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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1975

NOTE FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT ✓
DICK CHENEY
JERRY JONES

FROM: RON NESSEN *R N*

May I have your views please on this
proposal.

Attachment

NF
ADDITIONAL
101 NEBRASKA AVENUE

September 15, 1975

DONALD NEANEY
Vice President

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron:

I write to enlarge upon the matter we discussed last week, our request that the President participate in an NBC News Special Report devoted to a study of American Foreign Policy scheduled for the entire prime time evening of Tuesday, January 6, 1976. The documentary will address itself to the changing world in which we as a nation live today and the policies which our government must formulate to meet these changes. It will be divided into three principle segments, as I told you. First we will take a careful look at the post-war years of containment and cold war with its easily identifiable antagonists and traditional geographical areas of power. Secondly, we will look at the world which is now emerging, in which the antagonisms are becoming blurred, in which some of the old centers of power no longer are such and most importantly, perhaps, the rise of new centers of power based on new sources of power.

Our third segment will devote itself to the formulation of policy. How does the United States meet the challenge of such change? How do we determine our national interest? What forces in our country, both in and out of government, determine this national interest and how it is best served? What implements are brought to bear to create this policy? These are the questions to which this most important section of the program will devote itself. It is in this segment that we see President Ford's principal role. It will be a deep and fundamental look at these questions, and, obviously, his role in fundamental formulation of policy is paramount

Letter to Mr. Nessen
Page Two

You will recall that some years ago Fred Freed produced a three-hour prime time documentary on this subject. We expect this program to be just as thoughtful a look as Fred provided then. You expressed concern that we would film or tape an interview with the President in which his words would be used out of context in a way that could give them meanings different from those he intended. Please be assured that all of the care and integrity which I know you appreciate that NBC News always devotes to such programming will be exercised in the manner in which the President's words are used. There will be no distortion, no excisions that shift his meaning in any way. Exactly what the President means to say will be said on the air.

John Chancellor, who will anchor the documentary, I think would be the appropriate person to interview the President. Obviously we are prepared to do this at his convenience of time and place. Obviously, also, we will not require so much of his time as though he were sitting for a one-hour continuing conversation.

Joan Konner, whom I do not think you have met, is producer of this roughly one hour of the program. She has worked for us for many years in New York. I would suggest as a possible next step that she and I, or just she, call upon you at your office for further discussion.

I know you and President Ford will give this your most careful consideration. I hope your response will be favorable. We are endeavoring to provide our nighttime television audience an understanding of the great forces at work in the world today and the thoughtful and serious efforts being made by our government to meet them most satisfactorily. The President's participation will go a long way toward providing that understanding and assurance.

Thank you both for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don

October 9, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: RON NESSEN

George Sherman of the State Department says that the Egyptians will soon request that the President agree to an interview with four Egyptian correspondents shortly before the arrival of President Sadat. This would be timed to run on the front pages of Egyptian papers the day Sadat arrives in Washington.

Ambassador Kilts recommends that the President do the interview.

As a reminder: The President was interviewed by four Egyptian publishers and editors in Salzburg. The stories resulting from that interview apparently were friendly.

George Sherman also thinks that the Egyptians might request that the proposed interview might be filmed for showing on Egyptian television.

Sherman further indicates that the Egyptians probably will ask for a joint Ford-Sadat news conference following their meeting in Florida.

May I have your views on these various proposals in order that I can prepare a schedule proposal?

RN/cg



October 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

RON NESSEN

Dick Valeriani, who covers the State Department for NBC, wants to do a story on the NSC.

He would like some film of the next NSC meeting showing the members entering the Cabinet Room, taking their seats, and talking among themselves. Obviously, the camera crew would leave before the substantive discussion begins.

Valeriani has no interest apparently in filming the activities of the NSC staff.

What answer do you suggest I give Valeriani?

RN/pp'



October 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: RON NESSEN

Attached find a resume from an old friend of mine, Phil Brady, a very good former NBC news correspondent who is now anxious to return to Government service.

As you see, he has had experience in the military, the intelligence area, and the foreign service, as well as a news correspondent.

I can vouch for his intelligence, dedication, and hard work.

He currently is living in Port Washington, New York, as indicated on the resume, but is spending a good deal of time in Washington looking for a job. Is there anything in your shop that might be suitable for him?

RN/cg



PHILIP BRADY
109 Mackey Avenue
Port Washington, N.Y. 11050
(516) PO-7-1363

NBC TELEVISION CORRESPONDENT, July, 1969 - June, 1975
Awards: Two Emmys, George Polk award, two Overseas Press Club awards

Engaged in 1969 primarily for my thorough knowledge of Viet Nam and its people. I had spent five active years there.

Given eight months of on-the-job training to compensate for my previous lack of journalistic experience.

From 1970 onwards, covered all major war fronts for 16 months. My exposure of high Vietnamese officials' profits from GI heroin addiction resulted in my being barred from the country -- and an Emmy nomination.

Appointed in 1971 Hong Kong bureau chief and Chief Southeast Asian correspondent.

Directed a staff of 12, supervised the expenditure of the annual budget; coordinated news gathering; gave editorial guidance to sub-bureaus; produced satellite feeds to U.S. from Asian capitals; covered major news from Pakistan to Japan.

For my report on the fall of Dacca in 1971, received Emmy and George Polk and Overseas Press Club awards. Second Emmy and second OPC awards followed this year for my special report, "Hunger in India."

Returned to NBC Northeast bureau in July, 1974 to do reporting and field producing, interrupted by special assignment to cover last month of the war in Cambodia.

U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, August, 1966 - July, 1969
Recognition: Five merit promotions

First was provincial adviser, reporting on political and economic situation and overseeing U.S. Aid program.

