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Dear Linc:

Many thanks for the copy of your thoughtful letter to  
Sam De Palma.

I wholeheartedly agree with you that it will be most  
unfortunate to say the least if the United Nations fails  
to act meaningfully on the terrorism question.

I believe our approach has been imaginative and that we  
have enunciated the point in our speeches that a failure  
of the United Nations to act on this issue would be harmful  
not only in terms of its effect on acts of terrorism but on  
the credibility of the United Nations. Enclosed please  
find a copy of Tap Bennett's statement on the item in the  
Sixth Committee. You will note that it includes a recogni-  
tion of the importance of the item on its own terms and to  
the United Nations as well as some indication of the  
alternative possibility of the "coalition" approach.

You may rest assured we will be pursuing this matter vigor-  
ously. Any further ideas you might have will be most  
welcome.

Best regards,

George Bush

Enclosure:  
Statement  
on terrorism.