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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOE BARTON

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT THE
INTERAGENCY REVIEW OF THE U.S. AND CHINA
AGREEMENT REGARDING TAIWAN AND THE PROPOSED
SALE OF F-16'S FROM THE U.S.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4306
July 16, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

N. Calio
I am writing concerning the impending sale of French Mirage 2000 fighter planes to Taiwan. It is my understanding that the Taiwanese government would prefer to buy F-16's from the United States.

I met with General Dynamics officials, who build the F-16, on July 14th. They informed me that currently F-16's can not be sold to Taiwan due to an existing agreement between the United States and mainland China. It has been brought to my attention that this agreement is currently under interagency review by the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and the National Security Council. I can not emphasize enough how important this sale is to the economic welfare of the United States. It will mean thousands of U.S. jobs and an immediate three billion dollar cash infusion into the U.S. economy.

Unfortunately, because of existing U.S. policy, Taiwan plans on purchasing sixty Mirage 2000 from the French Government, and may buy an additional 120 in 1993. If the United States could sell 150 F-16's to Taiwan instead, it would mean direct income into the U.S. of \$9 billion and a job impact of 118,605 man years.

I believe that in the very near future you will have before you the recommendation of the interagency review. I hope that recommendation will be to allow the sale of F-16 fighters to Taiwan. I want to encourage you to accept that recommendation, if it is made. American jobs and the American economy will greatly benefit if you do.

Sincerely,

Joe Barton
Member of Congress

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July 20, 1992

Dear Joe:

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

We appreciate being advised of your support for a prompt review of the proposed transaction. I have shared your letter with several of the President's advisors in this matter for their review.

Thank you again for writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Joe Barton
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