Three months later, was assigned as political adviser to then Major General Fred C. Weyand (now Army Chief of Staff), to coordinate political intelligence and maintain liaison with U.S. Embassy.

Subsequently promoted to post of deputy senior province adviser.

U.S. MARINE CORPS OFFICER, June, 1961 - August, 1966
Awards: Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, three Vietnamese decorations

Commanded infantry platoons and companies before assignment in November 1964 as assistant battalion adviser to the Vietnamese Marine Corps. Honorably discharged with the rank of captain in August, 1966.

EDUCATION: BA Columbia College, Columbia University, 1961 Majored in history and economics. Cadet commander of NROTC unit. Societies: Alpha Delta Phi; Nacoms (senior honor society).

LANGUAGES: French, Vietnamese

AGE: 36


MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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ACTION
December 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT 

SUBJECT: Japanese TV Request for Filmed Statement
by the President

The Nippon Television Network (NTV) has submitted through our Embassy in Tokyo a request to film a brief three to five minute statement by President Ford for use in a special New Year's Eve program to be telecast nationwide by all commercial TV stations in Japan.

Ambassador Hodgson wrote you on November 6 (Tab A) urging that you do whatever you can to see that NTV's request gets favorable consideration. The Ambassador points out that the President's brief statement, which would be telecast by all commercial TV networks in Japan, would receive unusually wide coverage. The Ambassador notes that New Year's Eve would be an excellent time for the President to reflect on the Emperor's visit, his own trip to Japan in 1974, the Bicentennial, the Japanese celebration of the fiftieth year of the Emperor's reign, as well as the need for continued close and friendly cooperation between our two nations.

The Director of the United States Information Agency, James Keogh, has also strongly recommended approval of the NTV request (Tab B). The State Department likewise believes that a Presidential statement on NTV would be an appropriate and worthy project.

We have no objection to the proposal, though I would point out that acceptance could lead to numerous other similar requests. If the President decides to grant the NTV request, the NSC will provide a proposed statement.

Attachments:

Tab A-- Ltr fm Amb. Hodgson
Tab B-- Memo fm Keogh, USIA





EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Tokyo, Japan

November 6, 1975

Dear Ron:

You people in the White House did a splendid job with the Emperor's visit. It has been a delight to return to Tokyo and bask in the warm ambience generated here by the highly successful trip. We appreciated the cooperation your office extended to the Japanese newsmen who covered the White House arrival ceremony and the State Dinner. The coverage here was incredibly good and conveyed impressively the warmth and dignity of the welcome extended by President and Mrs. Ford.


We would like to do what we can to ensure that these extremely friendly feelings toward the United States continue and deepen. I think we have come up with an exceptionally good opportunity for doing so. **We have asked the U.S. Information Agency in Washington to approach the White House with a request from the Nippon Television Network (NTV) to film a brief statement by the President.** This statement--no more than five minutes in length--would be telecast on New Year's Eve as part of a special program carried by all the commercial TV networks in Japan. It would be difficult to arrange broader Japan exposure for the President. New Year's Eve would be an excellent time for him to reflect on the Emperor's visit, his own visit to Japan, the Bicentennial, the Japanese celebration of the 50th year of the Emperor's reign, as well as the need for continued close and friendly cooperation between our two nations.

Mr. Ronald Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

I know that the President's schedule over the next two months is formidable, but I feel that this project would be a very worthwhile investment of just few minutes of his time. I would appreciate whatever you can do to see that NTV's request gets favorable consideration. We don't get behind many requests of this nature but this one has just about every thing going for it.

With my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim H", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

James D. Hodgson
Ambassador

B





DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON

one Staff (by back up)

7983

December 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
Brent Scowcroft
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House

FROM: James Keogh *JK*

SUBJECT: Japanese TV Request for Filmed
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The Embassy strongly recommends that every effort be made to meet this Japanese request. Ambassador Hodgson, in a letter to Ron Nessen, has given his enthusiastic endorsement.

The NTV proposal would enable the President to touch on a number of very positive topics which would reaffirm the U.S. - Japan relationship: his own trip to Japan, the State Visit of the Emperor and Empress to the U.S., our Bicentennial, and the continuing need for close and friendly cooperation between our two peoples. The content of the message is left entirely to us, and filming can be arranged at the President's convenience. I would emphasize that this is not the request of one Japanese TV station but a proposal made by NTV on behalf of all Japanese commercial TV stations. The program will therefore reach an extraordinarily large viewing audience throughout Japan.

I strongly recommend approval of this project.



B

December 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: RON NESSEN

On Saturday the President will tape a 10-15 minute **interview** with John Chancellor and Tom Brokaw for inclusion in an NBC-TV special on foreign policy to be broadcast Monday night.

The areas about which the President will be questioned include: Angola, America's moral responsibility to poor countries, the aftermath of Vietnam and the validity of the domino theory after Vietnam, an **over-**all view of where America stands **in** the world today, detente, and the Senate's role in foreign policy.

I would appreciate it if you would prepare whatever briefing materials the President needs in order **to** answer these questions. I think the President probably needs these materials on Friday to **give** him time to study them before the interview **on** Saturday. I also **would** like a copy of what you send to the President.

Thank you for **your** help.

RN/jb



January 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: Ron Nessen

Here is the briefing paper for the President's interview Saturday for the NBC-TV foreign affairs documentary.

Please see the section, "Talking Points." It lists the areas Chancellor now says will be included in the questions to the President.

Please be sure the President is briefed on these questions before the interview.

