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[Records on the Total Force Policy and the National Guard in the Persian Gulf War Selected Correspondence Between President Bush and Congressman Montgomery](#)

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