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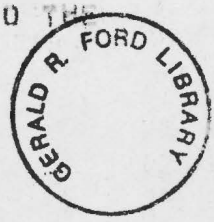
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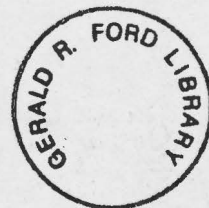


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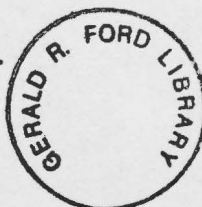
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October 3, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Reply to Congratulatory
Message to President Ford from
NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns

Attached for clearance is a copy of the message the Department of State proposes to send to USNATO conveying President Ford's reply to Secretary General Luns' message of best wishes. It consists of the first standard reply text, with the addition of a reference to "a strong and durable Alliance" in order to relate the message to the particular circumstances of NATO.

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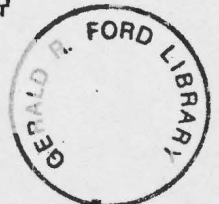
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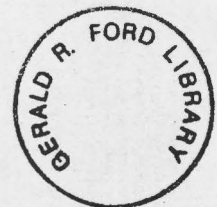
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JOSEPH LUNS

SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO



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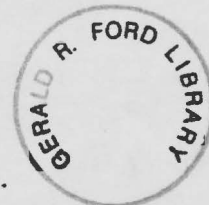
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FOR AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

1. YOU SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO THE NAC AS SOON AS A MEETING CAN BE
CONVENED.

2. BEGIN TEXT: FOR OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OUR
MUTUAL SECURITY HAS RESTED FIRST AND FOREMOST ON THE
NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. IT HAS BEEN CENTRAL TO
AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY; IT WILL REMAIN SO, FOR ONLY
IN OUR COMMON VISION AND THROUGH OUR JOINT EFFORTS
CAN WE DERIVE THAT STRENGTH OF PURPOSE WHICH WILL
ENSURE THAT OUR EFFORTS TO BUILD WORLD PEACE WILL SUCCEED.

AS I ASSUME THE OFFICE THE PRESIDENCY OF THE
UNITED STATES, I DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE
PARTICIPATING WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN
ALLIANCE IN AN UNPRECEDENTED ENDEAVOR: TO GUARANTEE
THE SECURITY OF OUR PEOPLE THROUGH A STRONG DEFENSE,
TO SECURE THE FRUITS OF PEACE, AND TO ENSURE THE



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BENEFITS OF COOPERATION THROUGH OUR VIGOROUS PARTNERSHIP. THIS COUNTRY WILL MAINTAIN ITS OBLIGATIONS AND MEET ITS COMMITMENT AS AN ALLY, JUST AS EACH OF MY

PREDECESSORS HAS DONE OVER THE PAST QUARTER CENTURY. THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE HAS HAD MY UNSWERVING SUPPORT THROUGHOUT MY CAREER AS A PUBLIC SERVANT, IN THE CONGRESS AND AS VICE PRESIDENT. IT HAS HAD THAT BIPARTITSON SUPPORT IN THIS COUNTRY THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF AMERICAN POLICY; THIS WILL CONTINUE UNDER MY ADMINISTRATION.

RECENTLY, ON THE OCCASION OF THE ALLIANCE'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, WE REDEDICATED OURSELVES TO OUR COMMON PURPOSES. THIS IS A NEW FOUNDATION ON WHICH WE CAN ALL BUILD AN EVEN STRONGER RELATIONSHIP TO MEET THE NEW CHALLENGES WE FACE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF A PEACEFUL WORLD.

THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IS A FOCAL POINT FOR SYNCHRONIZING OUR VARIOUS EFFORTS TO RELAX TENSIONS WITH OUR ADVERSARIES. WE WILL SOON CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE ISSUES THAT FACE US IN ATTEMPTING TO CREATE A REALISTIC FRAMEWORK FOR SECURITY FOR ALL OF EUROPE, AND FOR ACHIEVING A STABLE BALANCE OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE THROUGH NEGOTIATED REDUCTIONS. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE IN THIS FORUM TO PRACTICE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS.