RN/cg



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

INTERVIEW WITH JOHN CHANCELLOR AND TOM BROKAW
FOR NBC FOREIGN POLICY DOCUMENTARY

Saturday, January 3, 1976

11:30 am (10-15 min)

The Library

From: Ron Nessen *RHN*

I. PURPOSE

To answer questions from Tom Brokaw (in person) and John Chancellor (over a loud speaker from New York) on American foreign policy.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, PRESS PLAN

A. Background

NBC-TV is broadcasting a three-hour documentary Monday night (January 5) on American foreign policy. The program will include interviews with Secretary of State Kissinger, as well as foreign policy experts in the Senate and House. It will deal with a number of specific, current foreign policy issues, and will include some material filmed in foreign countries.

You agreed some time ago to take part in this program. It will be taped in the library.

B. Participants

The President

Tom Brokaw

John Chancellor (from New York over a loud speaker)

Ron Nessen

C. Press Plan

Your participation will be announced. A White House photograph will be taken. NBC is also likely to send its own still photographer.

III. TALKING POINTS

The questions will deal with the following subjects:

1. Angola
2. Detente
3. The role of Congress in foreign policy
4. America's moral obligation to the poor countries of the world
5. The United Nations
6. Where the United States stands in world affairs after Vietnam

Brent Scowcroft is preparing guidance for you in all of these areas, and will send it to you separately in time for you to review before the interview.

Relayed to
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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over 2/3/76

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NOTE FOR: Brent Scoworth
FROM : RON NESSEN

How shall we
reply, if at all?

R HN

- 1) Ask Brent a few
- 2) May be some transcripts of
Hays) at my conversation, but
not the police
- 3) In the NSC files here at WH

The New York Times

WASHINGTON BUREAU
1920 L STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036
(202) 293-3100

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Jan 19, 1976

Dear Ron:

Would you please ask General Scowcroft if the transcripts of telephone conversations taken down by Al Haig's secretaries (on the "dead Key") remained in the NSC files , or if they were taken with him ~~when~~ Haig departed.

If they were removed, I'd like to know the date of removal.

Many thanks--

Bill Safire

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: RON NESSEN *ZAA*

Girolamo Modesti, U. S. correspondent for La Nazione and other Italian publications, came in to see me yesterday for what he described as a courtesy call. He made the following points:

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- (2) The Italians do not understand what they see as a contradiction between America's strong stand against communism in Angola, Italy and elsewhere on the one hand, and detente with the Soviet Union on the other.
- (3) Italians consider bribes by American corporations to Italian and other foreign officials to be a normal way of doing business and don't understand why such a fuss is being made about it in the American press.
- (4) Mr. Modesti would like to interview the President at some point in the future for the purpose of transmitting to his Italian readers an official statement of what the U. S. would do if communists gained seats in the Italian cabinet.

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RN/jb



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: *Connie G.*
FROM : RON NESSEN

*File, so I can
locate this
when Mr. Modesti
gets back in
town for an
answer. RAN*


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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ADMINISTRATIVELY
CONFIDENTIAL

March 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR RON NESSEN

FROM: Brent Scowcroft 

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Interview with
U.S. Correspondent for Italian Newspaper
La Nazione

This is in reply to your memorandum of February 11 concerning the request of Mr. Girolamo Modesti, U.S. correspondent for the Italian newspaper La Nazione, to interview the President for the purpose of obtaining a statement on what action the United States might take in the event communists join the Italian cabinet.

While Mr. Modesti represents a responsible Italian journal and has a reputation for accurate reporting on the American scene, I do not believe it necessary for the President to agree to an interview with him. On February 19, at a question and answer session at the Keene High School in New Hampshire, the President expressed his very strong opposition to communist participation in the governments of NATO member states. The President added he had emphasized this point in his many meetings with Italian and other European leaders over the past year. These remarks were given wide play in the Italian press. Consequently, as the President has just recently spoken out on the matter of communist participation in the governments of our European allies, I do not believe a Presidential interview with Mr. Modesti is necessary.

ADMINISTRATIVELY
CONFIDENTIAL

March 31, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM:

RON NESSEN

I am sure this will be far down your list of priorities but let me pass on the proposal to you:

Dirck Halstead, the very good photographer for TIME MAGAZINE, has written and believes he has sold to television a scenario for a movie about the last days of Saigon with scenes at the White House, in Vietnam and aboard ship.

I have read the scenario which is a 63 page outline of scenes, fleshed out with some color and dialogue. Dirck reports that if he sells the outline, as expected, it would then be turned into a screen play by a professional writer.

Dirck wants to know if you or someone else at the White House who is familiar with what transpired at various meetings during the last days of Saigon would be willing to help out by providing descriptions of the meetings, what was discussed, what was the mood, anecdotes, etc.

May I have your thoughts on this in order to give Dirck an answer. Thanks.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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NOTE FOR: Brent Scowcroft
FROM : RON NESSEN

What shall I
reply?

RAN

3/31

Dear Ron:

I hate to bother you, but I'm not getting an answer anywhere else.

Last July (1975), the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and International Law got a letter from the State Department (McCloskey) opposing honorary citizenship for Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

Question: does this letter reflect the President's view? Was it written with his knowledge? If the answer is no, will he now back citizenship for Solzhenitsyn?

Thank you for your attention to my questions.

Best regards,



John Lofton, Jr.

May 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: RON NESSEN

May I have your recommendation on this? Time is fairly short if we are going to arrange it.

Attachment: Letter from Jean Lefevre of French Broadcasting System



THE FRENCH BROADCASTING SYSTEM

ANTENNE 2

2030 M Street, N.W., Suite 404, Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 833-1818

JL/LR/065

Washington, April 20th, 1976

Dear Mr. Nessen,

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As explained to Mr. Roberts, this request is related to the visit in the United States of the President of the French Republic. It could either be an interview or a statement for our network ANTENNE 2, the French Television.

