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Mr. David L. Martineau  
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Dear Mr. Martineau:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your concern for the United States' position in the world.

I believe that recent events will in the long run strengthen the United States world position. We will learn to be more discerning in our foreign commitments, and in that way we will gain credibility when commitments are made. We must maintain a strong defense posture. The cuts that been proposed in our defense budget will not diminish our capabilities but will eliminate wasteful spending on unnecessary programs.

I appreciate your taking the time to write and enclose the article by Admiral Zumwalt.

Sincerely,



Abe Ribicoff