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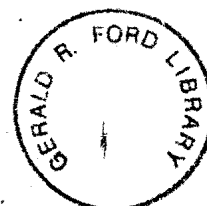
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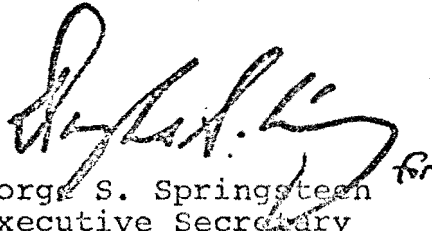
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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from President Echeverria
of Mexico to the President

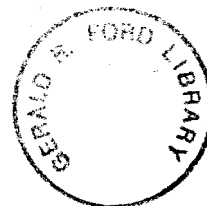
Attached is a letter from President Echeverria of Mexico to the President which was forwarded to the Department by the United States Embassy in Mexico. President Echeverria thanks the President for his message, states he is pleased that good bilateral relations between Mexico and the United States will continue, and congratulates the President for having confirmed Dr. Kissinger as Secretary of State. A translation of the letter is attached.

No reply is necessary.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Translation of President Echeverria's letter.
2. President Echeverria's letter to the President.



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SEÑOR GERALD FORD
PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS
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WASHINGTON DC

CON MOTIVO DE LA INVESTIDURA DE VUESTRA EXCELENCIA COMO PRESIDENTE
DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA COMA ME COMPLAZCO EN HACERLE
LLEGAR MIS MAS CORDIALES FELICITACIONES ASI COMO LOS VOTOS QUE
FORMULO POR EL PROGRESO DEL PUEBLO ESTADOUNIDENSE Y LA VENTURA

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LUIS ECHEVERRIA ALVAREZ
PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS
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1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY AND SECRETARIAT FOREIGN RELATIONS THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S REPLY TO MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD, DELIVERED YESTERDAY BY AMBASSADOR JOVA, WAS TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO WHITE HOUSE BY TELEGRAM. BOTH PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE AND PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S REPLY PUBLISHED WIDELY IN MEXICO CITY PRESS ON AUGUST 10. TEXT OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S MESSAGE, IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION, FOLLOWS.

2. TEXT

NATIONAL PALACE, AUGUST 9, 1974.

DISTINGUISHED MISTER PRESIDENT:

THROUGH THE KIND ACTION OF AMBASSADOR JOSEPH JOHN JOVA, I HAVE RECEIVED THE CORDIAL MESSAGE WHICH YOU SENT ME ON THIS DATE, AN ACTION WHICH I CONSIDER A SPECIAL ATTENTION TOWARD MY COUNTRY.

IN EXPRESSING MY APPRECIATION FOR THIS KINDNESS (SP. DEFERENCIA), I WANT TO CONVEY TO YOU MY SATISFACTION FOR THE PROMPTNESS WITH WHICH YOU HAVE PROCEEDED CLEARLY TO MAKE KNOWN YOUR INTENTION THAT THE PREVAILING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED

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STATES SHOULD CONTINUE AND PROSPER. I ALSO TOOK NOTE, WITH PLEASURE, THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL NOT FAIL TO HONOR ITS INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND THAT IT WILL DEDICATE ITSELF TO THE GREAT CAUSES OF PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD.

IN CONGRATULATING YOU UPON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGHEST OFFICE (SP. EL MAS RELEVANTE CARGO) OF YOUR COUNTRY AND WISHING YOU A BRILLIANT SUCCESS IN YOUR ACTIONS, I TRUST, AS DO YOU, THAT THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR NATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE THOSE OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND EFFECTIVE COOPERATION FOR THE WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH PEOPLES.

I ALSO EXPRESS TO YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR HAVING CONFIRMED AS SECRETARY OF STATE DOCTOR HENRY A. KISSINGER, WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED A KEEN INTEREST IN UNDERSTANDING IN DEPTH THE PRESENT RELATIONS BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER TO RAISE THEM TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF UNDERSTANDING AND RECIPROCAL BENEFIT.

VERY CORDIALLY,
LUYS ECHEVERRIA."
END TEXT.
JOVA

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(TRANSLATION)

LS NO. 43276
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Spanish

Mexico, D.F., August 9, 1974
National Palace

Dear Mr. President:

Through the good offices of Ambassador Joseph John Jova, I have received the cordial message which you addressed to me today and which I deem to be a special mark of attention to my country.

