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Name of Correspondent: Genia Lawrence

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Subject: opposes the statement made by Navy Secretary John Lehman on April 6, relative to the United States seriously considering the purchasing of submarines from foreign countries.

**ROUTE TO:**

**ACTION**

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- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comments
- D - Draft Response
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C 20350

5 May 1981

The Honorable Denis Lawrence  
Massachusetts Legislature  
206 Allen Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

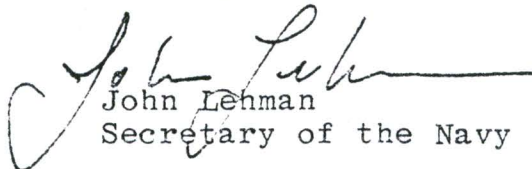
Thank you for your letter of April 8 to President Reagan concerning the Navy position on foreign procurement of submarines for the United States.

As much as he would like to, the President cannot reply personally to every communication he receives. Therefore, he has asked the departments and agencies of the Federal Government to reply on his behalf in those instances where they have special knowledge or special authority under the law. For this reason, your correspondence was forwarded to the Department of Defense.

Your interest and concern in this matter are understood and appreciated. The Reagan Administration is committed to a major, sustained increase in the procurement of Naval vessels. As you are aware, past fluctuations in Navy shipbuilding requirements have caused many shipyards to cease bidding for Navy contracts for new construction and, thus, the required shipbuilding capacity in the United States has been reduced. In order to meet this administration's commitment to a larger Navy, we are exploring all avenues available to increase the size of our Navy in the near term. The Navy consideration of foreign procurement reflects our intention to leave no stone unturned in our examination of alternatives which best serve the needs of the country.

I trust I have explained the Navy's position in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
John Lehman  
Secretary of the Navy

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

APRIL 21, 1981

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OFFICE OF  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

TO: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE */jhr*

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 020038

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 8, 1981

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE DENIS LAWRENCE  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COMTE ON POST AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT  
206 ALLEN STREET  
NEW BEDFORD MA 02740

SUBJECT: OPPOSES THE STATEMENT MADE BY NAVY SECRETARY  
JOHN LEHMAN ON APR 6 81 RELATIVE TO THE  
UNITED STATES SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THE  
PURCHASING OF SUBMARINES FROM FOREIGN  
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Committee on Post Audit and Oversight  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MA. 02133

REP. DENIS LAWRENCE  
13TH BRISTOL DISTRICT  
206 ALLEN STREET  
NEW BEDFORD, MA. 02740  
TEL. HOME: 996-2114  
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COMMITTEES ON  
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STATE HOUSE OFFICE  
ROOM 146  
BOSTON, MA. 02133

April 8, 1981

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President Ronald Reagan  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

First of all I express to you my strongest expression of wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

The second purpose of this letter is to comment on the statement made by Navy Secretary John Lehman on April 6, relative to the United States seriously considering the purchasing of submarines from foreign countries.

I would like to be recorded as strongly opposed to such an idea, especially as there is such a high unemployment rate in the ship building industry in the United States.

In my opinion, to allow any off shore procurment of submarines would not be in the best interest of the American working people.

I urge you to have Navy Secretary Lehman re-asses his position and direct any such procurement to those ship building companies in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denis Lawrence".

Denis Lawrence  
State Representative

DS/mr



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11-21-83