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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1974

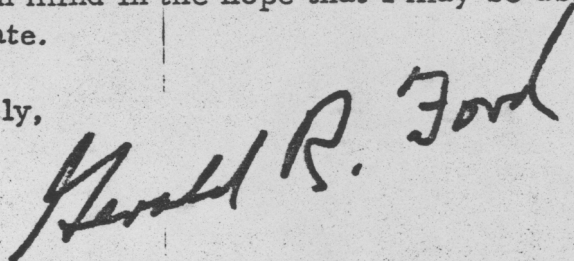
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of September 17, 1974, which was conveyed by Deputy Chairman Ivan Popov. Your warm expression of good wishes is appreciated.

In my opinion, Professor Popov's visit to this country made a positive contribution to the further development of relations between our countries. I was pleased to note that during the visit an agreement between the United States Chamber of Commerce and the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce was signed.

I appreciate your invitation to visit the People's Republic of Bulgaria. While my schedule is such that I cannot make a commitment at this time, I will certainly keep your invitation in mind in the hope that I may be able to accept at a later date.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Todor Zhivkov
Chairman of the State Council
of the People's Republic of Bulgaria
Sofia



JOINT NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL/STATE SECRETARIAT REFERRAL/RESPONSE FORM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM FOR: George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

Date: Dec 18 1974
NSC Log No. 7405104

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 DRAFT REPLY FOR: PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE TRANSLATION
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DUE DATE:

Charlotte C. D'Agostino
For JEANNE W. DAVIS
Staff Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft
National Security Council
The White House

Date:
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Pursuant to the above referral we are transmitting with this memorandum:

The attached item was received by the Department of State:

 Draft reply for:
 President's signature
 Other signature

 We believe no response is necessary

 Information copy of direct reply

 A draft response is attached

 Translation

 A draft response will be forwarded

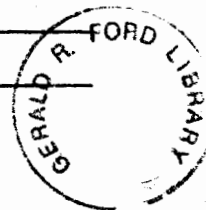
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GEORGE S. SPRINGSTEEN
Executive Secretary

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION

To: T. Zhivkov From: President Ford Date: Dec 17 1974

Subject: Letter



Date letter ^{12/12}
sent to state
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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NSC/S:

Presidential Letter at Tab A
has been dated Dec. 17, 1974.

Please send to State for transmission.

Thanks.

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December 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *KK*

SUBJECT: Reply to Bulgarian Chairman Zhivkov

In September 1974, Bulgarian Deputy Chairman Ivan Popov paid a visit to the United States at the invitation of Secretary Dent, returning a visit paid by the Secretary of Commerce to Bulgaria.

On the occasion of the Popov visit, Todor Zhivkov, President of the State Council of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, sent you the letter at Tab B expressing his satisfaction with the development of US-Bulgarian relations and inviting you to visit Bulgaria.

While there have been modest improvements in US-Bulgarian relations in recent months -- including the signing of a Consular Convention -- I do not believe the situation yet warrants your acceptance of an invitation to visit Bulgaria. The letter for your signature to Chairman Zhivkov at Tab A would thank him for his letter, express your agreement on the contribution made by the Popov visit and would keep open the question of a visit noting that you appreciate the invitation and will keep it in mind.

Your letter has been coordinated with Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

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FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

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RECOMMENDATION

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November 18, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

A. Denis Clift *ADC*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Reply to Zhivkov of Bulgaria

The memorandum for your signature to the President at Tab I would forward a proposed reply for his signature to Chairman Zhivkov of Bulgaria. Zhivkov's letter of September 17, which was delivered to the State Department by Bulgarian Deputy Chairman Popov during his visit to the United States, is also attached. *(Tab B)*

In his letter, Zhivkov places great emphasis on the importance of President Ford's accepting an invitation to visit Bulgaria. The President's reply expresses appreciation for the invitation but does not make a U.S. commitment.