We would very much appreciate your help in this matter. Thanking you in advance, we remain,

Yours very truly,


Jean LEFEVRE

Mr. Ron NESSEN
Press Secretary
to the President
White House
Washington DC

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Jean LEFEVRE

Mr. Ron NESSEN
Press Secretary
to the President
White House
Washington DC

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: *Connie G*

FROM : RON NESSEN

Classified
(I want to save
this.)

RAN

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

May 6, 1976

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON TUNA BOATS IN PANAMA

Attached is a telegram sent out by State on Tuesday afternoon summarizing the events of the tuna boat problem with Panama up to that point. Some of it, particularly involvement of the Ambassador, is obviously quite sensitive. The parts which are not public and should remain classified are bracketed.

Also attached are some suggested Q's and A's.

On Tuesday afternoon Vice President Rockefeller sent a personal message to General Torrijos, the Chief of Government. They are long time acquaintances and personal friends. The substance of the message should remain confidential. For your information, the Vice President pointed out the difficulties which an incident over tuna boats could cause at this time and appealed to the General to help resolve the matter. Torrijos sent an emissary to Ambassador Jordan Tuesday night. The matter was reviewed and the letter delivered. The following morning the emissary returned with a message from Torrijos. He could not say "no" to his friend Nelson Rockefeller and had changed his mind. As a result, instead of charging a fine he did release the boats on payment of the normal license fee. Agents of the tuna boat owners met with Panamanian Government officials Wednesday afternoon and agreed to this arrangement. The licenses for the two boats, Kali and Voyager, were paid on Wednesday afternoon and the boats sailed on Wednesday evening. Other boats in the Zone presumably have not been charged and are therefore unaffected. We understand that the two boats which are charged and did not take refuge in the Zone will probably also pay the license fee, but you should not make this information public.

In response to questions on future arrangements, I suggest that we refer those to State.

Attachments

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E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5

NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines
By W/HA, NARA, Date 11/30/00

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO PANAMANIAN LEADER

Q: Is it true that Vice President Rockefeller sent a message to Panamanian General Torrijos in connection with the threatened seizures of U.S. tuna boats by Panama?

A: Yes. The Vice President has known Gen. Torrijos for some years and I am informed that he did send a personal message to him.

Q: What did the message say?

A: As I said, it was a personal message and it would not be appropriate for me to comment further on it.

Q: How was the message sent?

A: The message was sent through our Ambassador in Panama.

(FYI: The message was delivered to Gen. Torrijos on Tuesday, May 4).

Q: Was the President aware of the Vice President's message to Torrijos?

A: Yes. The President followed events relating to this matter closely and he was informed of the Vice President's message.

APPROVED DEPARTMENT OF STATE GUIDANCE

SUBJECT: Panama (Fishing Boat)

Q: Is it true that we have received a diplomatic note from the Panamanian Government requesting that U.S. authorities in the Canal Zone turn over to Panamanian authorities the U.S. tuna boat "Voyager" for fishing in Panamanian waters?

A: Yes, we have received two notes. According to the first Panamanian note, on April 25, the "Voyager" was allegedly fishing illegally inside waters claimed by Panama. The Panamanian note alleges that when approached by a Panamanian National Guard patrol boat, the Voyager fled into Canal Zone waters.

The second note, which we received April 30, informed our Embassy that fines had been levied on four U.S. tuna boats-- the Voyager, Bold Producer, Cape Cod and Kali.

Q: Where are these boats now?

A: I am informed that the Voyager and Kali left Panama last evening. I presume that they headed for their home port in Puerto Rico. We do not know the location of the other vessels, but are informed that they were fishing in the Pacific. They are not in Canal zone waters.

Q: What action is the USG taking on these notes?

A: The Embassy has replied to the first note, pointing out that the Voyager's log indicates that it was not fishing as alleged by Panama. Parts of both of these notes have been made public by Panama. We do not plan to reply to the second note since we do not recognize Panama's claim to a 200 mile territorial sea.

Q: What have been the results of the Ambassador's efforts?

A: I don't think it would be appropriate for me to comment concerning ongoing high level discussions of this nature.

Q: Since the Fishery Conservations and Management Act of 1976, which President Ford has signed, provides for a 200 mile fishery conservation zone, how can we deny the Panamanians the right to assert similar jurisdiction?

A: The Act to which you refer does not assert jurisdiction over highly migratory species, such as tuna. We have consistently maintained that management of such species should be by international agreement. This is one of the many subjects now under discussion in the Law of the Sea negotiations.

Q: Is this Panamanian action aimed only at the US or are other countries involved?

A: The Panamanians seized a Senegalese flag vessel April 30, and escorted it to a Panamanian port. We have subsequently learned that Panama dropped charges of illegal fishing against the Senegalese vessel.

Q: Do you see any relationship between this action and the Canal negotiations?

A: I do not see any connection between the two.

Q: There were also reports that U.S. tuna boat has been shot at by Panamanian aircraft. Can you confirm this?

A: I am aware of this story, but we have no confirmation.

Q: Do we intend to turn the Voyager over to the Panamanians?

A: No.

Q: Is Ambassador Bunker, who is now in Panama, for the Canal negotiations, involved in the efforts to resolve this problem?

A: Ambassador Bunker is fully aware of the details of the tuna boat matter but to the best of my knowledge he has not been involved in the effort to solve the problem. Ambassador Jordan has been our primary spokesman.

Q: Has any thought been given to calling Bunker and his party back to the United States in the event that this situation continues?

A: Not that I am aware of. I should point out, however, that Ambassador Bunker's trip has been planned as a short one-- he is scheduled to return to Washington on May 7.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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ACTION
May 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*
SUBJECT: Acknowledging Japan's Ratification of the NPT

Japan ratified the Non-Proliferation Treaty yesterday. This is noteworthy since, with the exception of France and the PRC, the major industrial countries are now parties, and the Treaty is at its maximum effect.

