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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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January 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

SUBJECT: Trade Agreement with Romania

Romania is anxious to secure Most-Favored-Nation tariff treatment following your signature of the Trade Reform Act. To minimize any delay and to demonstrate the United States' positive intent to the Romanians, I would propose to begin negotiations on a trade agreement now. The US-Romanian trade agreement would have features similar to the US-USSR trade agreement including, in addition to MFN, provisions covering disruptive imports and protection for U.S. businessmen, and a projection of trade levels. I propose that Ambassador Barnes conduct the negotiations on the agreement in Bucharest, assisted by a staff-level group from agencies represented on the Committee on East-West Trade Policy.

Existing policy guidance governing economic negotiations with East European countries states that no commitments on MFN authority will be made until authorized by the President. Such authority will be sought at an appropriate point in the negotiation process.

I recommend that you approve the opening of negotiations on a US-Romanian trade agreement.

APPROVE *HK*

DISAPPROVE _____

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E.O. 13526 (as amended by E.O. 13526)
NSC Memo, 3/20/89, State Dept. Guidelines
By *HR* NARA, Date *9/10/12*

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