AT MY REQUEST, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICIES. HE HAS MY FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT. SIGNED, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.
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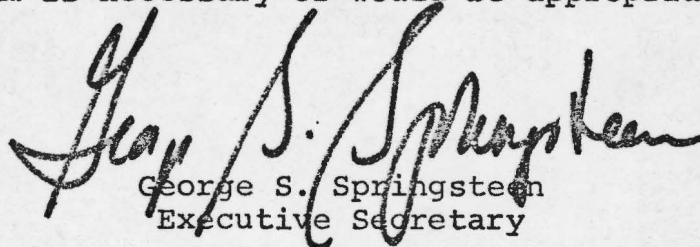
MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Congratulatory Message to President Ford
from President Mobutu of Zaire

President Ford wrote to President Mobutu August 9 stating that he attached high importance to maintaining good relations with Zaire and expressing his desire to carry on the close personal association established between President Mobutu and President Nixon.

President Mobutu responded by telegram August 12, echoing President Ford's sentiments and congratulating the President on his assumption of office.

The Department of State believes that the exchange of messages is complete and that no reply to President Mobutu's telegram is necessary or would be appropriate.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. August 9 letter from President Ford to President Mobutu.
2. August 12 cable reply from President Mobutu.



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August 9, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

On this day as I assume the office of the Presidency of the United States, I want to express to you the high importance I attach to the maintenance of the cordial ties and close cooperation which have existed so long between Zaire and the United States. Our relations have been supported in the past and will be in the future by a solidly based bipartisan foreign policy.

I also wish to assure you, Mr. President, that I look forward to carrying on the very close personal association established between you and President Nixon.

In my work in the field of foreign affairs, I will be supported by Secretary Kissinger in whom I have the greatest confidence. Dr. Kissinger, who will be meeting citizen Umba-di-Lutete here in Washington on Monday, will have an opportunity to confirm the friendship and close cooperation between our two countries.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

Lieutenant General Mobuto Sese Seko,
President, Republic of Zaire,
Kinshasa.



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(delivered August 12)

AMBASSADE DE LA REPUBLIQUE
DU ZAIRE

1800 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20009
TEL.: (202) 234-7690/91
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Objet:

A SON EXCELLENCE Mr. GERALD FORD, PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE
A WASHINGTON.-

" J'AI PRIS CONNAISSANCE AVEC PLAISIR DE L'AIMABLE MESSAGE QUE VOUS AVEZ
BIEN VOULU M'ADRESSER HIER A L'OCCASION DE VOTRE ELEVATION A LA MAGIS-
TRATURE SUPREME DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE.

JE TIENS A VOUS ASSURER A MON TOUR QUE LES LIENS D'AMITIE ENTRE NOS
DEUX PEUPLES CONTINUERONT A PRESIDER AUX EXCELLENTES RELATIONS EXISTANT
ENTRE NOS DEUX PAYS.

JE SAISIS CETTE HEUREUSE OCCASION POUR VOUS PRESENTER AU NOM DU PEUPLE
ZAIROIS REUNI AU SEIN DU MOUVEMENT POPULAIRE DE LA REVOLUTION, MES
SINCERES ET CHALEUREUSES FELICITATIONS ET MES MEILLEURS VOEUX DE PLEIN
SUCCES DANS VOS NOUVELLES FONCTIONS.

JE SUIS CONVAINCU QUE LE MAINTIEN DE LA PAIX DANS LE MONDE FERA L'OBJET
DE VOTRE SOUCI PRIMORDIAL POUR LE PLUS GRAND BIEN DU PEUPLE AMERICAIN
ET DE L'HUMANITE TOUTE ENTIERE. TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION FULLSTOP.

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PRESIDENT FUNDATEUR DU MFR
ET PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU ZAIRE



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INFORMAL TRANSLATION

Message to his Excellency Gerald Ford, President of the United States.

"I have learned with pleasure the friendly message which you have sent me on the occasion of your assuming leadership of the United States of America.

I wish to assure you on my part that the bond of friendship between our two people will continue to remain the excellent relationship existing between our two countries.

I take this happy occasion to present to you in the name of the Zairian people united under the Popular Movement of Revolution (PMR) my sincere and warm congratulations and best wishes for complete success in your new position. I am convinced that the maintenance in the peace of the world will be the object of your primary addition for a greater America and of all humanity. Highest congratulations, Mobutu.



