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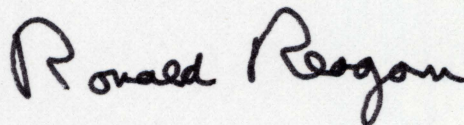
May 7, 1986

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your recent vote in opposition to Senate Joint Resolution 316, which would prohibit the sale of air defense and anti-ship missiles to Saudi Arabia. Although I was deeply disappointed at the results of the Senate vote, I appreciate your support and I assure you that I will continue my efforts to gain final approval of this sale.

Our efforts to achieve peace and stability in the region, to ensure Israel's security, to prevent Soviet expansion in this vital area, and to reaffirm our reliability among pro-Western Arab states will be well served by this arms sale. It is in our own national interest to help Saudi Arabia defend itself against the radical elements in the region, and I will be working hard in the next several days to bring this about. Again, you have my deep gratitude, and I hope I can count on your continued help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized script. The first name "Ronald" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Reagan".

The Honorable Robert Dole
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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