

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 15, 1990

Dear Bob:

I wanted to take a moment to express my personal appreciation for your vote at the end of session on the Egyptian Foreign Military Sales (FMS) debt proposal.

Our support for Egypt at this critical moment is essential to the success of the international effort to isolate and contain Iraq. Egypt is a vital partner in Operation Desert Shield, sharing the risk with our soldiers. Egypt's troubled economy is also bearing an unexpected burden because of the Gulf crisis. Beyond this, Egypt has for years been a bulwark of stability and moderation in the region, symbolized by the Camp David accords and the peace treaty with Israel.

I am proud that the United States has recognized this invaluable Egyptian role and the urgent need for our help. Your support has sent an unequivocal signal to Egypt, to our other Arab friends, and to Saddam Hussein that the United States stands behind its allies in the search for peace and stability in the Middle East.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Robert Dole
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