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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON THIS DAY AS I ASSUME THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE HIGH IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CORDIAL TIES AND CLOSE COOPERATION WHICH HAVE EXISTED SO LONG BETWEEN ZAIRE AND THE UNITED STATES. OUR RELATIONS HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED IN THE PAST AND WILL BE IN THE FUTURE BY A SOLIDLY BASED BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY.

I ALSO WISH TO ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO CARRYING ON THE VERY CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED BETWEEN YOU AND PRESIDENT NIXON.

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IN MY WORK IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, I WILL BE SUPPORTED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN WHOM I HAVE THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE. DR. KISSINGER, WHO WILL BE MEETING

CITIZEN UMBA-DI-LUTETE HERE IN WASHINGTON ON MONDAY, WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONFIRM THE FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD END TEXT. KISSINGER

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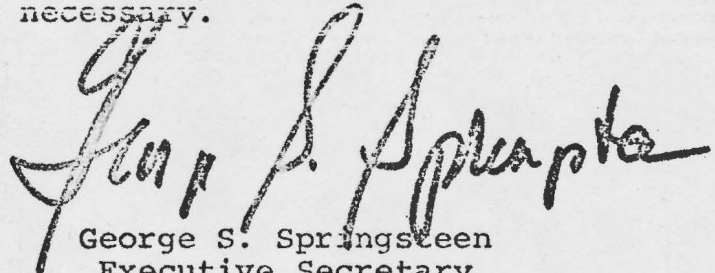
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October 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Congratulatory Message from French President
to President Ford

Attached is an official translation of a congratulatory message dated August 9 from French President Giscard d'Estaing to President Ford, sent on the occasion of the latter's assumption of office.

This message has been superseded by other correspondence as well as by the agreement of the two Presidents to meet in December. In light of this, we believe that no reply is necessary.



George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

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PRESIDENT DES ETATSUNIS D AMERIQUE

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August 9, 1974

His Excellency
Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
Washington

As you assume the Presidency of the United States of America, I extend to you my most sincere wishes for the success of your high mission, and I express my conviction that our two countries and our two peoples, bound by so many long-standing close ties of friendship, are summoned to continue their trusting cooperation in their common interest and for the strengthening of peace among nations. Accept, Mr. President, the assurance of my high consideration.

(s) Valéry Giscard d'Estaing





August 20, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Congratulations to President Ford

Attached for appropriate handling are translations of congratulatory messages to President Ford from the following foreign leaders:

- 36 V. Giscard d'Estaing, President of France
- 68 G. Leone, President of Italy
- 53 N. Podgornyy, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R.

Copies of the incoming commercial telegrams are also attached.

for George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments: As stated



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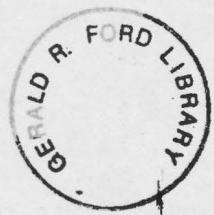
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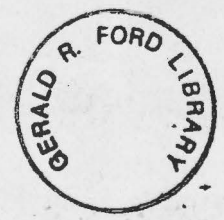


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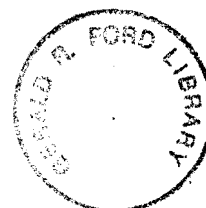
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August 9, 1974

His Excellency
Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
Washington

As you assume the Presidency of the United States of America, I extend to you my most sincere wishes for the success of your high mission, and I express my conviction that our two countries and our two peoples, bound by so many long-standing close ties of friendship, are summoned to continue their trusting cooperation in their common interest and for the strengthening of peace among nations. Accept, Mr. President, the assurance of my high consideration.

(s) Valéry Giscard d'Estaing



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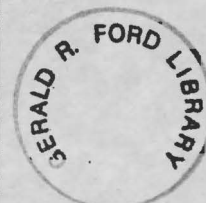
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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

UPON TAKING OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES I SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU PERSONALLY OF MY ADMINISTRATION'S FIRM DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THE COMMITMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS WE HAVE JOINTLY ENTERED INTO. THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. IT IS THE BASIS OF OUR COMMON SECURITY AND THE CENTERPIECE OF THE NUMEROUS TIES OF THE ATLANTIC WORLD.

OUR BONDS WITH FRANCE RUN DEEPLY THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY AS A NATION AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CLOSE AND CONTINUING CONTACT WITH YOU PERSONALLY AND WITH FRANCE



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AS AN ALLY AND TRADITIONAL FRIEND.

