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Revised guidance

May 27, 1976

VISIT OF SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI TO US:
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

[Background: The Sudanese have now announced President Nimeiri's private visit to the US (though they left out the word "private"). A copy of their announcement is attached. It is customary in private visits that the foreign government make its own announcement. You may confirm the report that the President will meet with Nimeiri. In their announcement, the Sudanese also mentioned that the President sent a message to Nimeiri expressing interest in meeting with him. A copy of the President's message is also attached.]

Q: Is it true that the President will meet with President Nimeiri of the Sudan when he visits the US and did the President especially invite Nimeiri to make this visit? The Sudanese have indicated that there was a special message from the President.

A: President Jaafar Nimeiri of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan is making a private visit to the US in June. During his stopover in Washington, he will meet with the President on June 19. He will also meet with members of the Congress. In connection with contacts between our two governments regarding the program for President Nimeiri's private visit, it was agreed that the two Presidents would meet and the President then did send a message through our Ambassador that he looks forward to the meeting. [Refer questions on his itinerary to State.]

Q: At whose initiative is this visit and the meeting with the President taking place? Why didn't the White House announce the visit first?

A: A private visit is at the initiative of the foreign government and the foreign government normally announces it. President Nimeiri was

invited to visit Tennessee by the Governor and he has broadened his
US visit to include several states and Washington. When we were
informed of the forthcoming private visit, it was mutually agreed
that a meeting of the two Presidents would take place.

Q: Why is Nimeiri coming?

A: President Nimeiri is making this private visit to our country
including several states to explore the possibilities of cooperation
between the American private sector and the Sudan.



Q. What about the murder of our Ambassador and DCM in 1973? Didn't the Sudanese release the terrorists?

A. The Government of Sudan sent them to Egypt. At last report, they were still incarcerated in Egypt. Since the death of our diplomats, they have been in jail, first in the Sudan and then in Egypt.

Q. Why would we want to see the Sudanese in view of the tragic death of our diplomats?

A. When mutually convenient, the President tries to meet with heads of friendly states when they visit Washington and we have long had good relations with the Sudan. Moreover, the Sudanese were of great assistance to us in securing the release of four of the five American citizens held by the Eritrean insurgents. Terrorist situations have happened in a number of parts of the world but at least in the case of our diplomats in Khartoum, those responsible remain incarcerated.

~~[FYI: Attached is a brief message sent by the President to President Nimeiri expressing interest in meeting with him. If the Sudanese release it, you may confirm along the following lines.]~~

~~Q. Did the President send President Nimeiri a special message inviting him as reported by the Sudanese?~~

~~A. In connection with the private visit, the President did send a message saying he looked forward to seeing President Nimeiri during his stopover in Washington.~~

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SUDAN NEWS AGENCY (SUNA) RELEASE OF MAY 27.

QUOTE: PRESIDENT GAAFAR MOHAH D NIMEIRI WILL LEAVE HERE THE SECOND WEEK OF NEXT MONTH ON A TWO-WEEK VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMELCCA.

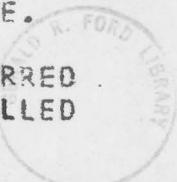
DURING HIS VISIT PRESIDENT NITUIRI WILL MEET THE AMERICABA PRESIDENT, GERALD FORD, LEADERS OF THE CONGRESS, HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, DR. KURT WALDHEIM, THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK, MR. ROBERT MACNAMARA AND A NUMBER OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN. THE AGENCY UNDERSTANDS THAT A DELEGATION CONSISTING OF OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ECONOMY, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS WILL ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT NIMEIRI.

ON THE OTHER HANBN PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, RECEIVED YESTERDAY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE USA HERE, WHO DELIVERED TO HIM A WRITTEN MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT, GERALD FORD.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT WELCOMED THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIMEIRI TO USA TO FOSTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SUDAN AND AMERICA.

IT IS FURTHERJI UNDERSTOOD THAT PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNORS OF THE US STATES WELCOMING HIS VISIT TO THE USA. END QUOTE.

