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May 5, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

FROM: TED MARRS

Bicentennial activities in regard to International matters will be behind a power curve if we do not get a recommendation in regard to the basic question of separate visits for significant foreign visitors versus a major single effort (with few exceptions).

It is my understanding that NSC is coordinating the development of a position on this matter. I would appreciate resolution as soon as possible so that ARBA's planning and White House planning can be accomplished on a timely basis.

bc: Jack Marsh ✓
Dick Cheney



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON
December 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *Rourke*

Jack, latest idea from Milt Mitler and company re present for Heads of State. A piece of moon rock encased in glass or plastic and placed in a colonial-type pewter container...basic idea...our early beginnings (colonial pewter) to the ultimate (moon landing).

What do you think?

Nice try!
✓ relayed 2/15



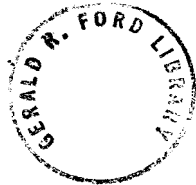
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To JACK MARSH

For your information

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NOTE —



CLASSIFICATION

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIALACTION

December 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

Mr. Clift 

SUBJECT:

Status Report on Giscard d'Estaing's Visit

We were recently informed by the Scheduling Office that the President had inquired about the status of planning for Giscard's visit this coming May.

The Department of State has forwarded the status report at Tab B. The memorandum for your signature at Tab A would review this information for the President.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab A.

cc: Milt Mitler

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Brent Scowcroft

SUBJECT: Status Report on Giscard d'Estaing's Visit

In response to your recent inquiry, the following paragraphs provide a review of the tentative planning for French President Giscard d'Estaing's State Visit to the United States, May 17-20, 1976.

- May 17: --South Grounds Arrival Ceremony
 --Oval Office Meeting
 --5:30 p.m., Society of Cincinnati Reception,
 Anderson House
 --White House State Dinner
- May 18: --Possible Second Oval Office Meeting
 --12:30 p.m., Address to Joint session of Congress
 --Evening at Mt. Vernon for inauguration of French
 Bicentennial Sound and Light gift

Concerning President Giscard's itinerary outside the Washington area, it is our understanding that he is considering visits to Yorktown, Virginia; New Orleans; Houston; Boston; Philadelphia; New York and other cities but has not yet made any firm decisions about his itinerary.

The French Embassy expects to provide us in the next few weeks with indications of President Giscard's tentative preferences for arrangements and itinerary of the state visit. Upon receipt of this information, I will provide you with an updated status report.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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December 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: State Visit of French President

Mrs. Davis' memorandum of December 16 requested recommendations on the proposed itinerary for the visit of President Giscard d'Estaing.

The Department of State understands that the preference of President Giscard is for not more than five days of programmed events on his visit to the United States next May. Of these five days two days would be devoted to Washington and three days to locations elsewhere in the United States.

Since the joint announcement specified the period of May 17-20 for the visit, the Department recommends that planning for the Washington portion of the visit, i.e., involving possible participation by President Ford, be as follows:

Monday, May 17, 1976 - ceremonial arrival of President Giscard at the White House; meetings between Presidents Ford and Giscard; White House dinner.

Tuesday, May 18, 1976 - possible meeting between Presidents Ford and Giscard; President Giscard's dinner reciprocating the White House dinner.

There are three events in Washington for which President Giscard has made arrangements to participate or plans to do so. 1) At 12:30 on May 18 he will address a Joint Session of Congress. 2) On May 17 at 5:30 he is tentatively scheduled to attend a reception by the Society of the Cincinnati at Anderson House. 3) During his stay in Washington, probably on the night of May 18, Giscard wishes to present and inaugurate at Mount Vernon the French gift to the Bicentennial, a "sound and light" show.



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C. Arthur Borg
for George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



NOTE:

Mr. Marsh -- you have a 10:30
appointment with the President
on January 8 (Thursday).

