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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the bipartisan agreement on Central America between the Executive and the Congress, the Congress has now voted to extend humanitarian assistance to the Nicaraguan Resistance at current levels through February 28, 1990. This assistance has been authorized and appropriated but will not be obligated beyond November 30, 1989, except in the context of consultation among the Executive, the Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority and Minority leaders, and the relevant authorization and appropriation committees, and only if affirmed via letters from the Bipartisan Leadership of Congress and the relevant House and Senate authorization and appropriations committees.

This bipartisan accord on Central America represents a unique agreement between the Executive and the Legislative Branches. Thus, it is the intention of the parties that this agreement in no way establishes any precedent for the Executive or the Legislative Branch regarding the authorization and appropriation process.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Baker
James A. Baker, III

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The Honorable
Jim Wright,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.