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Thank you again for writing.

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Brent Scowcroft

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House of Representatives
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TO: WELDON, CURT

FROM: RIEDEL
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