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

→ Counselor John Marsh
Dr. Ted Marrs
Mrs. Maria Downs
Captain Kollmorgen

FROM:

Jeanne W. Davis *JWD*

SUBJECT:

Planning Group Meeting for Bicentennial
Event for Foreign Leaders

The first meeting of the planning group for the bicentennial event for foreign leaders will be held at the State Department on January 8 at 10:30 AM in Room 7516 (Operations Center). We would appreciate your informing my office of the participants from your staff who will attend. A copy of the proposed agenda is attached.



BICENTENNIAL EVENT FOR FOREIGN LEADERS
PLANNING GROUP

Proposed Agenda for January 8 Meeting

1. Scope of event
 - number of guests
 - size of entourage
2. Program
 - WH functions
 - entertainment
3. Logistics
 - housing
 - transportation
4. Security
5. Cost, resources for funding
6. Other matters



DEC 20 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary of State
The Administrator, American Revolution
Bicentennial Administration

SUBJECT: Planning for Bicentennial Event for
Foreign Leaders

In order to commence work on the bicentennial event for foreign leaders, approved by the President for the week of July 19, 1976, a small Planning Group will be created composed of representatives of appropriate elements of the various departments and agencies concerned.

These should include, but not be limited to, the Office of the Chief of Protocol, Mr. John Marsh and Dr. Ted Marrs of the White House Staff, the White House Social Office, Office of the President's Military Assistant, the NSC Staff, the Office of Management and Budget, the Secret Service and the American Bicentennial Administration.

The Planning Group will be chaired by a representative of the Deputy Under Secretary of State for Management.

Brent Scowcroft
Brent Scowcroft

cc: Counselor John Marsh
Dr. Ted Marrs
Maria Downs
Capt. Leland S. Kollmorgen
H. Stuart Knight



DEC 20 1975
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH ✓
TED MARRS -

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *JWD*

SUBJECT: Creation of Planning
Group for Bicentennial
Event for
Foreign Leaders.

The attached is for your concurrence and/or comment. Alex Akalovsky has been assigned to Larry Eagleburger to work exclusively on Bicentennial matters and would chair the group.

Attachment



MEMORANDUM FOR

Secretary of State
Administrator, American Revolution
Bicentennial Administration

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Jack -

I strongly endorse
the alternative proposal;
and recommend that
a Reception and Dinner
be held at the Kennedy
Center.

Arguments against
heads of state proposal
are persuasive, to say the
least. Plus, there is a
zero political benefit
involved during a critical
time frame. Russ

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: RUSS ROURKE

FROM: JACK MARSH *RMK*

Russ, would you please coordinate with Ted and Milt Mitler to get views back on this memo from Jeanne Davis. In fact, I think maybe the four of us might want to sit down and go over that.



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Comments due 1/29/76
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January 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

→ Mr. John O. Marsh, Counsellor to the President
Mr. John W. Warner, Administrator, ARBA
Dr. Ted Marrs, Special Assistant to the President
Mr. Milt Mitler, Bicentennial Office, White House
Mrs. Maria Downs, Social Secretary
Captain Leland L. Kollmorgen, Military Assistant to
the President
Ms. Susan Porter, White House
Mr. Richard Hite, Chairman, Interagency Bicentennial
Task Force, Department of the Interior
Mr. Peter Fannon, OMB
Mr. William R. Barton, Chief, Foreign Dignitary
Protection Division, Secret Service

SUBJECT: Proposed Memorandum to the President on the
Bicentennial Event for Foreign Leaders

Attached is a suggested draft memo to the President on the proposed
Bicentennial event for foreign leaders in July. I would appreciate
having your comments and/or clearance by January 29.


Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

SECRET ATTACHMENT



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MEMO FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Brent Scowcroft

SUBJ: Bicentennial Event for Foreign Leaders

You have agreed to the concept of a Bicentennial event in July for foreign Heads of State or Government, and we have developed a suggested plan along the lines previously proposed to you. At the same time, there are foreign policy and domestic factors to be considered and they are described herein.