As I thank you for this courtesy, I wish to express to you my satisfaction at the promptness with which you communicated your clear intention that the good relations prevailing between Mexico and the United States should continue and flourish. I likewise take note, with pleasure, that your Government will not fail to honor its international commitments and that it will dedicate itself to the great causes of peace and progress in the world.

I congratulate you on assuming your country's most eminent office and wish you brilliant success in your administration. I share your faith that relations between our nations will continue to be marked by mutual respect and effective cooperation for the well-being and development of both peoples.

His Excellency
Gerald R. Ford,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

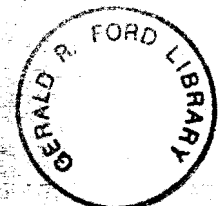


I also congratulate you on retaining as Secretary of State Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, who has shown such lively interest in becoming thoroughly acquainted with current relations between Latin America and the United States in order to bring them to higher levels of understanding and mutual benefit.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

L. Echeverría
Luis Echeverría



Presidente de México

México, D.F., agosto 9 de 1974.
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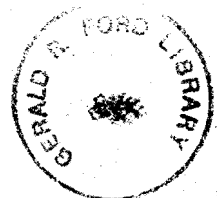
Distinguido señor Presidente:

Por el amable conducto del Embajador Joseph John Jova, he recibido el cordial mensaje que con esta fecha me ha dirigido, lo que estimo como una especial atención referida a mi país.

Al agradecer esta deferencia, quiero manifestarle mi satisfacción por la prontitud con que usted ha procedido en señalar claramente su intención de que continúen y prosperen las buenas relaciones prevaletientes entre México y los Estados Unidos. Asimismo tomo nota, con agrado, de que su Gobierno no dejará de honrar sus compromisos internacionales y que se dedicará a las grandes causas de la paz y el progreso en el mundo.

Al felicitarlo por haber asumido el más relevante cargo de su país y desearle un brillante éxito en su gestión, confío, como usted, en que las relaciones bilaterales entre nuestras naciones, continuarán siendo de mutuo respeto y cooperación efectiva para el bienestar y desarrollo de ambos pueblos.

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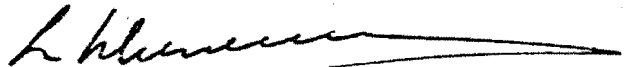


Presidente de México

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Le envío, asimismo, mi congratulación por haber confirmado al Dr. Henry A. Kissinger como Secretario de Estado, quien ha demostrado un vivo interés por conocer a fondo las relaciones existentes entre Latinoamérica y los Estados Unidos, con el fin de llevarlas a más altos niveles de entendimiento y beneficio recíproco.

Muy cordialmente,



~~Luis Echeverría~~

Excelentísimo señor
GERALD R. FORD,
Presidente de los
Estados Unidos de América,
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Washington, D.C.



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PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ECHEVIRRIA. IF RECIPIENT NOT
AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AS I ASSUME MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, MY THOUGHTS TURN
IMMEDIATELY TO THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND ESPECIALLY TO
OUR CLOSE FRIENDS AND ALLIES. I AM AWARE OF THE UNUSUALLY
CLOSE AND EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS
BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES, AND I WANT TO ASSURE
YOU PERSONALLY, ON THIS MY FIRST DAY AS PRESIDENT, OF MY
STRONGEST DESIRE TO DO ALL WITHIN MY POWER TO CONTINUE
THIS RELATIONSHIP.

YOU, OF COURSE, ARE AWARE OF THE OVERWHELMING BIPARTI-
SAN SUPPORT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES HAS



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HAD IN THIS COUNTRY FOR MANY YEARS. YOU WILL ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE SEEN THE STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF THIS BIPARTISAN SUPPORT WHICH HAS ACCOMPANIED MY OWN ASSUMPTION OF THESE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT MY GOVERNMENT WILL NOT FAIL TO HONOR ALL OF ITS COMMITMENTS BOTH TO MEXICO AND AROUND THE WORLD. IN CARRYING THESE OUT, I COUNT MYSELF FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE SERVICES OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, IN WHOM I HAVE TOTAL CONFIDENCE. I LOOK FORWARD, MR. PRESIDENT, TO COOPERATING CLOSELY WITH YOU AS WE ADDRESS NOT ONLY BILATERAL AND REGIONAL MATTERS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE BUT ALSO THE GREAT CAUSES OF PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD TO WHICH WE ARE BOTH DEDICATED.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT KISSINGER