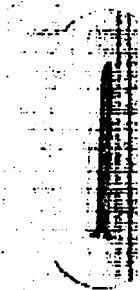
It would be appropriate for you to acknowledge Japan's ratification and, at the same time, reinforce the U.S. commitment to the objectives of non-proliferation. State and ACDA have prepared a statement for your approval. Bob Hartmann's office has cleared the text.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the statement at Tab A.

Approve *BS* Disapprove _____

ORIGINAL RETIRED FOR PRESERVATION



TAB A

Ron - This looks good.

Jim

BF

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Z 131959Z FEB 76
FM BRENT SCOWCROFT
TO DICK CHENEY/ORLANDO
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FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY

FEBRUARY 13, 1976

TO: DICK CHENEY
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

HERE ARE SOME THEMES THE PRESIDENT MAY FIND USEFUL
IN RESPONDING TO THE REAGAN ATTACK ON FOREIGN POLICY.

1. AMERICAN HAS HAD A REMARKABLY EFFECTIVE FOREIGN POLICY UNDER REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP. WE ARE AT PEACE. WE ARE MILITARILY STRONG. WE HAVE OPENED THE WAY TO A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH PEKING. WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REACHED AN AGREEMENT WHICH LIMITS THE PACE OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS RACE; WE ARE NOW SEEKING A NEW AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY ESTABLISH A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS SYSTEMS WHICH WE AND THE SOVIET UNION MAY BUILD. REPUBLICANS OUGHT TO BE PROUD OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS. FOREIGN POLICY WILL BE ONE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S STRONGEST SELLING POINTS IN NOVEMBER AND IT WOULD BE DESTRUCTIVE TO THE PARTY AND TO THE COUNTRY IF ANY POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SEEKS TO BRING THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS INTO QUESTION.

2. OURS IS A TOUGH FOREIGN POLICY. WE HAVE FOUGHT, AND WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT, SOVIET AGRESSION AND EXPANSIONISM. WE SEEK AN END TO THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE BUT WE WILL NOT LET DOWN OUR GUARD OR COMPROMISE WITH AGRESSION. OURS IS A POLICY OF PEACE WITHOUT SURRENDER. ~~PEACE-AT-ANY-PRICE- IS-NOT-OUR-OBJECTIVE.~~ *TRICH STRENGTH.*

3. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECORD IN VIET-NAM, IN EUROPE, IN CUBA, IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND IN ANGOLA IS A RECORD OF STAUNCH OPPOSITION TO THE AGRESSIVE DESIGNS OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: *Connie G.*

FROM : RON NESSEN

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May 25, 1976

TO: RON NESSEN
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*

1. You will have noticed a press article about Prime Minister Palme telling Kissinger that Castro had informed him Cuban troops were being withdrawn from Angola.
2. Castro did, in fact, send a letter to Palme declaring that he was withdrawing his troops at the rate of 200 a week. We have no independent verification that this is the case.
3. Henry, in response to press questions, will use the following guidance, which you also should use if asked:

"Secretary Kissinger has been told by the Swedish Government of alleged Cuban intention as conveyed by Premier Castro to withdraw 200 troops a week from Angola. We are encouraged if this turns out to be a response to our insistence -- and African principles -- that outside military intervention in Africa is not acceptable. We insist that all outside combat troops must be removed, and not just portions of them. We are seeking more conclusive evidence."

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Ron:

Bob Funseth called from Oslo, Norway to say that a Reuters report out of Oslo was carrying a story saying that President Ford's campaign rhetoric was worrying our NATO allies, or something to that effect. They are denying it over there as "total nonsense". The Secretary had a news conference this morning and totally turned the story off. He indicated that it was in reference to the campaign rhetoric of other candidates.

I assume Mr. Hyland contacted you regarding this matter.

Carol

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BSC*

SUBJECT: Reuters Wire Story Concerning
 the Campaign and Foreign Policy

Henry called to set straight a story which he has seen run from Oslo by Reuters. The story leads with the implication that the Secretary was critical of the way in which the President is allowing the campaign to influence foreign policy.

Henry believes that the story must have been derived from his response to a question on the way to Oslo two days ago. The question was, "Do you believe that the campaign has had a damaging effect on foreign policy?" Henry replied, "No; there have been no noticeable difficulties, but some of the more extreme statements (meaning those by Reagan) can create problems."

The response was given in a context in which to all others present it was clearly Reagan-oriented. Unfortunately, as Reuters has played it, that orientation may not be apparent. I pass this along so that you may correct any misimpression that may reach you from reporters.

Separately, Henry also noted that, in his periodic press encounters and public statements in Oslo, he has put forth repeatedly the President's authorship of the many U. S. foreign policy initiatives that have been presented and of the total congruence based on detailed discussion with the President of Ford and Kissinger statements of policy.

June 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT ✓
ALAN GREENSPAN

FROM: RON NESSEN

I think this sounds like something we should provide. May I have a draft from you on Friday, June 18?

Thank you.

Attachment: Letter from el nuevo dia of San Juan asking for message from the President for June 26 edition.



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NUEVO
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June 11, 1976

Mr. Ronald Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Nessen:

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Washington Bureau:

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Sincerely
John T. Skelly
John T. Skelly
Washington Bureau Chief



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 16, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

BRENT SCOWCROFT
ALAN GREENSPAN ✓

FROM:

RON NESSEN *RAN*

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Paul W. MacAvoy

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Ron —

Alan is in Paris

and we have no

resources to do this. To

the speechwriters??

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: Brent S.

FROM : RON NESSEN

May I have your approval or revision by the close of business today on this draft statement by the Pres. to be published in the San Juan paper "El Nuevo Dia." RHN

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: Jim Cavanaugh

FROM : RON NESSEN

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el nuevo dia

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June 14, 1976

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Vice Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Brent Scowcroft

Any recommendation?

