

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 5, 1993

Dear Mr. Leader:

Thank you for your letter calling for additional sanctions against Libya until it extradites two Libyan agents indicted for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. The current United Nations resolutions are being ignored by the Government of Libya and we must not let that stand. It continues to be our firm intention to increase the UN sanctions with the assistance of our allies.

Our anti-terrorist campaign to date supports this commitment. We vigorously prosecute suspects and continue investigating terrorist plots aimed at the U.S. such as the recent arrests in the World Trade Center bombing and the plot to wreak havoc on parts of New York and New Jersey. Where we have been able to prove state sponsorship of such terrorist plots our actions have been measured but swift, such as the bombing of the headquarters of the terrorist plotters in Iraq. Where we have managed to obtain legal access abroad to terrorists indicted in the U.S., we have mobilized teams to capture them and bring them to justice, such as Mahud Abou Halima in Egypt in the case of the World Trade Center bombing and most recently, Umar Mohamed Ali Rezaq in Nigeria wanted for the bombing in 1985 of the Egyptian airliner in Malta where Americans were killed.

Our policy is clear. We will fight terrorism aimed at the U.S. or our friends anywhere in the world preferably with our allies but unilaterally if we must.

The issue of the attack on Pan Am Flight 103 in 1988 is still before us. The U.S., together with the British and the French, who are also victims in this case, will move to increase sanctions in an effort to bring the accused before a competent court of justice. I have long supported stronger sanctions, including an oil embargo, and negotiations are ongoing regarding possible options to increase the pressure. This act of aggression will not go unpunished.

I share your concern that we must continue our vigilance against terrorism and vigorously pursue justice in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Honorable Bob Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510