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FOR OES DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WOLFE FROM AMBASSADOR  
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SUBJECT: ~~LETTER FROM SENATOR MURKOWSKI~~

1. I HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED MAY 20,  
1985, FROM SENATOR FRANK H. MURKOWSKI:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR JOHN:

AN ISSUE THAT I WAS UNABLE TO RAISE WITH YOU DURING YOUR  
CONFIRMATION HEARING PERTAINS TO THE MATTER OF THE INTER-  
NATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION PROTOCOLS TO THE CIVIL  
LIABILITY AND OIL SPILL FUND CONVENTIONS NEGOTIATED LAST  
YEAR. CONCERN HAS BEEN RAISED AS TO THEIR VIABILITY AND  
THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY SERVE UNITED STATES INTERESTS.

I WAS PLEASED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ORDERED AN  
INTERNAL REVIEW OF THESE PROTOCOLS RATHER THAN TRANSMITTING  
THEM IMMEDIATELY TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
FOR CONSIDERATION.

IN MY OPINION, MR. AMBASSADOR, THESE PROTOCOLS ARE GOING  
TO REQUIRE IN-DEPTH REVIEW AND RECONSIDERATION. FURTHER,  
I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE  
BEFORE FORMALLY SUBMITTING THEM TO THE SENATE FOR ITS  
ADVICE AND CONSENT.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE DEPARTMENT'S  
VIEWS REGARDING THE PROTOCOLS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR  
UNITED STATES INTERESTS.

WITH BEST REGARDS, SINCERELY, FRANK H. MURKOWSKI, UNITED  
STATES SENATOR. END TEXT.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PREPARING AN APPROPRIATE REPLY  
FOR MY SIGNATURE UPON RETURN TO WASHINGTON. ALSO ASK  
THAT YOU ADVISE SENATOR MURKOWSKI'S STAFF THAT WE ARE  
IN RECEIPT OF HIS LETTER AND THAT A REPLY IS IN PREPARA-  
TION. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON JUNE THIRD. WARM  
REGARDS. NEGROPONTE

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