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Dear Mr. Flynn:

I am pleased to respond for Secretary Christopher to your letter of February 5, 1993 concerning the blockade of Armenia.

The U.S. Government is deeply concerned by the blockade and the deterioration of living conditions in Armenia, and we are responding in three ways: 1) provision of humanitarian assistance to Armenia; 2) diplomatic pressure to open supply routes to Armenia; and 3) diplomatic efforts to achieve a peaceful, negotiated settlement to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the lifting of all blockades in the region.

The U.S. has been actively working to ensure that needed food, medicine and fuel reach Armenia. We recently shipped 66,000 metric tons of grain to Armenia, with a further 50,000 metric tons of feed grain to follow. We are also paying to ship 15,000 tons of fuel oil and thousands of kerosene heaters to Armenia. Finally, we are arranging to airlift medicines and infant formula into Yerevan.

In addition, the U.S. has been working to secure reliable supply routes to Armenia. The U.S. continues to urge Turkey and Georgia to ensure passage of humanitarian aid destined for Armenia, and most of our assistance to Armenia has passed through one of these countries.

Finally, the U.S. has been the leading force in diplomatic efforts to obtain a ceasefire in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and a lifting of all blockades. We are convinced that the CSCE-sponsored Minsk Group negotiations offer the best hope for a peaceful resolution of the conflict and the restoration of Armenia's traditional supply lines through Azerbaijan.

I hope this information is useful to you.

Sincerely,

Larry C. Napper

Director

Office of Independent States and
Commonwealth Affairs

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Comm. from Larry C. Napper, Director,
Office of Independent States and
Commonwealth Affairs, United States
Department of State, in response to
a resolution adopted by the City
Council concerning the blockade of
Armenia.

In City Council,

March 15, 1993

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