IN RECENT WEEKS, WE HAVE TAKEN AN IMPORTANT COMMON STEP TOWARD GIVING OUR ASSOCIATION IN THE ALLIANCE A NEW SENSE OF PURPOSE. I PROFOUNDLY HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE THE FOUNDATION FOR COMMON EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN ATLANTIC COOPERATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE TIES THAT ARE BEING BUILT BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. I WELCOME THE NEW SPIRIT OF CONFIDENCE THAT PERVADES THESE RELATIONS AND HAVE NOTED WITH SPECIAL SATISFACTION THE EFFECTIVE MANNER IN WHICH CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED WHILE FRANCE HAS OCCUPIED THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NINE.

WE FACE MANY CHALLENGES IN THE YEARS AHEAD, ESPECIALLY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. I WOULD WELCOME AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR A MEETING BETWEEN US TO DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER MATTERS. I WILL OF COURSE ATTACH THE GREATEST VALUE TO YOUR VIEWS AT ANY TIME AND HOPE THEREFORE THAT THE TRADITION OF FREQUENT AND CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PRESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTRIES WILL BE CONTINUED.

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. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
END TEXT.
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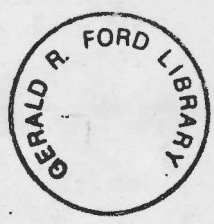
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PLEASE FORWARD TO PRIME MINISTER RUMOR FOLLOWING MESSAGE
ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD.

"DEAR MR. MINISTER: 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 STRONG AND DURABLE
ALLIANCE AND A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND.
SIGNED GERALD R. FORD."

2. WHITE HOUSE HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD RECIPIENT WISH TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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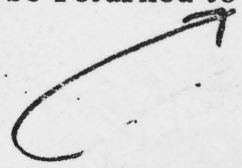
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DC! If you concur with State's recommendations ^(original)
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grace 10/15

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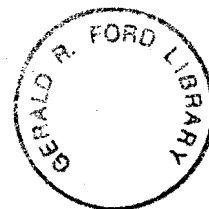
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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Danish Prime Minister ~~Hartling's~~
Reply to President Ford

Danish Prime Minister Poul Hartling replied on August 16 to President Ford's message of August 10. Hartling also received a second message on the occasion of his birthday from President Ford (Ford was substituted for Nixon at the last minute) at about the same time as the first. Hartling's reply of August 16 apparently covered both messages from the President. A reply from the President now to Hartling's reply would be confusing and is not necessary.

George S. Springsteen
for George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary



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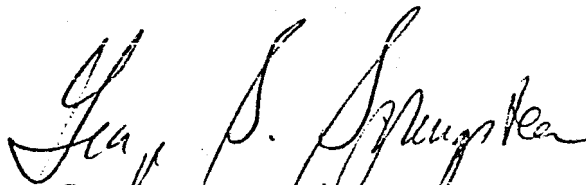
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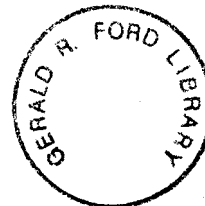
Subject: Transmittal of Letter from Danish
Prime Minister to President Ford

The Embassy of Denmark has asked, by Note dated August 26, 1974, that the Department transmit the attached letter from Danish Prime Minister Poul Hartling to President Ford. Mr. Hartling's letter was written in response to the President's personal message to him of August 10, 1974.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Letter for President Ford



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MR GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

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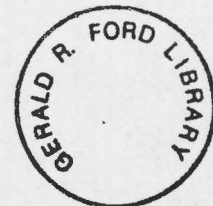
PRIORITET TODAY WHEN YOU COMMENCE YOUR GREAT TASK AS PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I EXPRESS MY SINCERE CONGRATULA-
TIONS AND MY BEST WISHES FOR YOURSELF FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND
FOR THE PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY

POUL HARTLING PRIME MINISTER

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Copenhagen, August 16, 1974.

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

Dear Mr. President,

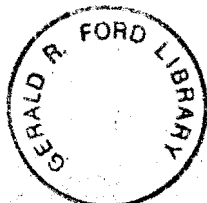
Thank you very much for your personal message of August 10th, 1974, upon your taking Office as President.

