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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 22, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE NICK J. RAHALL II

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE INTENTION OF GERMANY TO REDUCE ITS PLEDGE OF MONETARY SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND STORM

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March 25, 1991

Dear Nick:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding your concern that Germany may intend to reduce its financial contribution to Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

We appreciate being advised of your interest in this important matter. In an effort to be of assistance, we have forwarded your letter to the President's foreign policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your concerns.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Nick Joe Rahall II
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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bcc: w/ copy of inc to NSC - for appropriate action
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The Honorable George Bush
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concern over the announced intention of Germany to reduce its pledge of support for Operations Desert Shield and Storm. As you are aware, 37 of my colleagues joined me in writing you last December, urging your continued efforts in securing additional financial support from our allies in our campaign against Saddam Hussein. With the conclusion of our military role in the Gulf drawing near, it is essential that all pledges of support are paid in full.

It is unthinkable that after decades of support and billions of dollars spent on the defense of Western Europe that Germany would now turn its back on one of its strongest allies. Our action in the Persian Gulf served not only the interests of the United States of America, but of the world as a whole. The excellent performance of the American Military and its partners in the coalition should not be clouded by Germany's refusal to honor its pledge.

American men and women died defending the world against a tyrant whose arsenal was built with the help of western powers. Many of those very countries have now paid the price of disarming Saddam. It is my hope you will continue to see that those who did not take an active role in the Persian Gulf War will at least fulfill their economic obligations.

It would be a shame to see the good feelings that have been generated by our tremendous victory turn sour by allowing Germany to back out of its pledge of monetary support.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,



NICK J. RAHALL, II
Member of Congress

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