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Dear Senator Tsongas:

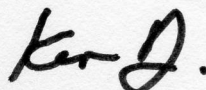
The President asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter of March 25th concerning NATO's short-range nuclear forces. As you may know, NATO is moving to complete its intensive study of the size and composition of the Alliance's nuclear stockpile. Your letter is timely in that the current focus of NATO's study, I understand, is on short-range systems.

We have referred your letter to Assistant Secretary Richard Perle, Chairman of NATO's High Level Group, for a more comprehensive review and reply.

Thank you again for your interest and concern.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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