

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1983

Dear Bob:

I want to thank you for your support of S. Con. Res. 26, the essential first step toward deployment of 100 Peacekeeper missiles beginning in 1986 and development of a new, small and mobile single-warhead ICBM.

Your vote gives us a long sought-after chance to secure a balanced, verifiable arms reduction that can make our world, our Nation and our people safer. Your confidence will bear directly on our ability to strengthen the peace through arms reduction agreements.

There should be no mistake about our resolve to strengthen the peace by seeking arms reduction agreements -- agreements which will lead to more security and stability. There should also be no mistake that the MX and other modernization measures will be invaluable in helping us achieve these goals.

Again, thank you for your endorsement of the Scowcroft Commission's bipartisan and interdependent recommendations on modernization, deterrence and arms control. I look forward to working with you in the days ahead to ensure a continuing legislative consensus that can be sustained from one administration to another, from one party to the other, and which lays the groundwork for the eventual elimination of all nuclear weapons.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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