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Mr. David L. Martineau  
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Dear Mr. Martineau:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 23, 1975, with the enclosed editorial by Admiral Zumwalt from the New York Times. I apologize for this late response due to the heavy volume of mail my office has been receiving.

I appreciate your concern over this country's position in international affairs. I do not believe that this country should or will renege upon its responsibilities as a leader of the free world. In light of the recent setbacks in foreign policy, this is hardly the time to retreat from international leadership. However, in the future, we must be able to establish a logical and relevant basis for our involvements abroad. We must seek the backing of an informed and involved American public in determining foreign policy directives.

I have always favored a strong military posture. My support for funding for most all of the major weapons programs contained within the recently passed Military Procurement Bill is largely due to my concern that this nation must remain at military parity with the Soviet Union.

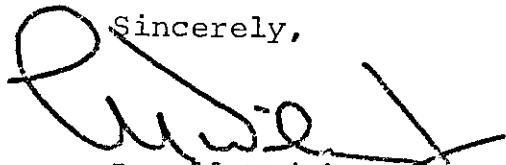
I feel that Congressional action on this legislation clearly indicates that most of my colleagues share my sentiments in this regard.

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I have enclosed for your information a speech I recently delivered on the United States and foreign policy. I thank you, again, for writing.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



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Enclosure