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April 19, 1976.

Mr Ronald NESSEN
Press Secretary to the President
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron,

As the official visit here of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing is growing nearer, there is an increasing interest among our subscribers all over the world on the present state and the prospects of relations between the United States, on the one hand, and France and Western Europe on the other.

I therefore feel it would be most useful if President Ford would accept to grant an interview to AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, on these themes among others, at anytime before our President's arrival on May 17th.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in trying to arrange such an interview at the President's convenience, I remain, sincerely yours,



Bernard ULLMANN
Washington Bureau Chief.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
July 12, 1976

Roger Harrison

NOTE FOR: ~~BRENT SCOWCROFT~~

FROM : RON NESSEN

For your handling.

**Attachment: Telegram on
Israeli raid on Uganda
signed by Florida dignitaries**

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response for Nessen by
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Thanks much

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RESOLUTION

WE THE UNDERSIGNED REPRESENTING DIVERGENT ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS, RACIAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS, UNITED IN A COMMON BELIEF IN THE DIGNITY OF MAN. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS, A RESPECT FOR PUBLIC OPINION AND A REVERENCE FOR COMMON DECENCY, PETITION FOR CENSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EXX UGANDA AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.

ON JUNE 28, 1976, ARMED TERRORISTS, IN A WAR-LIKE ACT, COMMANDEERED AN AIRCRAFT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE, WITHIN THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF GREECE, REMOVED THE PLANE, PASSENGERS AND CREW TO ENTEBBE AIRPORT IN UGANDA AND THERE DID UNLAWFULLY DETAIN SOME 100 CITIZENS OF ISRAEL, THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER SOVEREIGN NATIONS. THESE HOSTAGES, UNLAWFULLY DETAINED AT THE ENTEBBE AIRPORT, WITH THE ALLEGED FULL KNOWLEDGE AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF IDI AMIN, CHIEF OFFICER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA, WERE INCARCERATED AND GUARDED BY SOLDIERS OF THE UGANDIAN ARMY AND TERRORISTS WHO WERE AT THE AIRPORT PRIOR TO THE LANDING OF THE AIR FRANCE JET.

ON JULY 4, 1976 AN ISRAELI VOLUNTEER COMMANDO UNIT EFFECTED A HEROIC RESCUE WITH A MINIMUM LOSS OF LIFE AND IN THE BEST HUMANITARIAN TRADITIONS OF HISTORY AND THE LAWS OF NATIONS.

ON FRIDAY JULY 9, 1976 THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF UGANDA AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY PLACED ON THE UNITED NATIONS AGENDA FOR DEBATE "AN ACT OF AGGRESSION" BY ISRAEL.

WE AND ALL CIVILIZED PEOPLE WHO LOVE THE TRUTH, SEEK JUSTICE AND BELIEVE IN GOD, PROTEST THE ACTIONS OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN SEEKING TO EXCORIATE A SOVEREIGN NATION FOR EFFECTING A RESCUE OF ITS CITIZENS AND OTHERS WHO WERE IN GRAVE MORTAL DANGER ON FOREIGN SOIL. FURTHER, WE URGENTLY DEMAND THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IN CONFORMITY WITH ITS CHARTER AND WITH THE LAW OF NATIONS, AND IN COMMON RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL, CONDUCT ITSELF IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PUNISH THE PERPETRATORS OF THIS CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY AND FURTHER THAT THE UNITED NATIONS TAKE RESOLUT, VIGOROUS ACTION TO PREVENT INTERNATIONAL PIRACY AND OTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM. WE URGE CENSURE FOR ANY FUTURE ACTS OF A SIMILAR NATURE. FURTHER, ANY NATION THAT PERMITS ITS AIR-SPACE OR TERRITORY TO BE USED BY TERRORISTS, PIRATES OR INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS WILL BE DEEMED TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE LAWS OF NATIONS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL ACTS BY ANY NATION OR NATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES AND/OR RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS.



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PLEASE REFER THIS RESOLUTION TO STATE DEPT AND RICHARD CHENEY
ALSO PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF SAME TO C C ROBINSON
AT TELEX NUMBER 51 3431

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July 29, 1976

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Dear Mr. Mandell:

"The President has asked me to thank you for your telegram of July 7, which reach^{ed} the White House as we were developing our response to the Entebbe events. As I am sure you know, many other Americans shared your admiration for the Israeli action, and your abhorrence of the terrorists' acts which made it necessary. Please be assured that the President intends to pursue vigorously in the United Nations and elsewhere initiatives to take effective action against terrorists and the countries that harbor them. **BEST WISHES**

Ron Nessen

Just read to
Mandell's secretary
by phone

7-29-76

By C. Bernard

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E.O. 11652: GDS
 TAGS: MARR, MOPS, KS

SUBJECT: VIOLENT INCIDENT AT PANMUNJOM JOINT SECURITY AREA
 1. TWO AMERICAN ARMY OFFICERS SERVING IN THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND WERE KILLED IN AN ASSAULT BY NORTH KOREAN GUARDS TODAY. THE FOLLOWING DRAFT PRESS RELEASE PREPARED BY UNC SUMMARIZES WHAT IS PRESENTLY KNOWN ABOUT THE INCIDENT.

2. TEXT: SEOUL--TWO UNITED NATIONS COMMAND OFFICERS WERE MURDERED IN AN UNPROVOKED ASSAULT BY NK GUARDS THIS MORNING AT THE JOINT SECURITY AREA, PANMUNJOM.

