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Honorable Malcolm Baldrige  
Secretary of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mac:

Thank you for the copy of your October 13 letter to George Shultz concerning Judge Clark's request for increased export controls against Libya in response to Tripoli's invasion of Chad and support of Central American insurgents and international terrorism.

I fully support the interdepartmental effort that has taken place to date and feel the process should remain within the confines of the NSC structure. As we approach additional sanctions against Libya, I feel certain we can constructively resolve our differences. The NSC would be a more appropriate forum when the issue is raised to the Cabinet level since the issues are primarily political, military, and economic rather than export administration.

I am equally aware of the foreign availability situation. I believe, however, that this factor could be mitigated through our effort to seek support from the Allies in controlling national security embargoed items on the same basis as for the Soviet Union.

Sincerely,

Office of the Secretary of Defense <sup>5 U.S.C. 6552</sup>  
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