Attendance by Foreign Leaders

It is suggested that invitations to foreign leaders be extended in your name on behalf of the American people to participate in a two-day Bicentennial program on July 20 and 21 in Washington. For both protocolary and budgetary reasons, it would be desirable to limit invitations only to Chiefs of State or, at the option of the countries concerned, Heads of Government, and their spouses. The total number invited would be approximately 140, plus spouses. It is estimated that as many as three-fourths of the total number might accept.

Suggested Program

July 19

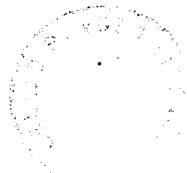
Preferred date for the arrival of Heads of State or Government to Washington.

July 20

Morning and afternoon -- This period could be reserved on your schedule for brief private meetings with selected foreign leaders, as may be considered desirable.

We believe it would be possible to select a few leaders for private sessions without offending others, as has been done on the occasion of State funerals of American dignitaries.

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E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5
NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines
By WMM, NARA, Date 11/28/00



July 20

Afternoon -- A reception at the White House or, if desired, a reception at the Smithsonian Institution. (The Nation of Nations Exhibition at the Smithsonian's National Museum of History and Technology Building is the most important of the multitude of Smithsonian Bicentennial projects and would be particularly appropriate for a group of foreign dignitaries. A brochure on the exhibition is attached at Tab A).

Evening -- Dinner at the White House for Heads of State or Government and their spouses and appropriate US invitees, with additional guests, including Ambassadors in Washington and their wives, to be invited for the after-dinner entertainment. Because of the number involved, it would be necessary to consider a pavillion of the type used on the South Lawn in May of 1973 for the POW dinner for approximately 1300 guests. Or, if desired, the reception could be held at the White House followed by the dinner at the Smithsonian. The White House function will be seen as the keystone of the celebration. It would have great appeal and significance for foreign leaders in general and particularly for those who might not otherwise have an opportunity to be feted at the White House.

July 21

Afternoon -- Possible Joint Session of Congress with Heads of State or Government in attendance. This need not entail a formal address but could include a reading of the Declaration of Independence or similar readings appropriate to the Bicentennial.

-- Because of the number involved, it may not be possible to include



spouses at the Joint Session. In that event, Mrs. Ford might consider hosting a luncheon for the spouses at the White House or elsewhere during this period.

-- The Congress might be asked to host a luncheon, following the Joint Session or, if desired, the Supreme Court might be considered as host for a luncheon in honor of the visitors.

Evening -- Entertainment at the Kennedy Center. This could include performances of representative American works -- music, ballet, theatre, etc. It would be seen as presenting the best exponents of the American performing arts, and the program could be worked out in consultation with Nancy Hanks, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Commemorative Gift

It has been generally agreed that it would be appropriate to present each Head of State or Government attending the celebration with a Bicentennial gift to commemorate the occasion. Specific recommendations are being considered and will be presented for your approval.

Foreign Policy Factors

The preliminary planning has identified certain foreign policy factors which should be considered:

-- There are risks involved in assembling leaders of widely differing political colorations in the charged atmosphere now prevailing on the international scene: Prime Minister Vorster of South Africa; President Qadhafi of Libya; President Amin of Uganda; and President Pinochet of Chile, are examples of those whose presence could result in incidents, including demonstrations, that



even the most meticulous protocol and security arrangements may not be able to prevent;

-- There may be some controversy over invitations to those leaders whose policies are deemed incompatible with democratic values and thus with the very spirit of the Bicentennial;

-- The PRC dilemma: if invited, the PRC will certainly refuse to attend together with the Republic of China; if not, it may well feel slighted and US-PRC relations could be affected;

-- We may create resentment among friends or regional colleagues of those leaders whom, for valid reasons of our own, we may decide not to invite, e. g., Amin of Uganda.

In addition, there has been a growing number of requests to call on you from foreign leaders planning to be in the US for bicentennial-related activities. The original concept of the Bicentennial event was to minimize the burden on your schedule. However, you are already scheduled to receive Irish Prime Minister Cosgrave and _____ in March, the King of Sweden in April, President Giscard d'Estaing in May and Queen Elizabeth in July, the latter two for full State Visits. It will also probably be necessary to recommend other Official and State visitors this year, in addition to the proposed July event. Further, we can anticipate requests for appointments from foreign leaders who will be here for the UNGA in the fall, whether or not they are received at the White House in July.