The President's letter has been coordinated with Paul Theis. State's forwarding memorandum is at Tab II.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum for the President at Tab I.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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November 1, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Letter from President Ford to
Bulgarian Chief of State Todor Zhivkov
in Reply to Invitation to Visit Bulgaria

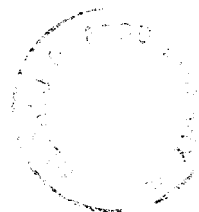
The attached draft letter is a suggested reply to
Chairman Zhivkov's letter of September 17, 1974 (sent
to you by a memorandum dated October 25, 1974), inviting
President Ford to visit Bulgaria at a time convenient to
the President.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft Letter from President Ford
to Chairman Zhivkov.

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SUGGESTED REPLY

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your cordial letter of September 17, 1974. Your renewed expression of good wishes is most appreciated.

I, too, am pleased by the constructive and mutually beneficial manner in which the relations between the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the United States of America are developing. The recent visit by Professor Ivan Popov, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers, and his distinguished delegation contributed much to the process of further improving the relations between our two countries. The discussions which took place both in Washington and other American cities represent an important contribution to the advancement of our commercial ties. I regret that my schedule during his visit did not permit me to receive your letter directly from Deputy Chairman Popov.

I appreciate your kind invitation to visit the People's Republic of Bulgaria, and I shall certainly keep it in mind

(Option one): in planning future visits to Europe.

(Option two): in the future.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Todor Zhivkov,
Chairman of the State Council
of the People's Republic
of Bulgaria,
Sofia.

Department of State.





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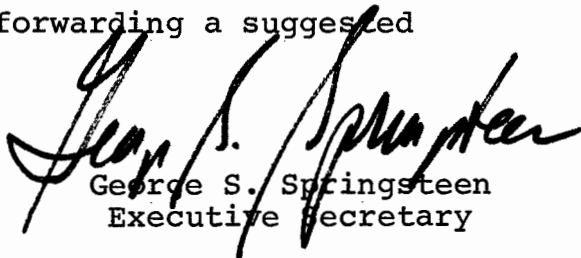
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October 25, 1974

UNCLASSIFIEDMEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: Invitation from Bulgarian Chief of State
Todor Zhivkov for President Ford to
Visit Bulgaria

The attached letter of September 17, 1974, from Todor Zhivkov, Chairman of the Bulgarian Council of State, invites President Ford to visit Bulgaria at a time convenient to the President. Chairman Zhivkov had intended the letter to be delivered to the President by Deputy Premier Ivan Popov during the latter's official visit to Washington September 23-24. Since this was not possible, the Bulgarian Ambassador requested that we transmit Zhivkov's letter to the White House.

We will shortly be forwarding a suggested reply to this message.



George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Letter from Chairman
Zhivkov to President FordUNCLASSIFIED

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Sofia, September 17, 1974

Dear Mr. President,

It is a pleasure to avail myself of the official visit of the Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bulgaria Prof. Ivan Popov to the United States of America to congratulate you, once again, most cordially and to wish you success in your responsible mission as President of the United States of America.

I would like to express my satisfaction with the process of positive development of the relations between our two countries during the past few years and to underline my profound belief in the existence of favourable conditions for this process to continue to the interest of the two nations. There is no doubt that the talks which will be held in the United States of America will be a considerable contribution to the further development of mutual relations.

I believe that contacts between responsible statesmen of our two countries at summit level are an important factor for creating good, friendly ties and it is a pleasure for me, Mr. President, to invite you to visit the People's Republic of Bulgaria at a time convenient to you.

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GERALD FORD

Washington



This would enable you to become acquainted with the life of the Bulgarian people, with their peaceful and constructive work, with their aims and aspirations. We could have the opportunity of reviewing a wide range of issues concerning bilateral relations and this would give a great impetus to their positive and mutually advantageous development.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

TODOR ZHIVKOV

PRESIDENT OF THE STATE
COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA



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София, 17 септември 1974 г.

Уважаеми господин Президент,

Приятно ми е да се възползувам от официалното посещение в Съединените американски щати на заместник-председателя на Министерския съвет на Народна република България проф. Иван Попов, за да Ви поздравя още веднаж най-сърдечно и да Ви пожелаая успех в отговорната Ви мисия като президент на Съединените американски щати.

