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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 22, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: JACK MARSH *Jack*  
SUBJECT: Medal of Freedom--Vice President

When I spoke to the Vice President and advised him of his selection for the award of the Medal of Freedom he was tremendously honored and most grateful.

In that conversation, he inquired whether the Secretary of State had also been selected and I indicated he had not been because you picked only one person from your Administration and that selection was based not only on his Vice Presidential service but on a long and distinguished career of public service including Governorship of the state of New York.

However, the Vice President asked me to relay to you his view that the Secretary of State should be considered as a recipient. I told him I would, and therefore, I am sending you this memo.

The Vice President indicated he felt Henry rather than himself should be the recipient. This attitude arises out of Henry's accomplishments in the field of international affairs.

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