I take this occasion to express to you that I see continued American commitment to Atlantic unity as fundamentally important for the security of my country as, indeed, for the Western World as a whole. I have therefore received your confirmation of this point with deep satisfaction and gratitude.

It is also with the greatest pleasure that I note your clear intention to continue the imaginative policy of detente so bravely initiated by your predecessor and Secretary Kissinger, and I am glad to know that Dr. Kissinger will remain as Secretary of State in your administration.

I am looking forward to the further development of the close and friendly relations between our two countries and I share your hope that we will have occasion to meet as a continuation of the personal contact established between President Nixon and myself.

Sincerely,





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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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1. I PERSONALLY DELIVERED THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER HARTLING ON AUGUST 10, HAVING ADVISED HIM THE EVENING BEFORE OF ITS GENERAL CONTENTS. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL MESSAGE AND ASKED THAT I CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT HIS MOST SINCERE BEST WISHES. HE NOTED THAT THE QUEEN AND HE HAD ALREADY SENT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO THE PRESIDENT THROUGH THE DANISH EMBASSY. //

2. THE PRIME MINISTER REFERRED TO HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT ON AUGUST 9 (COPENHAGEN 2160) REGARDING THE HISTORICALLY EVENTFUL DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS IN WHICH HE HAD EMPHASIZED THE STRENGTH OF THE U.S. PEOPLE AND THEIR INSTITUTIONS DISPLAYED BY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT WAS ACCOMPLISHED. HE FELT, HE SAID, DEEPLY THAT, DESPITE THE GRAVE PERSONAL TRAGEDY THESE EVENTS REPRESENT FOR PRESIDENT NIXON, THEY PROVE AGAIN THAT THE U.S. IS INDEED AN OPEN SOCIETY. HE HOPED THAT THIS EVIDENCE OF MORAL STRENGTH DISPLAYED BY THE AMERICAN SYSTEM WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW ITSELF IN WORLD LEADERSHIP. IN THAT, HE FELT REASSURED BY THE WORDS OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO HIM.

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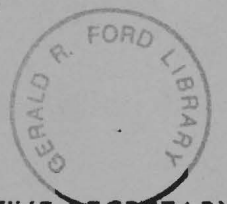
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STATES I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU AND THROUGH YOU THE
PEOPLE OF DENMARK THAT THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
TO THE STRENGTHENING OF ATLANTIC UNITY REMAINS UN-
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EFFORT TO BUILD RELATIONS OF THE GREATEST POSSIBLE MUTUAL
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THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON THE ISSUES FACING ALL OUR
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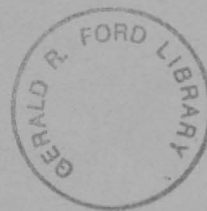
AND RESPECT FOR THE INTERESTS OF ALL WILL CONTINUE TO BE
OUR FIRM GOAL, WHICH WE WILL PURSUE IN CLOSE HARMONY WITH
OUR ALLIES.

OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE LONG-STANDING TRADITIONS OF
FRIENDSHIP REINFORCED BY NUMEROUS TIES BETWEEN OUR
PEOPLES. I KNOW THAT PRESIDENT NIXON VALUED HIS MEETINGS
WITH YOU AND I HOPE I MAY HAVE OCCASION TO CONTINUE THAT
EXCELLENT PRACTICE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT
I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO REMAIN IN
OFFICE TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF OUR FOREIGN POLICIES.
HE HAS MY FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.
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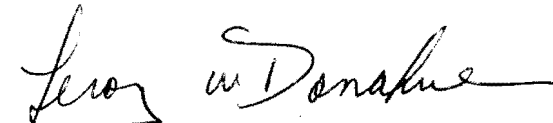
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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Caramanlis

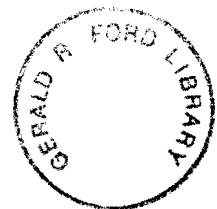
No response is necessary to Prime Minister Caramanlis' message of congratulations to President Ford on his assumption of office. Caramanlis' congratulatory message was contained in a note of thanks to the President for his message of August 9. No further exchange of thank yous is necessary.