3. THE TWO ARMY OFFICERS, BOTH AMERICANS, DIED FROM MASSIVE HEAD INJURIES AND STAB WOUNDS INFLICTED BY AN ESTIMATED 30 RPT 30 NK GUARDS WHO ATTACKED A SMALL UNC WORK PARTY WITH AXES, METAL PIKES AND AXE HANDLES ABOUT 10:45 A.M.

4. A ROK ARMY ENLISTED MAN, A SECURITY GUARD ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. ARMY SUPPORT GROUP, JSA, SUSTAINED STAB WOUNDS AND IS IN THE 121ST EVACUATION HOSPITAL IN SEOUL.

5. A ROKA OFFICER, FOUR OTHER U.S. SOLDIERS AND THREE ADDITIONAL ROKA SOLDIERS WERE TREATED FOR MINOR CUTS AND BRUISES.

6. THE UNC HAS CALLED FOR THE 379TH MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMAND MEETING TO CONVENE AT 11:00 A.M., HJCS DAY, AUGUST 19. NK HAS NOT YET REPLIED.

7. THE THREE UNC OFFICERS AND THE ENLISTED GUARDS WERE ESCORTING FIVE KOREAN SERVICE CORPS WORKERS WHO WERE ROUTINELY TRIMMING BRANCHES FROM A TREE SOME 35 TO 40 YARDS FROM UNC CHECKPOINT NUMBER THREE AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE OF NO RETURN.

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8. TWO NK OFFICERS AND SEVERAL GUARDS CAME TO THE AREA OF THE WORK. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION DURING WHICH A NK OFFICER EXPRESSED NO OBJECTION TO THE TREE TRIMMING, THE NK'S SUDDENLY DEMANDED THAT THE KSC'S STOP WORK.

9. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS A NK VEHICLE BROUGHT ADDITIONAL GUARDS AND THE NK OFFICER WAS HEARD TO TELL THEM QUOTE TO KILL END QUOTE THE UNC PERSONNEL AND THE FIGHT ENSUED WITH MANY OF THE NKS JOINING IN.

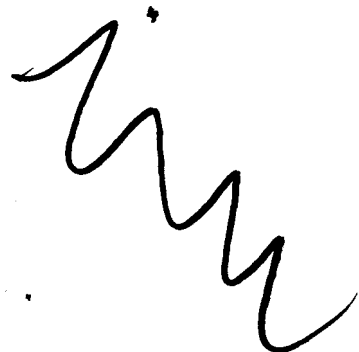
10. THESE MURDERS WERE THE FIRST DEATHS EVER IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA, SITE OF THE JOINT ARMISTICE COMMAND MEETINGS. IT IS A NEUTRAL AREA WITHIN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE WHERE FREE ACCESS AND MOVEMENT ARE GUARANTEED BY THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE NKS ALSO DAMAGED THREE UNC VEHICLES DURING THE MELEE.

11. IDENTIFICATION OF THE CASUALTIES IS PENDING NOTIFICATION OF THE NEXT OF KIN. UNC CONTINUES TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT. END TEXT.

12. IF QUERIED BY MEDIA EMBASSY WILL USE FOLLOWING PRESS LINE: Q) WHAT IS THE USG REACTION TO THE INCIDENT? A) ANY INCIDENT INVOLVING THE DEATHS OF AMERICANS IS REGARDED AS AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS MATTER BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THE INCIDENT? A) WE COULD NOT SPECULATE ON THE MOTIVATION OF THE DPRK.

14. Q) DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENT? A) AN INVESTIGATION BY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IS UNDERWAY. FURTHER COMMENT WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THAT INVESTIGATION.

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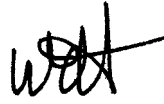
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: BILL HYLAND 

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Korean
 Joint Security Agreement

Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. EDT , the State Department and South Korean Foreign Ministry will announce the amendment of the agreement governing the security of forces operating within the Joint Security Area of the DMZ in Korea. The amendment, negotiated at our insistence after the murder of two U.S. officers on August 18, represents a diplomatic victory for the President and should be played as such. Basically, it provides that: the military of both sides will be restricted to their respective sides of the Military Demarcation Line and will not cross into the territory of the other; that neither side will construct barriers or any other obstacle to the vision or right of way in the territory of the other; the security of each other's personnel will be guaranteed; and that the North Koreans will remove existing guard posts (4) on the United Nations side in the Joint Security Area.

Although you should refer questions on the details of the agreement to State, you may wish to draw on the attached guidance (Tab A) during your briefing here at the White House.

Attachment



AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY OF PERSONNEL
WITHIN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE

At nine o'clock this morning the State Department and Republic of Korea Foreign Ministry announced the signature of a new agreement governing the security of personnel operating within the Joint Security Area (JSA) of the Demilitarized Zone in Korea. The Agreement provides that: the military of both sides will be restricted to their respective sides of the Military Demarcation Line and will not cross into the territory of the other; that neither side will construct barriers or any other obstacle to the vision or right of way in the territory of the other; the security of each other's personnel will be guaranteed; and that the North Koreans will remove existing guard posts (4) on the United Nations side in the Joint Security Area.

This new agreement, negotiated in the wake of the brutal murder of two Americans in the Joint Security Area on August 18, represents the acknowledgement of the North Koreans of the responsibility to assure the protection of forces operating in accordance with the agreements within the Joint Security Area. The new agreement follows North Korean expression of regret for the incident, and hopefully will prevent the recurrence of such unprovoked attacks.

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Statement Planned
In Release by
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9 am on Monday,
Sept 6.
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E.O. 12852: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, KS, KN, US

SUBJECT: JOINT U.S. STATEMENT ON SIGNING OF JSA AGREEMENT

REF: SEOUL 6982

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM FONMIN THAT WE PROPOSE MAKING FOLLOWING JOINT US-ROK STATEMENT ONCE JSA AGREEMENT IS SIGNED AND ANNOUNCED BY MAC. STATEMENT WOULD BE ISSUED BY RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN. (FYI: WE CANNOT AGREE TO STATEMENT AT PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL.)

