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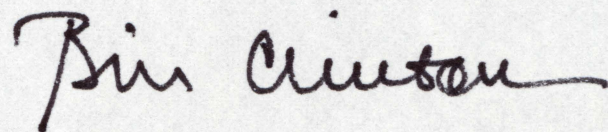
Dear Mr. Leader:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning missile defenses and the ABM Treaty. I want to assure you that my Administration shares your commitment to developing highly effective missile defenses to meet and defeat current and projected threats.

During the May 1995 summit, President Yeltsin and I agreed on basic principles to serve as a basis for further discussion in order to reach agreement in the field of demarcation between ABM systems and theater missile defense systems. These principles make clear the necessity of counteracting the threat posed by worldwide proliferation of missiles and missile technology. We are now engaged in discussions with Russia to learn more about how Russia proposes to translate these principles into a new Russian negotiating position, and we are also reviewing how best to revise our negotiating position to take account of the summit principles.

I appreciate your letting me know your views on how best to achieve our shared goals and look forward to continuing our consultations with Congress on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Bill Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Honorable Robert Dole
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