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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 3/25/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 1:15 p.m. today

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN FASCELL

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With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

DAVE O'NEILL, Florida Chairman

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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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JOHN J. GRADY, Jr.
Chief of Staff

March 24, 1986

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

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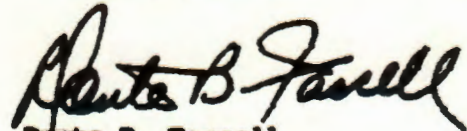
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Chairman

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RESPONSE:

No objection to letter. Recommend Fielding sign letter.
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David L. Chew
 Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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March 25, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

FROM: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL *Bh for*
SUBJECT: Response to Chairman Fascell

Recommend proposed letter to Chairman Fascell be forwarded as drafted (with changes noted) for signature by Will Ball.

Attachment

Tab A Draft letter to Fascell (with changes)

TAB A

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ПЪСЕНТ

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Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee -
Re: Libya and war Powers Resolution

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- n - 3 - Ron
- n - 4 - Dutch
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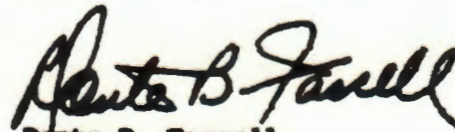
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FROM: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL *Bob for*
SUBJECT: Response to Chairman Fascell

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Tab A Draft letter to Fascell (with changes)

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

ACTION

March 25, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

FROM:

RON SABLE *RS***SIGNED**

SUBJECT:

Response to Chairman Fascell

Recommend attached draft (as changed, Tab A) be forwarded for signature by Will Ball.

JS Jim Stark and *PT* Paul Thompson concur.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to Chew at Tab I.

Approve *WBF*

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memo for signature

Tab A Draft (as changed)

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REFERRAL

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- Prepare Memo _____ to _____

** RON, We recommend that Will Ball sign letter unless you have other recommendation.

*** PUT RESPECTIVE STAFF OFFICER'S NAME IN MARGIN BESIDE CHANGES.

CONCURRENCES/COMMENTS* DUE: IMMEDIATELY

*PHONE to action officer at ext. 4682

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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March 26, 1986

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Ltr also to Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Sr.

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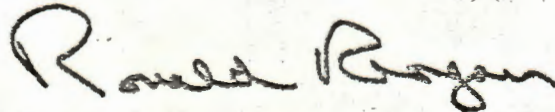
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The Honorable Strom Thurmond
President pro tempore of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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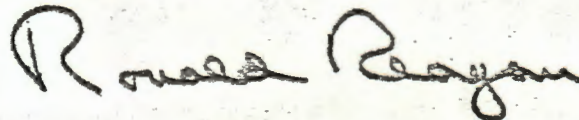
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Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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TO President Pro Tempore of the Senate 3/26/86
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For Immediate Release

March 27, 1986

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RONALD REAGAN

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August 4, 1986

Brooks, Brad

Dear Mrs. Brooks:

Your letter has just reached my desk and I want you to know how much it meant to me. I share the pride you've expressed in your son, Brad.

The decisions I make in this office are never easy, especially when they might put the lives of American service men and women in danger. But those proud members of our military know that when a nation, any nation, targets America or its citizens for terror, our love of peace must never be mistaken for fear to act. As I've said before, we will do what is necessary to ensure the safety of Americans around the globe.

At the Tokyo Summit in May, we and our allies struck a consensus on measures to counter international terrorism and, I'm pleased to say, new and effective steps are being taken by all the free nations involved. This kind of cooperation is critical to success, but we also recognize that dedication like your son's is the surest guarantee that the American people will continue to be free.

Thank you for taking the time to let me know your concerns. God bless you and your son.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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Mrs. W. F. Brooks
305 Meadowbrook Road
Stratford, Connecticut 06497

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Dear Mrs. Brooks,

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OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE
REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE - COMMENTS

TO: Van Eron/NSC

DATE DUE: Open **TYPE OF RESPONSE:** Multiple Mailing Form Reply One-Time Reply

SUBJECT: U.S. response to Libyan terrorism.

REQUESTED BY/ADDRESSED TO: Mrs. W. F. Brooks
Stratford, Connecticut

BACKGROUND:
Draft reply prepared in White House correspondence. Letter from mother of U.S. serviceman in Germany who wrote home in April regarding his support for the President's decision to retaliate against Libyan terrorist-related installations. Response emphasizes U.S. willingness to deal with the terrorist threat by whatever steps are necessary.