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WELCOME THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT AMENDING THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT AT PANMUNJOM, SEPTEMBER (BLANK) 1976. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PORTIONS OF THE JSA, ELIMINATING CONTACT IN THE JSA INFRINGING ON PERSONAL SAFETY, AND REMOVING THE NORTH KOREAN GUARD POSTS FROM THE UNC SIDE OF THE JSA, COMPRISE A REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE STEP WHICH WHEN IMPLEMENTED WILL BETTER ASSURE THE SECURITY OF PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES IN THE

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JOINT SECURITY AREA. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEE THAT THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVELY. THEY ~~WANT~~ THAT THE SIGNATORIES OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT FOR THE OTHER SIDE ^{WILL} DO THE SAME.

OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR PART WILL CONTINUE TO AVOID PROVOCATIVE ACTS ALONG THE FULL LENGTH OF THE DMZ AS WELL AS WITHIN THE USA. IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT, THEY WILL HOLD THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE RESPONSIBLE FOR AVOIDING FUTURE PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS. AS THE RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT HAS DEMONSTRATED, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE DETERMINED TO RESPOND FIRMLY TO NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATIONS. NORTH KOREAN LEADERS SHOULD HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS FACT IN DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE ACTIONS.

END QUOTE.

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past, with the terms of the
Armistice Agreement

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NOTE FOR: Gen. Brent Scowcroft

FROM: **RON NESSEN**

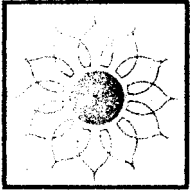
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I think this should have been referred
to you rather than me.

Thanks.

Alf M. Landon Radio Stations

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September 29, 1976

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

Dear Mr. President:

Mr. Carter has recently said he would first fire Secretary of State Kissinger.

I believe in the foreign policy debate you can properly focus attention on this highly important issue by giving credit to Secretary Kissinger for the outstanding way he has carried out your policies for peace based on mutuality of interests.

In order that civilization can continue to benefit from Secretary Kissinger's knowledge and understanding of worldwide problems and, infinitely more important, the personalities of heads of governments involved and their acquaintance with him, you are happy to announce you have persuaded Mr. Kissinger to continue as Secretary of State when you are elected.

It is timely to announce your decision. It will have a mighty lofty impact. It will set in motion awesome rallying around America's leadership by anxious world governments on vital problems.

With warm admiration and good will -

AML:j

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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NOTE FOR:

Brent Scowcroft

FROM

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RON NESSEN

Can your people
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answer to
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PRESIDENT GERALD R FORD
THE WHITE HOUSE
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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO YOU SIGNED LEGISLATION WHICH FOR THE FIRST TIME GAVE STATUTORY BACKING TO THE STATUS OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA AS AN INDEPENDENT NEWS-GATHERING AGENCY. THE RADIO TELEVISION NEWS DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION, REPRESENTING BROADCAST NEWSMEN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, APPLAUDS THIS DEVELOPMENT.

WE FEEL THAT ONLY A FULLY INDEPENDENT VICE, INSULATED FROM INTERFERENCE BY OTHER AGENCIES, CAN ACHIEVE A REPUTATION FOR INTEGRITY AND MAINTAIN UNQUESTIONED CREDIBILITY AMONG ITS WORLDWIDE LISTENERS. THESE QUALITIES, WE FEEL, ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE VOICE TO PERFORM ITS JOURNALISTIC MISSION FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, BUT IF THE VOICE CAN BE UNDERCUT BY OUTSIDE POLICY CONTROLS THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN INDEPENDENT REPORTING AND GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA WILL BE BLURRED ON THE AIRWAVES AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VOA CRIPPLED. RTNDA FEELS THIS HAPPENED, AND FLAGRANTLY, IN THE RECENT ORDER OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ISRAEL TO VOA CORRESPONDENT CHARLES WEISS FORBIDDING HIM TO HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. SUCH JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITY WAS NOT ONLY LEGITIMATE BUT ESSENTIAL TO ANY REPORTER COVERING THE MIDDLE EAST. WE FEEL THE EMBASSY BAN WAS NOT ONLY ILL-ADVISED BUT IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE VOA'S BRAND NEW CHARTER. IN THIS LEGISLATION CONGRESS DIRECTS THE VOICE TO BE A "CONSISTENTLY RELIABLE AND AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE OF NEWS. . . ACCURATE, OBJECTIVE, AND COMPREHENSIVE." THE CHARTER ALSO STATES, QUITE POINTEDLY: "TO BE EFFECTIVE, THE VOICE OF AMERICA MUST WIN THE ATTENTION AND RESPECT OF LISTENERS." WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT TO TREAT VOA REPORTERS AS DIPLOMATS, RATHER THAN THE FREE STRONGLY THAT THE TREAT VOA REPORTERS AS DIPLOMATS, RATHER THAN THE FREE WORKING NEWSMEN THEY SHOULD BE, CANNOT GAIN RESPECT FOR THE VOICE BUT LOSE IT. AS THE LOS ANGELES TIMES STATED EDITORIALY LAST WEEK: "THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT



OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES MAKES IT NO EASIER FOR VOA LISTENERS TO SEPARATE ONE FROM THE OTHER." WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE FREEST REPORTING BY THE VOA SO THAT ITS CORRESPONDENTS -- LIKE OTHER INDEPENDENT NEWSMEN-- MY DEAL WITH ANY NEWS SOURCE THEY REQUIRE TO REPORT A STORY FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY.

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