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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE CONNIE MACK

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO MOVE QUICKLY TO BLOCK EXPORTING OF TITANIUM PROCESSING FURNACES TO IRAQ; U.S. CUSTOMS HAS DETAINED THE SHIPMENT UNTIL JUL 17 90 FOR GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION

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FROM: MACK, CONNIE
       BINGAMAN, JEFF
       HELMS, JESSE A

KEYWORDS: IRAQ

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July 18, 1990

Dear Connie:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President, cosigned by seven of your colleagues and received at the White House on July 16, regarding reports in the Philadelphia Inquirer about the sale of titanium processing furnaces to Iraq.

We appreciate being apprised of your concerns about such a sale. I have shared your views with the President and have also asked several of his foreign policy advisors to review your remarks so that they, too, are aware of your opposition to providing the sale of these furnaces to Iraq.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Connie Mack
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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July 12, 1990

The President
The White House
Washington

Dear Mr. President:

We write to bring to your attention a concern that is easily remedied but must be addressed expeditiously. As reported in the Philadelphia Inquirer on June 28, a number of large, state-of-the-art titanium processing furnaces have been approved by the U.S. government for export to Iraq, and will be shipped unless you take action before July 17th.

We are deeply concerned because the furnaces in question clearly have significant applications in the military arena. These furnaces are designed to process high purity metal and alloys which are likely to be used by Iraq in the making of:

-- Elements and parts of missiles and aerospace equipment;
-- Gas turbines, including fighter aircraft turbines;
-- Nuclear reactor facilities and nuclear weapons components;

These furnaces could form the core of an indigenous titanium processing complex that would allow Iraq to increase the range of its missiles by lowering the weight of the missile nose cones.

The U.S. manufacturer of these furnaces has been granted a U.S. export license. Fortunately, U.S. Customs has detained the shipment until July 17 in order to give the government a chance to reconsider the matter.

Unless you act on your authority under Section 6 of the Export Administration Act, the furnaces will be shipped to Iraq next Tuesday. We hope you will move quickly to block this particular sale, and to ensure that similar technology is not permitted to be exported to Iraq in the future.

Sincerely,

Connie Mack

Jeff Bingaman

Jesse Helms

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TO: PRESIDENT

FROM: MACK, CONNIE
      BINGAMAN, JEFF
      HELMS, JESSE A

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