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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 May 1986

Dear Senator,

I was most grateful to receive your letter of 22 April about the United Kingdom's support for the recent United States military action against Libya.

I have no doubt that the Administration was right to take firm action against terrorism, and I have no reservations about the part which the United Kingdom was able to play. None of us likes to take military action. Democratic nations are slow to use it - but if terrorism is not resisted, it will only mount and undermine everything we stand for.

I and my family are very proud to have your letter - we shall keep it as a part of history and as a testament of friendship. Would you please thank all those Senators who signed it.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Senator Bob Dole



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You asked that this letter
and your reply be returned
to you *to keep.*

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 22, 1986

Right Honorable Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister:

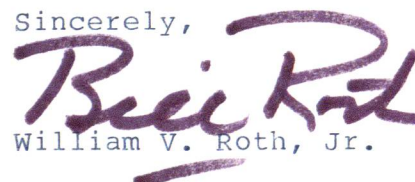
We, the undersigned Members of the United States Senate, wish to thank you, formally, for your support for recent U.S. military action against terrorist training centers in Libya. Your firmness, foresight and commitment to the continued integrity of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is to be commended.

As you pointed out to the House of Commons, the U.S. maintains over 330,000 troops in Europe. European commitment to the safety and security of those personnel is vital for the health of the alliance.

Neither we nor the President take any joy in U.S. military action against any nation. Unfortunately, diplomatic attempts to dissuade Colonel Qaddafi from underwriting terrorist groups bore no success, despite many years of effort. The European members of the alliance did not support concerted economic action against Libya. Under the circumstances, the U.S. government had no choice but to resort to force, as allowed under the U.N. Charter, to deter further terrorist acts against its civilian population and military personnel.

Thank you for your support.


Bob Dole

Sincerely,

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