

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 19, 2005

Dear Representative McDermott:

Thank you for your letter to the President urging him to take immediate steps to begin the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies responsible for formulating policy recommendations in this area. Please be assured your letter is receiving their close and careful attention.

Thank you for your comments.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Hobbs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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