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FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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A LETTER INFORMING THE CONGRESS THAT APPROXIMATELY 80 U.S. ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL WERE DEPLOYED TO CHAD AS PART OF THE U.S. EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND SUPPORT THE SAFE RETURN OF OVER 200 SCHOOLGIRLS WHO ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED IN NIGERIA



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, May 21, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Approximately 80 U.S. Armed Forces personnel have deployed to Chad as part of the U.S. efforts to locate and support the safe return of over 200 schoolgirls who are reported to have been kidnapped in Nigeria. These personnel will support the operation of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance aircraft for missions over northern Nigeria and the surrounding area. The force will remain in Chad until its support in resolving the kidnapping situation is no longer required.

This action has been directed in furtherance of U.S. national security and foreign policy interests, pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct U.S. foreign relations and as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive.

I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress fully informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93–148). I appreciate the support of the Congress in these actions.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA.

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