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11 MSC 7351 DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE KIND
12 MESSAGE WHICH YOU SENT ME AS ONE OF YOUR FIRST OFFICIAL ACTS.
13 I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT, AT SUCH A DECISIVE MOMENT
14 YOU SHOULD EXPRESS;
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20 TO ME YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND YOUR INTEREST
21 IN A CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE WORLD
22 ORGANIZATION. THE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES
23 GOVERNMENT IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE
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5 FOR THE UNITED NATIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND;

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10 WITH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND I HOPE WE MAY SOON HAVE
11 AND OCCASION TO DISCUSS PERSONALLY THE MANY SUBJECTS WHICH ARE
12 OF COMMON CONCERN. AS YOU ASSUME THE VAST RESPONSIBILITIES OF
13 THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, I WISH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT,
14 ALL POSSIBLE SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE;
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1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO UNSYG WALDHEIM. SINCE HE IS NOT IN NEW YORK, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE FOR TRANSMISSION TO HIM.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL: ON ASSUMING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I WANTED AS ONE OF MY VERY FIRST OFFICIAL ACTS, TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU.

YOU ARE SO FAMILIAR WITH THE UNITED STATES THAT I HARDLY NEED TELL YOU OUR BASIC FOREIGN POLICY RESTS ON A BROAD BIPARTISAN FOUNDATION AND THAT THERE WILL BE FULL CONTINUITY IN THE CONDUCT OF OUR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THIS GENERAL PROPOSITION APPLIES, IN PARTICULAR, TO CONTINUED AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS. IN THIS AREA OF POLICY, AS IN OTHERS, I WILL BE SUPPORTED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN WHOM I HAVE THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE.



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LET ME REAFFIRM TO YOU THE CONVICTION I EXPRESSED AT THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION DINNER IN NEW YORK IN

JUNE, THAT THE WORLD WOULD BE A FAR MORE FEARFUL AND FEARSOME PLACE WITHOUT THE UNITED NATIONS AND THAT THE UN IS NOT ONLY DESIRABLE BUT NECESSARY.

IN THIS CONNECTION I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT OVER RECENT MONTHS I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN BRINGING ABOUT A CEASEFIRE AND DIS-ENGAGEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE IMPORTANT CONTRI-BUTION BEING MADE BY THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS TO PROTECTING LIVES AND RESTORING STABILITY ON THAT TROUBLED ISLAND. I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OWN DISTINGUISHED ROLE. THE US SUPPORTS THE UN'S EFFORTS IN THESE AND OTHER FIELDS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND TO HAVING A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS PERSONALLY. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD END TEXT KISSINGER

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August 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Replies to President Ford's Message

Attached for appropriate handling are replies to President Ford's messages to selected foreign leaders on his assumption of the Presidency. The replies are from the following foreign leaders:

102	Brazil	Geisel	President
95	Canada	Trudeau	Prime Minister
8	Iran	Pahlavi	Shah
162	Thailand	Sanya	Prime Minister
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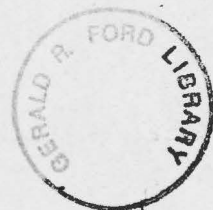
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ON ASSUMING THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
PLEASE ACCEPT THE VERY BEST WISHES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE OF THE NETHERLANDS FOR YOURSELF AND FOR YOUR COUNTRY
WE ARE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT ON THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION, CONFIDENT
THAT THE UNITED STATES UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP WILL CONTINUE
TO FULFILL THEIR WORLDWIDE RESPONSIBILITIES IN WORLD POLITICS

JOOP DENUYL PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF
THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS





MINISTER-PRESIDENT

The Hague, August 13th 1974

Dear Mr. President,

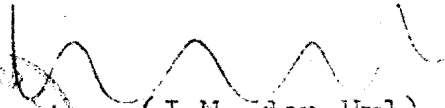
Through your Embassy in The Hague, I received the message which you sent me on your taking office as President of the United States.

In the spirit of the long-standing friendship which exists between your country and mine, we - my Government and myself - welcome your reaffirmation of the ties which bind us.