Domestic Considerations

On the domestic side, there are some who may view such an event as an extravaganza the American people can ill afford. Controversy may arise over those foreign leaders being invited, or that the occasion is being used to foster political support, coming as it does during an election year.

There will be considerable expense involved, with preliminary estimates in excess of \$2 million. We would plan to fund all of the expenses out of existing money and avoid requesting new funds specifically for this event from the Congress.

On the other hand, foreign governments have contributed substantially to our Bicentennial (roughly \$20 million in gifts), plus considerable non-governmental funds.

The Bicentennial Administration reports that the American people are very much involved in Bicentennial planning and would be keenly interested in having foreign leaders visit their communities if they were in the United States for a Bicentennial event.

Given the foregoing, you may also wish to consider a possible alternative to the assemblage of foreign Heads of State. You and Mrs. Ford might host a gala event in July for foreign Ambassadors in Washington and their wives, to include the Congress, Supreme Court Justices, Cabinet officers, and other appropriate guests, and their spouses. This could be:

- a White House reception;
- a reception or dinner at the Kennedy Center, followed by appropriate



entertainment to commemorate the Bicentennial;

-- a reception or dinner at the Smithsonian Institution.

A commemorative gift could be given to the Ambassadors.

We would appreciate an indication of your preferences:

1. Proceed with arrangements for Heads of State or Government program.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Preferences:

Reception and Dinner at the White House (Pavillion to be used, if needed) _____

Reception at the White House, with the dinner at:

Smithsonian _____

Other _____

Joint Session of Congress for Heads of State or Government

Yes _____ No _____ Other _____

Luncheon for Heads of State or Government to be offered by:

Congress _____

Supreme Court _____

Other _____

Luncheon for their spouses:

The First Lady _____

-- at the White House _____

-- at the Smithsonian _____

Elsewhere _____



Evening Entertainment for Heads of State or Government and spouses at the Kennedy Center

Yes _____

No _____

Other _____

2. Alternatively, proceed with program described for foreign Ambassadors in July.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Preferences:

White House Reception _____

Reception only at the Smithsonian _____

Reception only at the Kennedy Center _____

Other _____

Reception and dinner approved _____

-- Smithsonian _____

-- Kennedy Center _____

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1976



Jack:

Jeanne Davis advises me today that the entire heads of state proposal has already been scrubbed. President already signed off on it. Do we still want our March/Cheney/Scowcroft/Rourke meeting?

Because of the fallout that will flow from the scrubbing of our original heads of state proposal, the meeting might still be helpful.

If, however, you want to cancel the meeting (presently scheduled for Monday), please advise.



Russ

no, let it go on, we have the master now spans. m

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OK



~~11:15~~ Friday

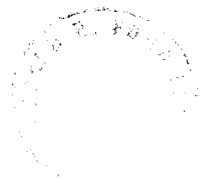
JOM's office
w/ Cheney, Scamcroft,
Marsh, Rourke

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* Thursday is best day *

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WASHINGTON

Important!!



Kathy, please call
Cheney and Secroft's
offices — coordinate
w/ Donna re a meeting
this week (15 minutes)
in Joan's office on
subject of "Heads of
State Visit to U.S.
for Bicentennial"

Participants: Marsh,
Cheney, Secroft, Rourke
Kees

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WASHINGTON

February 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RUSS ROURKE
FROM: MILT MITLER

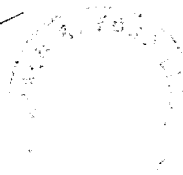
Milt

Russ, attached is the response I sent to Jeanne Davis concerning the Heads of State visit for Bicentennial. It also represents Ted's thinking.

