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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Burns

July 28, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY RISQUE

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR.
SUBJECT: Dinner with Saudi Ambassador

Per your request, attached at Tab A are talking points for your use at dinner with the Saudi Ambassador.

Attachment

Grant,
Thanks!
Nancy

TALKING POINTS FOR NANCY RISQUE'S DINNER WITH
SAUDI AMBASSADOR

- President views strong U.S.-Saudi relationship as key to defense of our shared interests in Persian Gulf.

- On diplomatic front, must continue work closely together to promote effective UN Security Council action reduce tensions in Gulf and eventually end Iran-Iraq war. Keep Iran on diplomatic defensive.

- At same time, U.S. will stand firmly behind security commitments to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Arab states. Not seeking to provoke, but must not be intimidated by Iran.

- Pleased by Saudi support for our protection of limited number newly registered U.S. tankers operated by Kuwait. Must continue cooperate closely, keep steady course.

- President also determined sustain longstanding security assistance relationship with Saudi Arabia. Some unfortunate setbacks in past, but must move ahead to help meet legitimate Saudi security needs, especially in view of increasing cooperation and increasing threat in Gulf.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 12, 1987

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM:

ROBERT B. OAKLEY *RB*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Reply to Senator Pell's Letter
on Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia

Attached is a proposed response to Senator Pell's letter of July 22. The reply emphasizes the importance of our security assistance relationship with Saudi Arabia, particularly in light of Saudi efforts to withstand Iranian intimidation. It also underscores the Administration's commitment to consult closely with Congress on further sales.

ABF
Alison Fortier and Bob Dean concur. *Rms ln* White House Legislative Affairs Office also concurs.

ABF for Jim Dyer
W Ball clears 8/18

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memo to the President
Tab A Response to Senator Pell
Tab B Letter from Senator Pell
of July 22

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

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C. Rosten

July 22, 1987

*The DC
boys are wild
get you
Reynolds - suggest
and stand on dry*

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge strongly that you place a moratorium on proposals for further major arms sales to Saudi Arabia until the Administration has reevaluated current plans and programs regarding that nation in close consultation with the Congress.

It was clear before the proposal to sell Maverick missiles to Saudi Arabia was withdrawn that no arms sales proposal submitted since Congressional review procedures were instituted eleven years ago has generated more opposition. That level of concern cannot be explained by the composition of the package alone, since other sales with similarly high opposition have been more dangerous in terms of regional stability.

Other key factors may have been that this particularly unsettled time in the Gulf is not propitious for a business-as-usual approach to arms sales, that the proposal demonstrated a lack of appreciation of Congressional interest in a stable military balance in the Middle East, and that the continued Saudi failure to make a significant contribution to the peace process, to terminate assistance to terrorists, and to cooperate broadly in defense of the Gulf all played a role.

Against this background, I believe any decision to proceed with new sales would further exacerbate relations between Congress and the executive branch. To avoid such a situation and its unfortunate consequences, the executive branch should assess the present military capabilities of Saudi Arabia and plans for further enhancements and weigh such plans against real prospects for Saudi cooperation with us in bringing an end to the Iran-Iraq war and in building upon the Camp David peace process to attain a comprehensive Middle East peace.

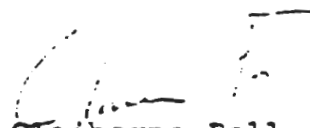
The President
The White House

This review should be undertaken in an atmosphere of
confrontation over new sales proposals. When you have
obtained the best judgments and advice available to you, I
would urge that you require close and thorough consultations
with the Congress so that our relations and dealings with the
Saudis in the period ahead can be based upon a solid
consensus.

I would welcome your early response.

With regard and respect, I am,

Ever sincerely,



Claiborne Pell
Chairman

OAKLEY

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 20, 1987

Dear Senator Pell:

I have read your letter carefully, and am troubled by what I believe are a number of misperceptions. You are surely right that this is an unsettled time in the Gulf, but that argues for demonstrating our reliability as a security partner not appearing vacillating and uncertain about our interests in the area. That only encourages radicals such as Ayatollah Khomeini and tends to turn friendly governments away from us.

First, let me say that we have not been taking a business-as-usual approach to arms sales. While trying to respond to legitimate Saudi modernization needs, we have taken other concerns into consideration. Since last November, we have been actively consulting with the Congress on this year's program. In February of this year we outlined in the report submitted to Congress under the Javits amendment all the arms sales then under consideration for the Saudis and others. Since then, we have continued to consult and to respond to your concerns.

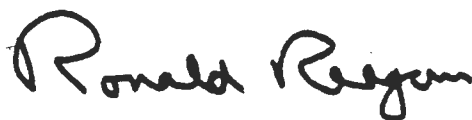
We will continue to consult and will try to deal with the questions or concerns you and others have about proposed sales. These sales do not alter the Middle East military balance. But they do affect the security and psychology of Arab states in the Gulf. They are important in the essentially political but potentially military struggle between moderates and radicals in the Gulf, and they are a reminder that we are prepared to stand by Saudi Arabia, particularly at a time when the Saudis and others in the Gulf face intimidation. Our long-standing naval presence in the Gulf represents one element in a broader approach to resisting Iranian intimidation in the region. Security assistance represents another.

We have not and will not propose arms sales that do not respond to legitimate security needs or that threaten to upset the broader military balance. But we have a stake in Saudi Arabia, and in Arab regimes of moderation more generally. It is important in the interest of peace and stability that these states trust us and have the confidence to stand up to Iranian and other radical threats and to resist Soviet blandishments.

