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Dear Mr. Secretary,

We are writing to respectfully request your full cooperation in clarifying several troubling questions regarding a transcript of a meeting ostensibly held between the Saudi Defense Minister and yourself on May 12, 1983.

As you are well aware, a number of congressional offices recently received a protocol of a meeting which allegedly took place between Saudi Defense Minister Sultan Ben Abd el Azis and yourself earlier this summer. The transcript of the alleged meeting was obtained from the Lebanese newspaper, Al Sapir. As it appeared in Al Sapir, the transcript represents a shocking indictment of the Administration's conduct of foreign policy toward Saudi Arabia.

According to the transcript, you are alleged to have told the Defense Minister that information about a proposed sale of F-15 jets should be withheld from the President due to leaks of information within the Administration. If the President were informed of a proposed F-15 sale, both Congress and the press would be apprised of this sale and problems would arise related to the delivery of these weapons to Saudi Arabia.

The reprinted transcript also contains an alleged exchange between the Saudi Defense Minister and yourself regarding the sale of M-1 tanks to Saudi Arabia. In this exchange, you are said to have invited the Saudis to come to the United States to view a demonstration of the M-1 tank. However, at the time this invitation was ostensibly extended to the Saudis, this tank was not even available to the American army.

We understand that you have already strongly denied the authenticity of these transcripts in a letter to New York Mayor Ed Koch and in a recent press conference. However, a number of questions remain related to how Al Sapir obtained the forged document and what actually transpired during your meeting with the Defense Minister.

Those of us on Capitol Hill who are deeply interested in the conduct of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East would like to bring this unfortunate controversy to a speedy conclusion. To accomplish this mutually desired goal, we would like to invite you to present your own version of what actually transpired in this meeting. In view of the highly sensitive

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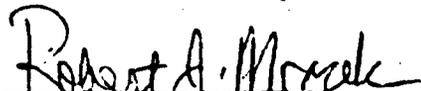
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nature of this material, we welcome the opportunity to receive this information in a closed executive session.

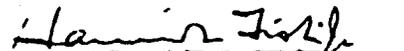
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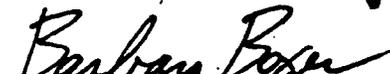
Sincerely,

  
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Stephen J. Solarz, M.C.

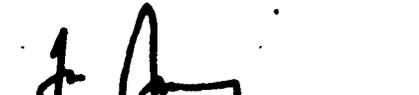
  
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Exec Sec,

Pls TAKE these  
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ACTION.

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should SIGN OUT TRANSMITTALS,

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NOTE FOR USD(P)

See and take for action SecDef's  
marginal guidance on the attached  
which reads--

"Just send them a copy of my  
September 20 letter to Koch  
and a copy of my letter to  
some other Congressman recently,  
(signed on the plane).

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Colin L. Powell  
Major General, USA  
Senior Military Assistant  
to the Secretary of Defense

cc: ASD(LA)

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