated in Section 3.(a) of the Taiwan Relations Act (PL 96-8) which states: "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."

Presently, Taiwan's aging fighter aircraft are outnumbered about 20-1 by the People's Republic of China. The PRC air force will soon be modernized by the acquisition of 24 Russian SU-27. Such augmentation of Communist China's air power will put the security of Taiwan in even greater jeopardy, especially since PRC leaders have never disavowed the use of force to reincorporate Taiwan into mainland China.

Over several decades and with extensive American assistance, Taiwan has emerged as a democratic society operating a highly productive economy. The American Legion believes you should help assure the continued security of this remarkable achievement by selling to Taiwan the modern F-16 aircraft it so desperately needs. Selling the aircraft to Taiwan also makes sound economic sense because it will preserve high-tech American jobs. Furthermore, if the F-16 is not made available, Taiwan will fill its needs by purchasing the French Mirage aircraft.

Mr. President, Taiwan has been a close ally of the American people for several decades and now serves as a beacon of hope for other developing countries by proving that hard work and enlightened leadership can achieve democracy and free-market prosperity. Therefore, we strongly urge you to approve the F-16 sale to the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Sincerely,

  
Roger A. Munson  
National Commander

cc: Lawrence Eagleburger, Acting Secretary of State  
Richard Cheney, Secretary of Defense

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

October 13, 1992

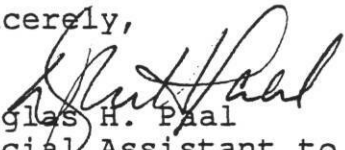
Dear Mr. Munson:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush concerning the sale of F-16s to Taiwan. I have been asked to respond.

As you are aware, the President approved the sale of the F-16s to Taiwan on September 2, 1992. This sale will help maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, while creating jobs domestically.

We appreciate your support and the support of the American Legion on this important issue.

Sincerely,

  
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President and Senior  
Director for Asian  
Affairs

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