SIGNATURE: *Charles A. Amores* **DATE:** July 29, 1986

*Presidential Messages
Old Executive Office Building
Room 94
(202) 456-7610*

Your Recommendation/Comments:
The NSC concurs as is N as amended _____
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RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

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305 Meadowbrook Road
Stratford, Connecticut 06497
April 28, 1986

SR
President Ronald Reagan
White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed please find a copy of a recent letter from my son who is an Air Force Staff Sergeant stationed in Bitburg, Germany. He enlisted at the age of 18, right out of high school, has been in the military service now for five years, and has re-enlisted for another term which will bring his length of service to ten years.

Though, as a parent, I am worried and concerned about him in relation to our world condition, I thought that you, as his Commander-in-Chief, would like to know just how he feels about you and the decisions you must make that will affect him, and all who have given a portion of their lives to this country.

Even though parts of the letter are personal - I feel you must read it in full context to see the true meaning behind his words.

I was so moved when I received this, I thought it might enlighten your spirit and lighten your task to read it.

Needless to say, I am very proud of him.

Very sincerely,

Jerry A. Brooks

Dear Mom,

Friday, 18 APR 86

How are you? I thought I'd write a quick letter because with all that is going on, I figured you might be a little worried.

Things here are calm. We didn't even go on alert when this thing with Libya happened. But since then security on base has really tightened up.

At work they warned us to stay away from bars and clubs frequented by G.I.'s. I haven't gone to many bars off base lately anyway. They said that people who live in towns with a lot of Americans should be really careful and always check their cars before getting in them. My town doesn't have many Americans. I think two other families besides me and Dave. I'm not too worried. We aren't in a high risk area for terrorism like say Frankfurt.

Oh yeah, about this Libya thing. Isn't

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it great, it is about time we did something. Too bad the Navy and the bases in England had all the fun. I bet they were all psyched up. It is too bad we lost those two pilots, though.

I can't believe some of these countries saying things like it was a blood thirsty act and that innocent people and children were killed. What about the pregnant woman and the little girl that were sucked out of the plane over Greece? Weren't they innocent victims? What about the innocent men, women and children gunned down in Rome and Vienna airports four and a half months ago? It makes me so mad. I think we stopped too soon. We should have hit a few more times.

I'm sure glad Reagan had the guts and said enough is enough. I wish he could run for another term, because I ~~am~~ sure would vote for him again.

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I hope I don't sound like a war monger, but we keeps taking it and taking it and over people keeps getting killed. I'm sick of it. The Armed Forces ~~is~~ are around to protect American citizens all over the world and we should do it. We should terminate that Madman Kaddafi.

Don't worry, it doesn't look like we are going anywhere or going to do anything. Too bad, I'm really ready to start really earning my money. Go ahead Kaddafi, make my day!

Now to your letter. No, it wasn't really that cold in Surdenia. In fact it was kind of nice compared to here.

You asked about my income tax. I filled it out the day you wrote your letter to me. I mailed it the next day.

I am supposed to get back \$430⁰⁰. When it comes, put it in the bank at the Green (Society for Savings or whatever name they are using this week), please. Who

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did yours anyway?

Well, I'm glad Jim moved into an apartment. No, I haven't heard from him lately.

Oh yeah, you know I said on the phone I didn't know about Barney. Well when I did my income tax, I found a note inside the envelope that you sent some of my bank statements. I must have missed it before.

Dave got back from TDY on Monday. He was in Florida for three weeks and came back with a nice tan.

And what did he come back to. It was cold. We even had snow flurries last week. It has been a "little" warmer the last two days. Even the sun has made some short appearances. I hadn't seen it in weeks.

Last week me and my crew had wash rack (washing jets). It is one of the worse details. At least it was only for a week and it isn't that often. Last time we had it was after I got back

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from leave in the first week in August.

I have weekend duty this weekend. I hope there isn't too much work to do.

Me and Dave are going to a party tomorrow for a guy who is leaving and going back to the States. I'll go if I don't have to work too late tomorrow that is.

Well Mom I've got things to do before work. Tell Bonnie a letter is coming.

I hope you have a great time on your up coming cruise. If it is like the Love Boat, try not to break too many hearts (Ha! Ha!). Take care and say hello to everyone from one of the members of the babykilling imperialist dogs of the USAF (Their propeganda is great isn't it!). If you don't like my humor, sorry.

Brad

P.S. In any case, check one up for the Great United States!

P.S.S. I hope you can see my point.

P.S.S.S. I am enclosing a picture of me and Dave taken on Thanksgiving at a friend's house. Like my suit? It is one of the ones I got in Korea.