Искам да изразя задоволството си от процеса на положителното развитие на отношенията между нашите две страни през последните години и да подчертая моето дълбоко убеждение, че са налице благоприятни условия този процес да продължава в интерес на двата народа. Няма съмнение, че разговорите, които ще се водят в Съединените американски щати, ще бъдат съществен принос за по-нататъшното развитие на взаимните връзки.

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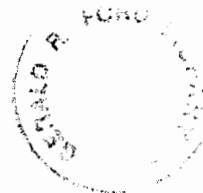
Убеден, че контактите между отговорните държавни дейци на нашите две страни на най-високо равнище са важен фактор за изграждане на добри, приятелски връзки, за мен е удоволствие да Ви поканя, господин Президент, да посетите Народна република България в удобно за Вас време. Това би Ви позволило да се запознаете с живота на българския народ, с неговия мирен съзидателен труд, с неговите благородни стремежи и цели. Ние бихме имали възможност да разгледаме голям кръг от въпроси на двустранните отношения, което би дало съществен тласък на тяхното положително и взаимноизгодно развитие.

Моля приемете, господин Президент, изрази на отличната ми към Вас почит.



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ПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛ НА ДЪРЖАВНИЯ СЪВЕТ
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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April 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Message for Bulgarian
President Zhivkov
(S/S 7607586)

In response to your memorandum of April 12, the attached text of a Presidential message has been approved for Ambassador Herz to convey orally to Bulgarian President Zhivkov.


Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

Attachment

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV

"President Ford has asked me to thank you for the kind sentiments and good wishes expressed in your message. He recalls with pleasure his informal meetings with you in Helsinki.

The President offers you his personal regards and hopes that our governments can continue to work together for the further relaxation of tensions and improvement in relations between our two countries."




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ACTION
April 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: Mr. Clift 


SUBJECT: Presidential Message to Bulgarian
President Zhivkov

Presumably at the behest of U.S. Ambassador to Bulgaria Martin Herz who is in Washington on consultations, the Department of State has asked approval (at Tab B) of an oral message (at Tab A) from the President to President Zhivkov. State notes that the President met Zhivkov informally at Helsinki and that Zhivkov has informally invited the President to Bulgaria on several occasions. Prior to Ambassador Herz's return to the U.S. for consultations, Zhivkov asked that his regards and best wishes for the election be extended to the President. In response, the Department believes it would be a well received gesture for Ambassador Herz to convey orally the President's greetings to Zhivkov.

While this would seem to be diplomatic handholding of the highest order, I see no substantive objection to a Presidential greeting (proposed text at Tab A) to Zhivkov, delivered orally by Ambassador Herz. The memorandum for Jeanne Davis' signature to State at Tab I would forward the approved text of such a greeting for Ambassador Herz's use.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the text of the oral greeting at Tab A and Jeanne Davis' signature of the memorandum to State at Tab I.

APPROVE 

DISAPPROVE _____

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 12, 1976

UNCLASSIFIEDMEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Request for a Personal Message from the
President to President Zhivkov of Bulgaria

Attached is a draft message from the President to President Todor Zhivkov of Bulgaria which we would like Ambassador Martin F. Herz to convey to President Zhivkov upon his return to his post in Sofia.

The President met President Zhivkov on several informal occasions at Helsinki and Zhivkov has referred with pleasure to these encounters during meetings with American officials. He has also extended numerous informal invitations to the President to visit Bulgaria. He asked Ambassador Herz, just before the latter left Bulgaria for consultations in the U.S., to extend his regards to the President and to convey his wishes of good luck in this election year.

The attached message, if approved, would be delivered orally by Ambassador Herz on the occasion of his next meeting with President Zhivkov.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft Oral Message from President Ford
for President Zhivkov

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SUBJECT: *Draft oral Pres msg to Pres Zhivkov of Bulgaria to be delivered by amb Herz*

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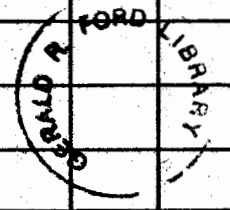
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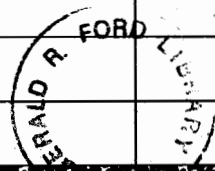
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For Pres to visit Bulgaria*

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