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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 10, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT TORRICELLI

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March 12, 1992

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We appreciate being advised of your support for the measures you outlined. Please know that I have shared your comments with President Bush. In addition, I have provided copies of your letter to the President's national security and foreign policy advisors for their review.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Robert G. Torricelli
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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March 6, 1992

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Washington, DC 20500

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Robert G. Torricelli, M.C.

Dante B. Fascell, M.C.

Robert J. Lagomarsino, M.C.

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Please be assured that if you take these measures, you will again have our full backing on this issue.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Torricelli, M.C.

Dante B. Fascell, M.C.

Robert J. Legemarsino, M.C.

Stephen J. Solarz, M.C.

Henry J. Hyde, M.C.

Elton Gallegly, M.C.
March 12, 1992

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President, cosigned by five of your colleagues, expressing your support for stronger measures to ensure that Saddam Hussein complies with all pertinent United Nation's cease-fire resolutions.

We appreciate being advised of your support for the measures you outlined. Please know that I have shared your comments with President Bush. In addition, I have provided copies of your letter to the President's national security and foreign policy advisors for their review.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Robert G. Torricelli
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

NEC:JHH:

bcc: w/ copy of inc to NSC - for direct response
bcc: w/ copy of inc to Dept. of State - FYI
Dear Congressman Torricelli:

I am pleased to respond to your letter of March 6, 1992 to the President expressing your views and those of your colleagues on our policy toward Iraq. Since you wrote, as you know, we were successful in pressing Saddam to comply with the United Nations Security Council's demand that Iraq destroy numerous important pieces of equipment used for the construction of surface-to-surface missiles as mandated under U.N. Security Council Resolution 687. The international community stood firm in facing Saddam on this issue and the result was a significant reversal for the Iraqi dictator. You can be assured that the President has every intention of continuing to demand full Iraqi compliance with Resolution 687.

We are equally determined to see Iraq comply with the other resolutions passed since August 1990, including Resolution 688 which calls for an end to the repression of Iraq's civilian population. As you are aware, Resolution 688 branded Saddam's repression of the peoples of Iraq, including the Kurds, a threat to "international peace and security in the region." The administration is determined to keep adequate military forces in the area, including the Provide Comfort task force, as long as the threat posed by Saddam's repressive regime to peace and security remains. We will be consulting closely with the government of Turkey on this matter.

We are keeping under review all possible options for increasing the pressure on Saddam, including those you outlined in your letter. We are reviewing carefully how best to secure access to Iraqi funds to finance U.N. operations in Iraq if Saddam continues to refuse to accept Resolutions 706 and 712. A new resolution transferring some frozen assets is under consideration. We welcome your support on this issue.
We will also continue our contacts with Iraqis opposed to Saddam's regime. The President, on January 16, noted that "we salute the efforts of thousands of brave Iraqis who are resisting Saddam's rule both inside and outside of Iraq," and the President has said on numerous occasions that we will keep the pressure on Iraq, including sanctions, until there is a change of leadership in Baghdad. You can be certain our determination to prevail against Saddam remains firm.

Sincerely,

Brent Scowcroft

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