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Attachment

R - See me



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January 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JEANNE DAVIS

FROM: MILT MITLER

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT ON
THE BICENTENNIAL EVENT FOR FOREIGN LEADERS

There is no question that the massing of many Heads of State or Government to help commemorate our nation's Bicentennial would not only attract the attention of the world but would be a fitting means of exhibiting world recognition of our two hundred years as an independent society.

The program outlined in your memorandum of January 27, 1976, with some modifications, would accomplish that purpose in an acceptable and dignified manner.

However, after careful consideration of both the negatives and positives, I cannot help but believe that there are too many negatives which must be recognized and that they outweigh what might be achieved from this one time celebration. Some of those negatives you have already surfaced. The most severe, to my mind, would be security and the cost. Both, I am afraid, would serve to impact on the people of the country in a manner which would produce heavy and probably understandable criticism.

Even in view of the fact that there will be only one Bicentennial and that we have already received indications from some foreign nations concerning a Head of State visit here, my personal feeling is that we should forego this plan for the alternative which, while not quite as dramatic nor at a level where perhaps the occasion belongs, will permit us to include those nations friendly to us in our commemoration and will permit us to extend the spirit of our celebration throughout the world.

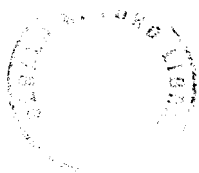
My vote is for the assemblage of foreign Ambassadors at some significant function where the President can express his appreciation for what the nations of the world are doing to help in the commemoration. I do believe at least a part of the function should be at the White House. The other details could be worked out to satisfy the purpose and to maintain the dignity of the event.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

R - me
See through
I this was
scrubbed.
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Jack -

Strongly recommend
Option #2 w/ following
sub-items:

Reception and

Dinner, both at

Kennedy Center.

(latter is beautiful,
almost historic and
would keep the
cost down, i.e. if both
events held in same

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place —)

Also recommend
appropriate gift.

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WASHINGTON

February 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Jack, Jeanne Davis did some heavy back peddling re the attached. Now she tells me that the President really didn't sign off on the "scrub" as she had previously advised me. I get the very clear impression that she and Brent got their signals crossed on this.

FYI, Milt advises me that he had a few words with Jeanne on this same subject. Her prior "didn't you know this was scrubbed" statement to Milt had caused him some recent embarrassment in his own dealings with some outside folks. She now denies that she ever told Milt it was "scrubbed".

In any event, your views on the attached are again solicited.

P.S. Jeanne was also able to advise me that Jim Connor "sat on this memo since February 12". She said she had some "words" with him on this subject.

In any event, Jack, please indicate your option selection ab initio.

R -
Lets discuss

M

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: FEB 24 1976

Date: February 24, 1976

Time:

du: 2/25
3:00

FOR ACTION:

cc (for information):

Jack Marsh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: February 25, 1976

Time: 3 P.M.

SUBJECT:

Brent Scowcroft's memorandum 2/12/76
re: Bicentennial Event for Foreign Leaders

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

see attached



PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

James E. Connor
For the President

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February 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*
SUBJECT: Bicentennial Event for Foreign Leaders

You have approved the concept of hosting a Bicentennial event in July for foreign Heads of State or Government, and we have developed a suggested plan along the lines previously proposed. Since the original concept was submitted, however, a number of considerations have surfaced -- diplomatic, security and financial -- which suggest the need to rethink the original proposal. This memorandum presents the new elements and proposes alternative solutions.

The paragraphs immediately following describe a possible scenario for a Bicentennial gala on the original format, that is, involving foreign Heads of State/Government.

Attendance

Invitations would be extended in your name on behalf of the American people to participate in a two-day Bicentennial program on July 20 and 21 in Washington. For both protocolary and budgetary reasons, it would be desirable to limit invitations only to Chiefs of State or, at the option of the countries concerned, Heads of Government, and their spouses. The total number invited would be approximately 280. It is estimated that as many as one-half to three-fourths of the total number might accept.

Suggested Program

Monday, July 19

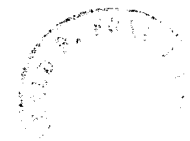
Arrivals.