George S. Springsteen
for Executive Secretary

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CARAMANLIS

REF: STATE 174045

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS TO PRESIDENT FORD IN RESPONSE TO LATTER'S MESSAGE OF AUGUST 9: BEGIN TEXT, DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY TO YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR ASSUMING THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN YOUR GREAT COUNTRY; I WISH YOU FULL SUCCESS IN YOUR HARD TASK, FOR THE SAKE NOT ONLY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BUT ALSO OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK YOU WARMLY FOR THE MESSAGE YOU SENT ME. I WAS PARTICULARLY MOVED BY THE FACT THAT, DESPITE THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH YOU ASSUMED YOUR HIGH DUTIES, SOME OF YOUR FIRST THOUGHTS TURNED TO GREECE AND TO ME PERSONALLY.

THE DIFFICULTIES I FACE AND FOR WHICH YOU SHOWED SUCH A CLOSE SYMPATHY ARE GREAT INDEED. I TOOK OVER THE TASK OF GOVERNING MY COUNTRY IN EXTREMELY CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES. I BELIEVE THAT MY DUTY IS, ON THE ONE HAND TO RELIEVE MY COUNTRY FROM THE HARDSHIPS OF MANY YEARS OF DICTATORSHIP AND LEAD HER TO A HEALTHY AND RESPONSIBLE DEMOCRACY; ON THE OTHER HAND TO DELIVER HER FROM THE DANGEROUS TENSIONS AND AGONY CAUSED BY THE TRAGEDY OF CYPRUS. THE NEED OF A

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IN THESE DIFFICULT MOMENTS THE PROMPTNESS YOU DISPLAYED IN SHOWING YOUR INTEREST AND UNDERSTANDING STRENGTHENS MY HOPES THAT ALL THE NEEDED EFFORTS WILL BE MADE BY YOUR COUNTRY AND YOU PERSONALLY, SO THAT PEACE AND JUSTICE WILL BE SECURED IN THE EASTERN MEDITERANEAN REGION NOW IN DANGER. IF THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED I AM ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT THE GREEK PEOPLE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO BUILD UNDIVERTEDLY ON THEIR OWN A REAL AND MODERN DEMOCRACY WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED TO.

THE FULFILMENT OF THIS ASPIRATION WILL CERTAINLY CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT SUCCESS FOR THE WHOLE FREE WORLD, A SUCCESS WHICH I AM SURE WILL ALSO REFLECT ON YOUR COUNTRY, AS A LEADING POWER UNDER YOUR ADMINISTRATION.

WITH WARMEST WISHES,

SINCERELY YOURS,

CONSTANTINE CARAMANLIS END TEXT.

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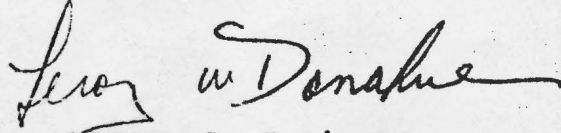
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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

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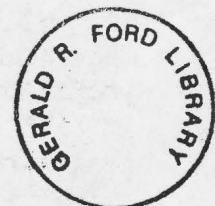
No response is necessary to Prime Minister
Caramanlis' message of congratulations to President
Ford on his assumption of office. Caramanlis'
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No further exchange of thank yous is necessary.


George S. Springsteen
for Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Copy of Caramanlis message transmitted
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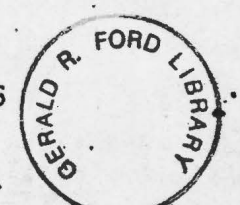
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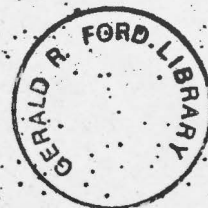
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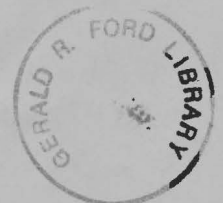
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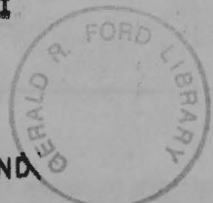
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I HAVE TODAY ASSUMED OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF MY COUNTRY AS YOU DID RECENTLY UNDER EQUALLY TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES. YOU CAN, THEREFORE, SYMPATHIZE READILY WITH THE HUMILITY I FEEL AS I BEGIN TO TAKE UP MY RESPONSIBILITIES.

