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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 17, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ARLEN SPECTER

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT NOT TO SELL OR EVEN
DELIVER ADDITIONAL ARMS TO SAUDI ARABIA
UNLESS SUCH ARMS ARE OF ASSISTANCE IN OUR
CURRENT ACTION AGAINST IRAQ IN THE GULF

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9100129

Date January 14, 1991

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Bush

From: Senator Arlen Specter

Date: December 14, 1990

Subject: Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia

WH Referral Dated: January 3, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 9010045

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- X We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- Other (see remarks).

Remarks: The White House has already replied to the Senator's
Letter.

for Nadia Sauleh
Director
Secretariat Staff

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December 18, 1990

Dear Arlen:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding additional arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

We appreciate being apprised of your view that the U.S. should not sell or deliver arms to Saudi Arabia unless the equipment would be of assistance in Operation Desert Shield. Your specific concerns have been noted, and I have taken the liberty sharing your comments with the President's military and national security advisors so that they, too, are aware of your views.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Arlen Specter
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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ARLEN SPECTER
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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December 14, 1990

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

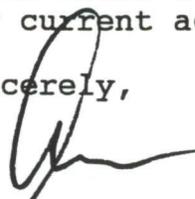
I strongly urge you not to sell or even deliver additional arms to Saudi Arabia unless such arms are of assistance in our current action against Iraq in the Persian Gulf. If such arms to Saudi Arabia would help relieve the burden of U.S. fighting men and women, I strongly support them.

When it comes to arms sales in the future, I believe that it is counter to U.S. national interests and stability in the Mideast to sell arms to Saudi Arabia. As you may know, I have consistently opposed such arms sales because I believe our overall policy should be to do our utmost to demilitarize the region and to take the lead in refusing to sell such arms even at the risk of having the British or French make such arms sales.

I oppose any arms sales unrelated to our immediate action against Iraq, because of my concern that such arms will fall into hostile hands and we are not sure where Saudi interests may lie in the future. As I understand it, Iraq took possession of Hawk missiles which we had sold to Kuwait. Several years ago, Senator DeConcini and I led the fight, which we lost, against the sale of Maverick missiles to Kuwait. Fortunately, these sophisticated air-to-ground missiles had not been delivered to Kuwait prior to Iraq's invasion or they would be in Iraq's hands today.

I am also very concerned that Saudi Arabia will not support U.S. interests in the future. In October, the Saudis backed in the United Nations the PLO initiative for a resolution criticizing Israel which was directly contrary to the U.S. position. There are frequent comments from ranking Saudi officials about again joining other Arab countries in a war against Israel. Because of these reasons, I hope your Administration will abandon any proposal to sell an additional multi-billion dollar arms package (perhaps as high as \$13 billion) to Saudi Arabia. While there was ultimately no floor fight against the \$7 billion arms sale last fall, I strongly urge you not to deliver any of those weapons to Saudi Arabia unless directly related to our current action against Iraq.

Sincerely,


Arlen Specter

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X 91011418 NO REPLY REQUIRED PER STATE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE

STATE SECRETARY

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George Van Eron
FOR GEORGE VAN ERON
DIRECTOR NSC SECRETARIAT

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