Tuesday, July 20

Morning and afternoon -- Brief private meetings with selected foreign leaders. It would be appropriate and useful to select a few leaders for

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WHM 11/28/00



private sessions, as has been done on the occasion of State funerals of American dignitaries. It is, of course, possible that some bruised feelings may result if certain individuals are not received privately, and some may not be willing to attend the event unless they are assured of a meeting with you.

Evening -- Dinner at the White House for the foreign visitors and appropriate U.S. invitees, with additional guests, including Ambassadors in Washington and their wives, to be invited for after-dinner entertainment. (Because of the number involved, it would be necessary to consider a pavillion of the type used on the South Lawn in May of 1973 for the POW dinner for approximately 1300 guests.) The White House function will be seen as the keystone of the celebration. It would have great appeal and significance for foreign leaders in general and, particularly for those who might not otherwise have an opportunity to be feted at the White House.

Wednesday, July 21

12 Noon -- Possible Joint Session of Congress with Heads of State or Government in attendance. This need not entail a formal address but could include a reading of the Declaration of Independence or similar readings appropriate to the Bicentennial.

-- Because of the number involved, it may not be possible to include spouses at the Joint Session. In that event, Mrs. Ford might consider hosting a luncheon for the wives during this period. It could include the wives of Members of Congress, the Supreme Court, and other appropriate guests, and it could take place at the White House or elsewhere. (The new Nation of Nations Exhibition at the Smithsonian's National Museum of History and Technology Building, could be considered as a possible location and would be an appropriate setting for the dignitaries.)

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Foreign Policy Factors

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Our preliminary planning thus far has identified several possibly negative foreign policy factors which should be considered:

-- There are risks involved in assembling leaders of widely differing political colorations in the charged atmosphere now prevailing on the international scene: Prime Minister Vorster of South Africa; President Amin of Uganda; and President Pinochet of Chile, are examples of those whose presence could result in incidents, including demonstrations, that even the most meticulous protocol and security arrangements may not be able to prevent;

-- There may be some controversy over invitations to those leaders whose policies are deemed incompatible with democratic values and thus with the very spirit of the Bicentennial;

-- The PRC dilemma: if invited, the PRC will certainly refuse to attend together with the Republic of China; if not, it may well feel slighted and US-PRC relations could be affected;

-- If we attempt to avoid the problems above by selective invitations, we may create resentment among friends or regional colleagues of those leaders who are not invited.

Security

Serious consideration must be given to the possibility of international terrorist activity for which this event could present a tempting target. The recent attack made on the OPEC meeting in Vienna is a reminder to us of the extent to which dedicated terrorists will go to advance their cause.

A gathering of world leaders will certainly attract large numbers of dissident groups to Washington. These groups have diverse reasons for targets they consider oppressive and are inherently opposed to one another. Large areas of the city may have to be sealed off and the security of various Embassies will need to be significantly increased. Extensive military assistance would be required to supplement the combined security resources of the U. S. Secret Service, the Metropolitan Police Department, and the U.S. Park Police. This massive security effort would be visible to all. (It is estimated that over 2.5 million visitors will be in the Washington, D. C. area for the July period.)

In addition, given the security protection extended to political candidates, and the special needs of the July Democratic National Convention, security personnel would already be extended to the maximum.

Domestic Considerations

There will be considerable expense involved, with preliminary estimates as high as \$6 million, including additional security, communications, transportation, etc. (The Congress has allocated only \$9 million to the Bicentennial Administration for the total Bicentennial effort.) However, if the preliminary estimates are accurate, it will be very difficult to reprogram these amounts without affecting our performance elsewhere. This will be particularly true for the Secret Service and the State Department.

The Bicentennial Administration reports that the American people are very much involved in Bicentennial planning and would be keenly interested in having foreign leaders visit their communities if they were in the United

States for a Bicentennial event. If the government were to sponsor such travel, additional costs would be incurred as well as additional security coverage. Furthermore, one unfortunate incident could seriously damage the enthusiasm for Bicentennial activities that has been engendered nationwide.

