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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BARRY GOLDWATER

SUBJECT: SUGGESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT HAVE SOMEONE LOOK AT A FIGHTER PLANE COMPLETED BY TAIWAN AND POWERED WITH AN AMERICAN-MADE ENGINE FOR POSSIBLE PURCHASE BY THE U.S.

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COMMENTS: THE PEOPLE OF ARIZONA CONTRIBUTED TO THE TFE1042-70 ENGINE PROGRAM ON THIS PLANE
Sum 2392 Scavcraft letter sent to Sen. Goldwater attached

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April 23, 1992

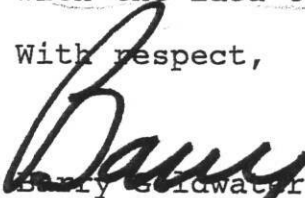
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This letter may surprise you, coming from an old friend of fighter planes, to you, an experienced fighter pilot, but I would feel wrong if I didn't write this letter.

As you know, I've had a long close friendship with the island of Taiwan, and a closer relationship with their Air Force. It is about this that I write. They have completed a fighter plane, that has over 800 test flights, and has performed perfectly; this comes from one who has been a fighter nut since the time he was just of age. This fighter plane is small, meticulously made, and powered with an American made engine. The people of Arizona contributed to the TFE1042-70 engine program in the design, development, and manufacturing areas. Currently it is in production, and by 1994 this program will have contributed \$1 billion U.S. dollars to our Arizona economy. I think it would do you very well to have someone look at this aircraft, with the possibility that we might buy it. I say this to you, because I believe this aircraft will sell for around \$20 to \$24 million, or less. A lot different that the fighter planes we sell, and this one is a 1.8 mach, a high altitude bird, and carries sufficient outside weapons to justify any cost. Therefore, I urge you to have someone look at this, with the idea that we might include it.

With respect,


Barry Goldwater

Copy: The Honorable Frederick Chien

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 1992

Dear Senator Goldwater:

Thank you for your letter of April 23 suggesting we consider the Taiwan Indigenous Defense Fighter (IDF) in our future force modernization program.

We have, in fact, studied the IDF as a potential replacement for the multi-role force after the year 2000. Your description of the fighter as a lightweight and moderately priced aircraft is accurate. The Air Force is now in the very first stages of determining specific requirements for the future multi-role fighter, however, a decision is not imminent. We certainly will not be ready for competitive bids for several years. Initial studies point to range requirements in excess of current F-16 capabilities and at least an equivalent payload, if not greater. At first glance, the IDF does not seem to be competitive with the F-16, or a new fighter, in these areas. In addition, we must be certain the multi-role fleet of the future is supportable and cost effective to maintain and operate.

That said, the Air Force is examining the Garrett engine program to see which technologies used in the TFE1042 might be applicable to a new multi-role fighter and is monitoring all development programs to capitalize on industry efforts in engine design.

As the program matures, the Air Force will consider all options for filling the Air Force need for a follow-on to the F-16.

Again, thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,


Brent Scowcroft

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