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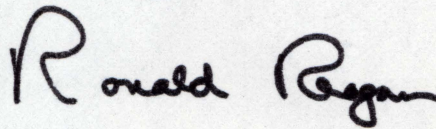
Dear Bob:

The Senate vote approving \$14 million in humanitarian aid to Nicaraguan contras was an important attempt to achieve peace in Central America.

The significance of the Senate's action was far greater than the relatively small amount of money it would have released. It offered hope for democracy in Nicaragua. It signaled our friends and foes alike that the United States would stand behind those who fight to preserve liberty by resisting communist subversion.

Your leadership was crucial to this victory for freedom in our hemisphere and our national security. All Americans should be deeply grateful to you for your efforts, as am I.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

The Honorable Robert Dole
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510