On the other hand, foreign governments have contributed substantially to our Bicentennial (roughly \$20 million in gifts), plus considerable non-governmental funds.

In light of the foregoing concerns which have come to light, the idea of a Bicentennial event for Heads of State or Government merits reconsideration. On balance, I am inclined to think that the problems involved outweigh the considerable merits of the event. As an alternative to the program outlined above, you might wish to consider hosting a similar but smaller event in July for the Ambassadors in Washington and their wives. It could include the Congress, the Supreme Court, the Cabinet and other appropriate guests. This could involve:

- a White House reception;
- a reception or dinner at the Kennedy Center, followed by appropriate entertainment to commemorate the Bicentennial;
- a reception or dinner at the Smithsonian Institution;
- a commemorative gift.

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Departments of State and Interior, ARBA, Secret Service, the White House Bicentennial Office, OMB, the Military Aide's Office, the Social Office, and reflects their concerns over the original concept.

We would appreciate an indication of your preferences:

1. Proceed with arrangements for Heads of State or Government program. (None of your advisers or the agencies concerned recommend this option.)

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

If approved:

Preferences:

Dinner at the White House _____

Elsewhere _____

Joint Session of Congress for Heads of State or Government

Yes _____ No _____ Other _____

Luncheon for Heads of State or Government to be offered by:

-- Congress _____

-- Supreme Court _____

-- Other _____

Luncheon for wives:

The First Lady _____

-- at the White House _____

-- at the Smithsonian _____

Elsewhere _____

Evening Entertainment for Heads of State or Government and spouses at the Kennedy Center.

Yes _____ No _____ Other _____

- 2. Alternatively, proceed with program described for foreign Ambassadors and their wives in July.

Approve: M

Disapprove _____



Preferences:

Reception _____

-- at the White House _____

-- at the Smithsonian _____

-- at the Kennedy Center _____

Elsewhere _____

Dinner _____

-- at the Smithsonian _____

-- at the Kennedy Center _____

-- at the White House (Pavillion to be used, if needed) _____

Commemorative Gift

Yes _____

No _____

3. Alternatively do not schedule a Bicentennial event for the foreign community.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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WASHINGTON

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March 5, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEB*

SUBJECT:

Bicentennial Event for Foreign
Leaders

For your information, the President reviewed Brent Scowcroft's memorandum of February 12 on the above subject and made the following decisions:

1. Proceed with arrangements for Heads of State or Government program.

Disapproved

2. Alternatively, proceed with program described for foreign Ambassadors and their wives in July.

Approved

Preferences:

Reception --at the White House

Dinner --at the White House (Pavillion to be used,
if needed ?)

Commemorative Gift

Yes ?

The original memorandum has been returned to General Scowcroft for appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney
Jerry Jones



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

NSC-436

March 8, 1976

Mr Marsh
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

→ Mr. John O. Marsh, Counsellor to the President
Mr. John W. Warner, Administrator, ARBA
Mr. Milt Mitler, Bicentennial Office, White House
Mrs. Maria Downs, Social Secretary
Captain Leland L. Kollmorgen, Military Assistant
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Ms. Susan Porter, White House
Mr. Richard Hite, Chairman, Interagency Bicentennial
Task Force, Department of the Interior
Mr. Peter Fannon, OMB
Mr. William R. Barton, Chief, Foreign Dignitary
Protection Division, Secret Service

SUBJECT: Bicentennial Event for Foreign Leaders

The President has approved hosting a reception at the White House on July 20 for Foreign Ambassadors and their wives in lieu of a Bicentennial event for Heads of State and Government.

JWD
Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

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June 15, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES
FROM: JACK MARSH

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Yesterday afternoon the President brought up the possibility of a visit by the Pope. He indicated he would like to have some additional information on this and particularly a status report.

Anything you might do to pull this together would be appreciated.

cc: Dick Cheney
Bill Nicholson

JOM/dl