I WANT TO TAKE THIS EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY SOME THOUGHTS TO YOU. FIRST, YOU SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT MY ADMINISTRATION WILL REMAIN STEADFAST IN ITS COMMITMENTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO INVIGORATE THE NATO ALLIANCE AND OUR MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY. I WANT ALSO TO EMPHASIZE THAT



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CONTINUITY WILL BE THE HALLMARK OF MY ADMINISTRATION IN FOLLOWING THE POLICIES INITIATED BY MY PREDECESSOR PRESIDENT NIXON. THESE POLICIES, I AM CONFIDENT, WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY BIPARTISAN SUPPORT IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES. TO INSURE THIS CONTINUITY I HAVE ASKED DR. KISSINGER TO STAY ON AS SECRETARY OF STATE. HE ENJOYS MY FULL SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE.

WHILE I AM SADDENED OVER THE DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT NIXON, WHO WORKED DILIGENTLY IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE, I AM HEARTENED BY THE STRENGTH SHOWN BY OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES CAN BE COUNTED ON TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE THIS GOVERNMENT HAS PLAYED OVER THE LAST THREE DECADES.

I HAVE WATCHED THE TRAGIC CRISIS OVER CYPRUS EMBROIL TWO OF OUR TRUSTED ALLIES AND ENDANGER THE STABILITY OF THE AREA. YOUR EMERGENCE ON THE SCENE IS A SYMBOL OF HOPE TO ME AND TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE WORKING FOR A SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF THAT DIFFICULT PROBLEM. WITH PEACE WITHIN THE GRASP OF THE PARTIES MOST INTIMATELY INVOLVED, I KNOW YOU SHARE WITH ME THE CONVICTION THAT COOL HEADS AND MODERATE BEHAVIOR ARE ESSENTIAL. BE ASSURED THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY.

AS WE BOTH FACE THE FUTURE AND TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE US, I TRUST WE WILL NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE TRADITIONAL TIES WHICH BIND OUR TWO PEOPLES. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT. KISSINGER



Congrats

Tom

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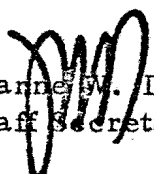
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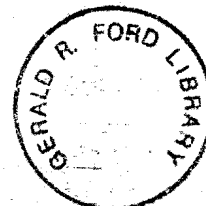
Mr. George S. Springsteen
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SUBJECT: Reply to Congratulatory Telegram
From Prime Minister Wilson
(S/S 7420083)

Any reply to Prime Minister Wilson's August 9 congratulatory message to President Ford has been overtaken by events and is no longer appropriate or necessary.



Jeanne M. Davis
Staff Secretary



→ *Tom*

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October 12, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Reply to Congratulatory Message to
President Ford from Prime Minister
Wilson

Attached is a proposed reply to a congratulatory message from Prime Minister Wilson to President Ford on his assumption of office.

George S. Springsteen
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for Executive Secretary

Attachment:

1. Proposed reply
2. Wilson message under cover of letter from British Ambassador to US



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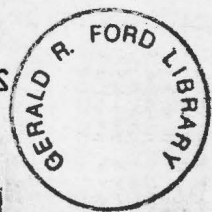
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HAROLD WILSON. UNQUOTE.

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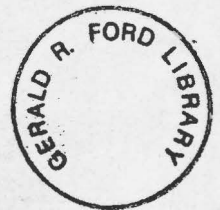
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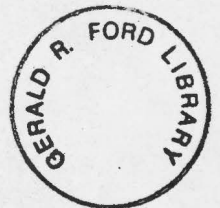
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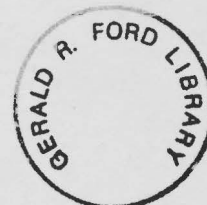
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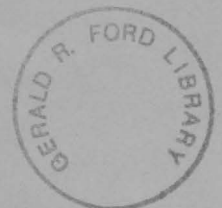
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I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT IN ADDITION TO THE INTIMATE CONTACT THAT IS NORMALLY MAINTAINED BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS, I WANT VERY MUCH TO CONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF DIRECT AND CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION WITH YOU AND I LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU IN PERSON.

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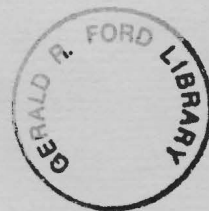


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