If we are ever to achieve the goal of a comprehensive Middle East peace, the states that favor peace must be confident that their legitimate security needs will be met. They must have sufficient trust in us to know we will be there in their hour of need. Putting a moratorium on arms sales at a time when the Saudis feel threatened, when they are using the equipment provided earlier to help us (e.g., AWACS, minesweepers and patrol boats), and when they are allowing U.S. military use of their territory, is not the way to build that trust.

I believe it is essential for us to work together on this subject. One of my goals in the months ahead is to forge an understanding with the Congress on security issues in the Middle East. If we are to work toward our goal of peace and stability in the area, such an understanding is essential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 19, 1987

MR. PRESIDENT:

If you approve the attached letter to Senator Pell, a hard bond copy will be dispatched in Washington as soon as possible.

A handwritten signature consisting of a series of connected, jagged, upward-sloping lines, resembling a stylized 'M' or a mountain range.

Rhett Dawson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON


5996

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ACTION

August 19, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK C. CARLUCCI 

SUBJECT: Response to Senator Pell on Security Assistance to Saudi Arabia

Issue:

To respond to Senator Pell's letter of July 22.

Facts

Pell has written to urge a "moratorium" on arms sales to Saudi Arabia until the Administration has built a stronger case for them, in consultation with Congress. The most significant sales currently under consideration include replacement F-15 aircraft and MAVERICK air-to-ground missiles. We temporarily withheld notification on the latter sale last May.

Discussion

The proposed reply emphasizes the importance of our longstanding security assistance relationship with Saudi Arabia, particularly in light of Saudi efforts to withstand Iranian intimidation. It makes clear that the Administration will stick resolutely to its security commitments in the Gulf--including limited arms sales to help our friends defend against a common threat. But the response also pledges full consultation with Congress as we move forward with specific sales. We are currently devising a thorough Congressional gameplan on Saudi arms sales to put into action after the August recess.

Recommendation

OK RR No _____

That you sign the letter to Pell at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Response to Senator Pell
Tab B Letter from Senator Pell
of July 22

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Senator Pell:

I have read your letter carefully, and am troubled by what I believe are a number of misperceptions. You are surely right that this is an unsettled time in the Gulf, but that argues for demonstrating our reliability as a security partner not appearing vacillating and uncertain about our interests in the area. That only encourages radicals such as Ayatollah Khomeini and tends to turn friendly governments away from us.

First, let me say that we have not been taking a business-as-usual approach to arms sales. While trying to respond to legitimate Saudi modernization needs, we have taken other concerns into consideration. Since last November, we have been actively consulting with the Congress on this year's program. In February of this year we outlined in the report submitted to Congress under the Javits amendment all the arms sales then under consideration for the Saudis and others. Since then, we have continued to consult and to respond to your concerns.

We will continue to consult and will try to deal with the questions or concerns you and others have about proposed sales. These sales do not alter the Middle East military balance. But they do affect the security and psychology of Arab states in the Gulf. They are important in the essentially political but potentially military struggle between moderates and radicals in the Gulf, and they are a reminder that we are prepared to stand by Saudi Arabia, particularly at a time when the Saudis and others in the Gulf face intimidation. Our long-standing naval presence in the Gulf represents one element in a broader approach to resisting Iranian intimidation in the region. Security assistance represents another.

We have not and will not propose arms sales that do not respond to legitimate security needs or that threaten to upset the broader military balance. But we have a stake in Saudi Arabia, and in Arab regimes of moderation more generally. It is important in the interest of peace and stability that these states trust us and have the confidence to stand up to Iranian and other radical threats and to resist Soviet blandishments.

If we are ever to achieve the goal of a comprehensive Middle East peace, the states that favor peace must be confident that their legitimate security needs will be met. They must have sufficient trust in us to know we will be there in their hour of need. Putting a moratorium on arms sales at a time when the Saudis feel threatened, when they are using the equipment provided earlier to help us (e.g., AWACS, minesweepers and patrol boats), and when they are allowing U.S. military use of their territory, is not the way to build that trust.

I believe it is essential for us to work together on this subject. One of my goals in the months ahead is to forge an understanding with the Congress on security issues in the Middle East. If we are to work toward our goal of peace and stability in the area, such an understanding is essential.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK C. CARLUCCI

SUBJECT: Response to Senator Pell on Security
Assistance to Saudi Arabia

Issue

To respond to Senator Pell's letter of July 22.

Facts

Pell has written to urge a "moratorium" on arms sales to Saudi Arabia until the Administration has built a stronger case for them, in consultation with Congress. The most significant sales currently under consideration include replacement F-15 aircraft and MAVERICK air-to-ground missiles. We temporarily withdrew notification on the latter sale last May.

Discussion

The proposed reply emphasizes the importance of our longstanding security assistance relationship with Saudi Arabia, particularly in light of Saudi efforts to withstand Iranian intimidation. It makes clear that the Administration will stick resolutely to its security commitments in the Gulf--including limited arms sales to help our friends defend against a common threat. But the response also pledges full consultation with Congress as we move forward with specific sales. We are currently devising a thorough Congressional gameplan on Saudi arms sales to put into action after the August recess.

RecommendationOKNo

That you sign the letter to Pell at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Response to Senator Pell
Tab B Letter from Senator Pell
of July 22

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