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April 22, 1988

TO:

ALISON FORTIER
BILL BURNS

FROM:

RICK SAUNDERS

Rick

SUBJECT:

Draft State Reply to Senator Metzenbaum

Please review the attached draft reply to Senator Metzenbaum's letter about the Saudi AWACS sale (also attached).

State wants to send this to the Hill today so that the formal notification can also go today. Please give me your comments/concurrence ASAP.

Thanks.

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1988 Arms Policy

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON LAW AND HUMAN RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6300

March 31, 1988

The Honorable George P. Shultz
Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Shultz:

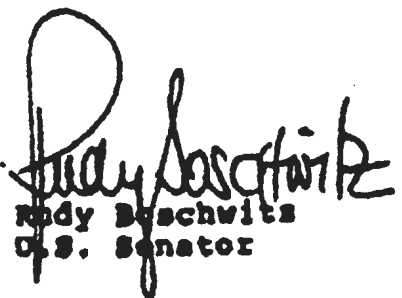
We understand that you plan to give infernal notification for a \$450 million support package for AWACS in Saudi Arabia. In light of recent revelations about Saudi Arabia obtaining Chinese intermediate range ballistic missiles (IRBMs), we strongly believe that our current policy toward arms sales to Saudi Arabia must be re-examined. Therefore, we hope that the Administration will not move forward at this time with the AWACS package.

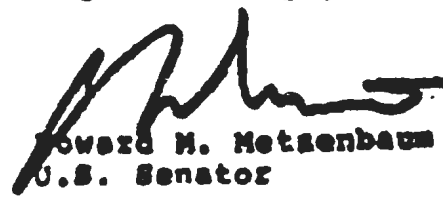
The Saudi-Chinese IRBM threatens the entire Middle East. It is a mobile missile with a range of up to 1,800 miles, giving the Saudis the capability to strike targets throughout the Middle East, and beyond. It is the first time a weapon of this capability has been introduced into this region and the first major purchase of military hardware by Saudi Arabia from a communist country.

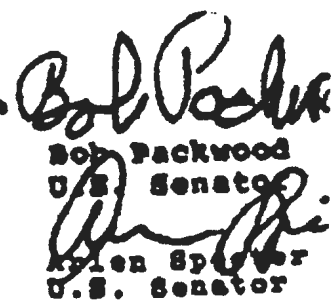

We are also deeply concerned that the Saudis hid the fact that they possess these weapons. This situation raises serious questions about the possibility of the Saudis compromising the security and technology of sensitive weapons systems.

In light of the tremendous threat to regional security, the United States should reconsider any new arms sales to the Kingdom until this matter is fully resolved and the Chinese missiles are withdrawn. Our government must make unequivocal its absolute opposition to the presence of the Chinese missiles, which represent a new and grave threat to the peace of the region. We appreciate your consideration of our views on this important matter.

Very sincerely yours,


Rudy Boschwitz
U.S. Senator


Edward M. Metzbaum
U.S. Senator


Bob Packwood
U.S. Senator

Allen Spitzer
U.S. Senator

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Dear Senator m:

I am reply to your letter to Secretary Shultz of March 31 in which you and 57 of your colleagues expressed concern about Saudi Arabia's acquisition of Chinese intermediate range ballistic missiles and asked that the Administration not move forward at this time on the sale to Saudi Arabia of AWACS contractor support services.

We share the Congress' concern about the Saudi acquisition of the Chinese missiles. We have made our concerns clear to the Saudi and Chinese governments, and will continue to do so.

The Saudi purchase of these missiles compounds the already serious trend toward missile proliferation in the region, but the Saudis are only the latest to join the group that includes Iran, Iraq, Israel, Egypt, North Yemen and Syria. Iran, the focal point of Saudi concern, has missiles that can strike at the heart of Saudi Arabia's economic infrastructure. Iran's firing of a Scud missile at Kuwaiti oil facilities April 20 only reinforces Saudi concerns. Because of the volatile politics of the region and the large number of countries involved, it will be difficult to bring about the removal of missiles from the Middle East in the near term. We have begun holding bilateral discussions with other Middle East countries on the missile proliferation problem and potential regional solutions.

We do not believe that holding up notifiable sales is the solution to addressing these regional concerns. In particular, we believe that holding up or disapproving the long-term AWACS maintenance support contract would be inappropriate and counter-productive, not only to Saudi interests but also our own. This sale will support a critical military system that the Saudis are using in direct support of U.S. operations in the Gulf. Saudi AWACS support has a direct

The Honorable
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bearing on the safety of our military personnel and the effectiveness of our forces in the Gulf. The contract is for personnel services only. It does not involve new equipment or any expansion of military capability.

Because missile technology is available from many countries and many nations in the region already deploy various missile systems, the proliferation of missiles in the Middle East poses a sobering challenge to our diplomacy. We believe that working with others toward a regional or global solution to the problem is the best approach to meeting that challenge.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary
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