This relationship we value most highly, the more so as we know that it has the strenght to admit of openness and of honesty toward each other, and to survive differences of opinion where these might arise.

Your reassurance that the United States will continue its policy of Atlantic cooperation, in the interest of our mutual security and with the aim of building a peaceful world, purposes which are no less ours, is welcomed by the Netherlands Government in this same spirit. My Government would appreciate a visit by you to the Netherlands at the occasion of your proposed trip to Europe.

Sincerely,


(J.M. den Uyl).



The Honorable Gerald R. Ford,
President of the United States of America,
Washington D.C.



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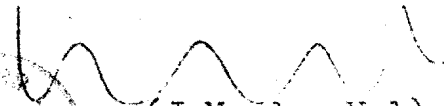
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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford,
President of the United States of America,
Washington D.C.



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PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL. IF RECIPIENT NOT
AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME-MINISTER:

AS I TAKE OFFICE AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES I WANT TO ASSURE YOUR GOVERNMENT, AS OUR ALLY
AND FRIEND, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE ALONG
THE COURSE OF BUILDING A FIRM ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP IN
THE INTEREST OF OUR MUTUAL SECURITY AND THE BUILDING
OF A PEACEFUL WORLD. OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE LONG STOOD
TOGETHER AND JOINTLY WITH OUR MANY FRIENDS AND ALLIES
WE FACE NEW CHALLENGES THAT CAN ONLY BE DEALT WITH IN
A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY.

WE HAVE QUITE RECENTLY REAFFIRMED OUR COMMON
PURPOSES, AND I INTEND TO FOLLOW THIS COURSE WITH THE



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SAME VIGOR AS PRESIDENT NIXON, NOT ONLY IN THE ALLIANCE
BUT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO
CONTINUE IN OFFICE SO AS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN
THE CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICIES. HE HAS MY
FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED CLOSE RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.
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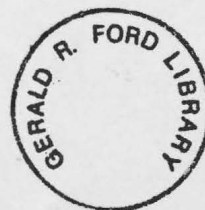
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UNCLASSIFIEDMEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Congratulatory Messages to the President:
Korea

Messages from the President have been sent to the Korean President, Prime Minister and Speaker of the National Assembly responding to their congratulatory messages to the President. It is felt that replies to messages of congratulation from three National Assembly members and the President of the Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industry, copies of which are attached, are not necessary. This recommendation has been discussed with Mr. Froebe and he concurs.

George S. Springsteen
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Message from Assemblyman Kim Myong Whai
2. Message from Assemblyman Kim Yong Tae
3. Message from Assemblyman Kim Taek Har
4. Message from Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Kim Sung Kon

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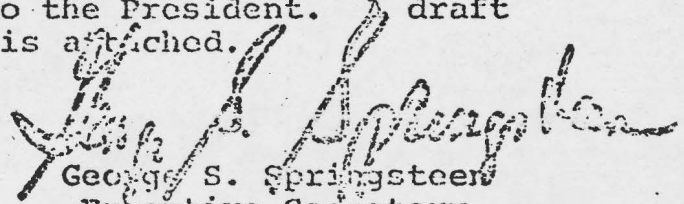
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September 18, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Draft Letter of Reply to Congratulatory Letter from Korean Ambassador Hahn to the President

Attached is a copy of a letter dated August 9 from Korean Ambassador Hahn Pyong Cheon to the Secretary of State transmitting the text of a message of congratulations from President Park Chung Hee to the President. Ambassador Hahn includes his own personal congratulations to the President. A draft letter to Ambassador Hahn is attached.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Letter from Ambassador Hahn
2. Draft letter



THE AMBASSADOR OF KOREA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 9, 1974

The Honorable
Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit the following cable message from His Excellency Park Chung Hee, President of the Republic of Korea, addressed to His Excellency Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America.

"AS YOU ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND PERSONALLY AND ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND WARMEST GOOD WISHES TO YOU AND TO YOUR GREAT PEOPLE. WE WISH YOU A MOST SUCCESSFUL AND FRUITFUL TERM OF OFFICE. WE ALSO WISH THAT A NEW CHAPTER WHICH BEGINS TODAY IN THE TWO HUNDRED YEAR HISTORY OF YOUR PROUD COUNTRY WILL BRING ABOUT A GREATER DEGREE OF UNITY AND PROSPERITY TO YOUR PEOPLE AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP AND SOLID PARTNERSHIP WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED OUR RELATIONSHIP BOTH IN WAR AND PEACE AND WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE GREATEST STRENGTH AS WE COPE WITH RAPID CHANGES AND GREAT CHALLENGES AHEAD.

