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The Honorable Ronald A. Sarasin  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Sarasin:

While still far from being satisfactory, the economic situation both in Connecticut and the country at large is showing definite signs of recovery. But I am deeply concerned about our steadily deteriorating international position.

Our policies as well as our actions are drifting and are lacking in unified, long range purpose--while those of our principal adversary seem to be prevailing at every turn. In support of that statement, I need only mention: Viet Nam, Cambodia, Portugal, the Middle East, Turkey and Greece, most of Latin America, and the weakening of NATO. To rationalize these and other failures, we fall back on our optimistic concept of Detente.

Along with our declining influence and effectiveness, is the prospect that Congress intends to make further cuts in our defense capabilities whose costs already represent the lowest proportion of Gross National Product and total Federal spending since World War II.

I am enclosing for your serious attention, an article by Admiral Zumwalt, the former Chief of Naval Operations, which appeared just recently on the editorial page of the New York Times. It is a realistic and factual summation of our declining international position and the serious threat of the Soviets and others being tempted into new and dangerous options.

As a resident of Connecticut, I would appreciate your views on our diminishing influence and leadership in the Free World.

Sincerely yours,

David L. Martineau

Enclosure