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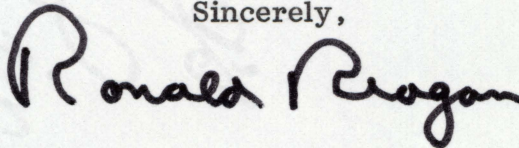
Dear Bob:

I am very pleased that the Senate has sustained my veto of Senate Joint Resolution 316, a measure that would have prohibited the arms sale to Saudi Arabia. I thank you for your support and particularly for the leadership you provided throughout this important debate.

For nearly forty years we have had a mutually beneficial security relationship with Saudi Arabia. This sale will signal to the Saudis and to other moderate Arab states our reliability and credibility as a security partner. By ensuring that Saudi Arabia has the capability to defend itself in future years, we will also help deter the spread of radical movements and Soviet expansion in the Middle East. Our ability to deal with the moderate Arab states is also very much in the interest of Israel, as we continue our efforts to seek a lasting peace in this volatile region.

Bob, your leadership role was the key to sustaining my veto, and I just want you to know that you once again have my personal gratitude and admiration for your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

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