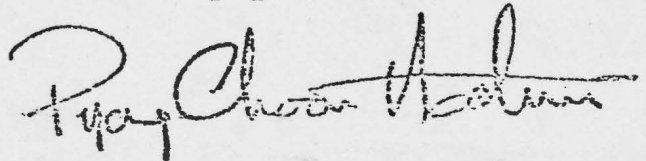
PARK CHUNG HEE, PRESIDENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA"

It would be appreciated very much if the message could be forwarded to its high destination.



I should like to add my personal congratulations and best wishes to President and Mrs. Ford in which Mrs. Hahm and the entire staff at our Embassy here in Washington join me. I look forward to a further flowering of this greatest democracy on earth as it reaches its bicentennial. I should like to reaffirm the friendship and solidarity between our two peoples in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pyong-choon Hahm". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Pyong-choon Hahm



DRAFT REPLY

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of congratulations to Mrs. Ford on my assumption of office as President of the United States. Please be assured of my full commitment to the quest for world peace and international cooperation and to continued friendship and close ties between our two countries.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency

Pyong-choon Hahn,

Ambassador of Korea.



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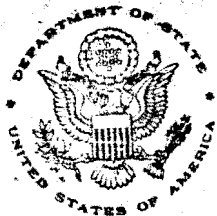
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THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IS BASED
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SINCE KOREA REGAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE, OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE FORGED SPECIALLY STRONG TIES OF FRIENDSHIP, AND LOYALTY TO EACH OTHER. THESE BONDS HAVE BEEN TESTED IN PEACE AND IN WAR. IN VIETNAM AS WELL AS IN KOREA, AND FROM THESE SHARED EXPERIENCES HAVE EMERGED A BELIEF IN COMMON PRINCIPLES. IT SHALL BE THE INTENTION OF MY ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT SO THAT BOTH OUR PEOPLES MAY ENJOY FREEDOM, PROSPERITY, AND THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE IN THE WORLD.

IN THESE IMPORTANT UNDERTAKINGS, AS IN OTHER AREAS, I WILL HAVE THE FIRM SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN WHOM I HAVE THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

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September 5, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Responses to Congratulatory Messages
from Foreign Leaders on Assumption of
Office (S/S 7414766)

Attached are the three approved standard Presidential responses
(Tab A) for acknowledging congratulatory messages. Special
tailored messages are also attached (Tab B) for the following
Heads of State/Government:

- 1 Lon Nol of Cambodia
- 41 Emperor of Japan
- 11 President Thieu of Vietnam
- 138 King and Prime Minister of Laos
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- 26 President Tolbert of Liberia
- 96 General Gowon of Nigeria
- 141 President Sadat of Egypt →150
- ~~69 President and Prime Minister of Israel~~
- 149 Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan
- 8 Shah of Iran
- 93 King Faisal of Saudi Arabia
- 112 President Asad of Syria

If the circumstances of our relations with a given country indicate that a response should not be sent, or that the standard reply would be inappropriate, you are requested to prepare alternate language for clearance here and/or recommend other action.



You should take no action now on the following leaders as individualized replies are still being cleared and will be forwarded separately:

Prime Minister Gandhi of India

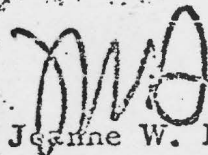
King Hassan of Morocco (S/S 7415768 is still under consideration)

Prime Minister Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka

At Tab C is an up-to-date listing of the congratulatory messages which have been received.

Would you also prepare suggested draft letters -- drawing from the standard texts -- for the foreign representatives in Washington who sent separate congratulatory messages to the President. Your suggested reply could also take into account any other messages which have been sent during the interim.

We would also appreciate your preparing an album for the President of all the incoming and outgoing messages.



Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary



1. "Your thoughtful and heartening message on my assumption of office as President of the United States is deeply appreciated. You may be assured that all the resources of the American Government will continue to be directed toward our common goal of a true and lasting peace for all mankind.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford"

2. "Thank you for your thoughtful message on my assumption of office as President of the United States. Please be assured of my full commitment to the quest for world peace and international cooperation and to continued friendship and close ties between our two countries.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford"

3. "Please accept my sincere appreciation for your kind message on my assumption of office as President of the United States. May I express the hope for, and my commitment to, continued cooperation between our two peoples.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford"



Tailored for President Asad of Syria

Thank you for your kind sentiments in your message to me of August 12 on my assumption of office as President of the United States. I want to assure you that all the resources of the American Government will continue to be directed toward the goals of a true and lasting peace for all mankind, including a just and durable settlement of those issues which have so long troubled the Middle East. As we proceed toward this common objective, I look forward to the continuing expansion of relations between our two countries in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT FORD FROM PRESIDENT ASAD
REF: STATE 174031

1. ON NIGHT AUGUST 12 PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY DABOUL CONVEYED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ASAD TO PRESIDENT FORD.
2. QTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN EXTENDING SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON THE OCCASION OF TAKING UP THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS WELL AS BEST WISHES FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN YOUR LOFTY RESPONSIBILITIES.
3. QTE: I WISH TO THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR MESSAGE, AND TO WELCOME YOUR AFFIRMATION OF EVERYTHING TOLD US BY YOUR PREDECESSOR PRESIDENT NIXON, AND YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY KISSINGER, PARTICULARLY THE STRONG COMMITMENT TO PURSUE EFFORTS TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
4. QTE: AS WE WELCOME THIS INITIAL STAND, I WISH TO REAFFIRM THAT, ON OUR PART, WE HAVE DONE AND ARE STILL WILLING TO DO WHAT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOAL OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN OUR AREA, ON THE BASIS OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS, IN PARTICULAR SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338 OF 1973.
5. QTE: AT THE SAME TIME, I WELCOME YOUR ASSURANCE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO ITS SHARE IN BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC WHICH HAS BEEN LAID. YOU CAN REST

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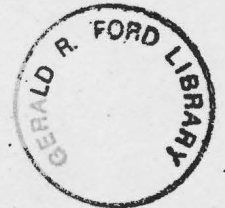
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SO THAT WE SHARE YOUR DESIRE TO DEVELOP THESE RELATIONS
THE INTERESTS OF OUR TWO PEOPLES, TO SERVE THE STRENGTHENING
OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE GOAL OF JUST
AND DURABLE PEACE IN OUR AREA.

6. QTE: THANKING YOU AGAIN, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR
INITIATIVE, I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU. SINCERELY,
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FOR THE CHARGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ASAD. IF HE IS NOT AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AS I TAKE UP THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I AM AS ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS WRITING YOU TO ASSURE YOU AND OTHER FRIENDS OF MY FIRM DEDICATION TO THE POLICIES THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PURSUING IN ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IS SOUNDLY BASED ON THE SUPPORT OF BOTH OUR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES. THE PRINCIPLE OF CONTINUITY IN FOREIGN POLICY HAS DEEP ROOTS



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IN THE TRADITIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND NATIONAL INTERESTS OF AMERICA, NO PRINCIPLE WILL BE MORE CENTRAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER MY ADMINISTRATION. I WANT TO PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I AM FULLY

COMMITTED TO HONORING ALL OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY AND WITH ALL OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. I SPECIFICALLY WISH TO AFFIRM EVERYTHING TOLD YOU BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER.

IN PARTICULAR, I WANT YOU TO KNOW OF MY STRONG COMMITMENT TO PURSUE OUR DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY LOOKING TOWARD A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH THE SAME VIGOR THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED OUR EFFORTS OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL REMAIN ONE OF THE HIGHEST FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OUR ENDEAVORS TO REACH THAT GOAL WILL GO FORWARD WITHOUT INTERRUPTION WITH THE FULL PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER.

FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, I WELCOME THE HISTORIC TURN THIS SPRING IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SYRIA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND I SHALL DO ALL I CAN TO ASSURE THAT MY GOVERNMENT DOES ITS SHARE IN BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION WHICH HAS BEEN LAID. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU, AND I SHALL VALUE YOUR VIEWS AS OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS PROCEED. SINCERELY YOURS, GERALD R. FORD END MESSAGE.
KISSINGER

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October 1974

NOTE FOR FILES:

The attached has been completed with a Presidential reply having been sent, however no copy of the outgoing message was furnished this office. The outgoing State cable number was 205762

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September 5, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Responses to Congratulatory Messages
from Foreign Leaders on Assumption of
Office (S/S 7414766)

Attached are the three approved standard Presidential responses
(Tab A) for acknowledging congratulatory messages. Special
tailored messages are also attached (Tab B) for the following
Heads of State/Government:

- 1 Lon Nol of Cambodia
- 41 Emperor of Japan
- 11 President Thieu of Vietnam
- 138 King and Prime Minister of Laos
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- 26 President Tolbert of Liberia
- 96 General Gowon of Nigeria
- 141 President Sadat of Egypt →150
- ~~69 President and Prime Minister of Israel~~
- 149 Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan
- 8 Shah of Iran
- 93 King Faisal of Saudi Arabia
- 112 President Asad of Syria

If the circumstances of our relations with a given country indicate
that a response should not be sent, or that the standard reply would
be inappropriate, you are requested to prepare alternate language
for clearance here and/or recommend other action.



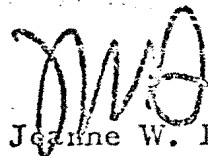
You should take no action now on the following leaders as individualized replies are still being cleared and will be forwarded separately:

Prime Minister Gandhi of India
King Hassan of Morocco (S/S 7415768 is still
under consideration)
Prime Minister Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka

At Tab C is an up-to-date listing of the congratulatory messages which have been received.

Would you also prepare suggested draft letters -- drawing from the standard texts -- for the foreign representatives in Washington who sent separate congratulatory messages to the President. Your suggested reply could also take into account any other messages which have been sent during the interim.

We would also appreciate your preparing an album for the President of all the incoming and outgoing messages.



Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary



Tailored for President Sadat of Egypt

I deeply appreciate your thoughtful and heartening message of August 12 on my assumption of office as President of the United States. You may be assured that all the resources of the American Government will continue to be directed toward our common goal of a true and lasting peace for all mankind, including a just and durable settlement in the Middle East. I look forward to working closely with you and to the continued strengthening of relations between our two countries.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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20 GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT MOST HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TOGETHER
21 WITH MANIFEST GOOD WISHES STOP WHILE WISHING YOU EVERY SUCCESS
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4 IN REALIZING YOUR GREAT COUNTRY'S ASPIRATIONS I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT
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6 THE RELATIONS WHICH HAPPILY SUBSIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
7 WILL CONTINUE TO GROW FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT
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9 OF OUR TWO PEOPLES AND TO THE PROMOTION OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE
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11 IN THE MIDDLE EAST STOP WITH SENTIMENTS OF DEEPEST REGARD FOR YOUR
12 PERSON I HASTENLY WISH YOU THE BEST OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AND
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14 THE AMERICAN PEOPLE INCREASING GLORY AND PROSPERITY UNDER YOUR
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16 PRUDENT LEADERSHIP STOP—KINDLY ACCEPT MR PRESIDENT THE
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18 ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM YOURS—SINCERELY
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UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY AND WITH ALL OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. SPECIFICALLY, I SUPPORT ALL THE DISCUSSIONS YOU HAVE HAD WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER.

IN PARTICULAR, I WANT YOU TO KNOW OF MY STRONG COMMITMENT TO PURSUE OUR DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY LOOKING TOWARD A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH THE SAME VIGOR THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED OUR EFFORTS OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS KEPT ME FULLY INFORMED OF HIS EFFORTS OVER THE PAST MONTHS, AND I AM VERY PLEASED THAT AS SECRETARY OF STATE HE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THIS AND ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF AMERICAN POLICY. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL REMAIN ONE OF THE HIGHEST FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES. AS WE CONTINUE TO MARCH TOWARD THAT GOAL, WHICH YOUR STATESMANSHIP IN LARGE MEASURE HAS BROUGHT WITHIN REACH, I AM DETERMINED TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN AND DEEPEN THE RELATIONS SO RECENTLY RENEWED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE VISIT YOU HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO THIS COUNTRY LATER THIS YEAR AND EXPECT SOON TO BE IN A POSITION TO SUGGEST SPECIFIC DATES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. SINCERELY YOURS,
GERALD R. FORD. END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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