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Honorable Gillis Long  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Congressman:

With regard to your letter of September 13, there were no commitments made by me, and as I pointed out in my letter to Mayor Koch, the purported transcript is a fabrication in its entirety.

Sincerely,

*Joseph W. Kentinger*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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SUBJECT: Response to Congressman Gillis Long (D-LA), --  
ACTION MEMORANDUM

Congressman Long previously received a copy of your response to Mayor Koch in regard to the purported memorandum of conversation between you and Prince Sultan, published by the Al Sapiro. In his latest letter he is pressing for additional information by asking for "all of the commitments made by you to the Saudi Minister."

Our proposed reply is short and to the point: diplomacy cannot be conducted effectively without assurance of confidentiality, and this has been the consistent policy of all recent Administrations. Thus, I recommend that no further information in regard to your meeting with Prince Sultan be released.

Recommend you sign the letter at Tab A.

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