2. ARABIC EDITION OF SUNA AS WELL AS RADIO BROADCAST REFERRED TO VISIT AS "WORK (OR WORKING) VISIT." DAILY AL-SAHFA CALLED VISIT AN "OFFICIAL VISIT." OTHER ARABIC DAILY CARRIED NO NOTICE OF VISIT.



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SUBJECT: NIMEIRI VISIT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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YOU SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI TO
DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT:

QUOTE: I AM PLEASED THAT YOUR PRIVATE VISIT TO THE UNITED
STATES NEXT MONTH WILL AFFORD US THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A
PERSONAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR TRAVELS AROUND OUR COUNTRY
WILL PROVE VALUABLE IN STRENGTHENING THE BONDS OF COOPER-
ATION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
THE SUDAN AND THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS MESSAGE
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GDS WISHES TO DO SO. SISCO

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REAGAN CHARGE OF INTENTION TO
SEVER RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN

Q: What is your response to allegations made before the Lester Wolff Subcommittee of the House Foreign Relations Committee That the Administration intends to establish full diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China and sever ties with the Republic of China on Taiwan after the fall elections?

A: The President has stated publicly on numerous occasions -- as in his speech at Honolulu on December 7 -- that he believes it is vital to the future well being of this country that we establish a fully normal relationship with the People's Republic of China. However, there is no timetable nor even an understanding regarding the modality by which the United States will normalize its relations with the People's Republic of China. Nor is there any so-called "plan to terminate relations with Taiwan after the elections.

If pushed: The President is well aware that normalization will affect the interests of a number of our close friends and allied in the international community. He feels equally strong that these interests and concerns must be given the utmost respect as we proceed in our dealings with Peking. We cannot expect to build a most secure world by compromising the security of others.

November 17, 1976

ARMS FOR THE SUDAN

Q: Why did the President decide to make Sudan eligible for FMS thus clearing the way for arms sales? Why did the President make this decision now and not let it carry over into the Carter Administration?

A: The President's decision is fully outlined in the statement of justification being made public (copy attached). That statement is self-explanatory and I have nothing further to add. This decision has been under consideration for some time and the normal procedures came to completion in this period.

Q: Is this decision and the one to sell Chapparals to Tunisia a last minute effort by the President to get some arms sales through before Carter takes over?

A: The decision on the Sudan came about over the course of a positive evolution in US-Sudanese relations over a long period. It merely makes the Sudan eligible for sales through FMS procedures. It does not apply to any specific sale. The determination for Tunisia is needed to make Tunisia eligible to receive the Chapparal missile; we informed Congress of this transaction. Both decisions were taken on the basis of long and thorough consideration. They are not sudden decisions.

Q: What will we sell to the Sudan? What arms do they want?

A: I am not going to get into any discussion of the details of any future arms supply relationship with the Sudan. The reason for the President's decision is spelled out clearly in the justification.

Q: How could the President make such a decision in view of the fact that Sudanese President Nimeiri released the terrorists that killed our Ambassador and DCM several years ago?

A: Our bilateral relations with the Sudan are based on a variety of mutual interests. The Sudanese were made clearly aware of our position on terrorism at the time of the murder of our diplomats; And the transfer of the terrorists to Egypt. In fact, those terrorists were put on trial in Sudan and sentenced to jail. They were subsequently sent to Egypt where they remain under detention. There are terrorist incidents - - which we deplore -- all over the world but at least in this case, those responsible remain under detention. President Nimeiri discussed this issue with Members of the Congress during his visit with the President last June and made clear his regret over the murder of our diplomats.

Q: Is it true that President Nimeiri personally was responsible for violating a commitment to President Nixon to put the terrorists in jail in Sudan? Is it true that Sudan has never apologized for this tragedy and its handling of it. Has President Nimeiri guaranteed that the terrorists will remain in jail?

A: The Department of State can respond to requests for details on the record of events surrounding this tragedy. I am not going to discuss the details of diplomatic exchanges on an event which happened under a previous Administration. The President is satisfied that President Nimeiri understands our concerns.