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MEMORANDUM

[July 1975]

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: MARGI VANDERHYE *MV*

THROUGH: GENERAL SCOWCROFT *BS*

SUBJECT: Interview with Yugoslav Newsmen

We have received a request from the Yugoslav government through the State Department's Bureau of European Affairs, for an interview with President Ford by two of Yugoslavia's leading newsmen. Mr. Borivoje Mirkovitch is the leading T. V. news anchorman in Yugoslavia; Mr. Juraj Gustincij is the ~~NSP~~ ^{NSP} *NSP* in chief of Politika the newspaper with the largest circulation in Yugoslavia. They are each requesting an interview with President Ford but would gladly agree to interview him simultaneously at the President's convenience.

The interview has some merit since one theme of the President's trip is the promotion of East-West cooperation. The recent drift by the Yugoslavs toward a more pro-Soviet line could argue for increased visibility and responsiveness by the U. S. On the other hand, the Yugoslav press has been expressly and doggedly critical of Ford and the U. S. Furthermore, the President's schedule is already very crowded.

Denis Clift recommends against an interview by the Yugoslav newsmen with the President. He argues that of all the countries the President will be visiting, Yugoslavia has in its public statements been by far the harshest about the United States. Despite the advantages that such an interview might have for our bilateral relations with Yugoslavia, I regretfully concur with Denis' recommendation that you refuse the request for a Presidential interview with the Yugoslavs.

Approve the interview _____

Disapprove the interview RAW

Other _____



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

8/28

NOTE FOR: Merges Vanderhyde
FROM : RON NESSEN

Should we
answer this?
If so, can you
provide the
answers?

RHA

Washington, August 27, 1975

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to the
President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Nessen,

We would like to make reference to our letter dated July 18, to which we enclosed some questions to be answered for President Gerald Ford.

The letter followed our conversation of July 14 in the White House; and since we have not receive an answer to it yet, we are repeating the same questions that in our opinion still deal with important matter of the present time.

You will find that our first question has been changed, according with the last events happened in the Cuba issue.

Your help in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Truly yours,



Paul H. Pinter
Correspondent

BHR/cl.-

Questions for the President Gerald Word

- 1.- Now the Organization of American States lifted its sanctions against Cuba, and United States partially lifted its economic embargo. What would be the next step or steps that your government will take in order to solve the bilateral situation with La Habana?
- 2.- Do you think the situation about the Panama Canal will be solved with a new treaty, this year, regardless of the Congress' opposition?
- 3.- In a region where military governments de facto prevails or where the military are the controllers, how does your government expect to continue with its aid and relationships avoiding the Congress' opposition, who complain of human rights violations and call for rapid democratic elections?
- 4.- Would the United States cut down its oil imports from Venezuela, after the country's nationalization of the industry?
- 5.- Regarding U.S. Bill Trade, how is the government prepared to avoid for the Congress to continue its label against Venezuela and Ecuador shown on the Preferential Tariffs of the bill, Chapter V.
- 6.- Which would you consider as the mayor achievement of your government toward Latinoamerica?
- 7.- Do you plan to visit any Latin American country before 1976's elections?
- 8.- Open for comments.

Thank you

September 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR MARGY VANDERHYE

FROM: RON NESSEN

The President has been interested in this writer's ideas in the past. Can you suggest a reply to his latest suggestion for a Washington-Peking hot line?

Attachment: Letter from Jess Gorkin, Parade Magazine

RN/cg



August 15, 1973

Dear Mr. Gorkin:

The President has asked me to write you to tell you that your 1966 "open letter" proposing an American-Russian joint space venture was very much on his mind during the recent successful United States-Soviet space ship link-up.

Some of your friends -- and you have many friends in Washington -- called to the President's attention the open letter you wrote in Parade in 1966. The President looked through the copies of those old magazines and felt that you had shown a great deal of foresight and imagination by proposing the idea nine years before it became a reality.

The successful space link-up must have special meaning to you, and you must feel very proud to be such an early advocate of this step in international scientific cooperation.

The President sends you his very best wishes, and, incidentally, is wondering whether you have any other ideas for the future!

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Jesse Gorkin
Editor, Parade Publications, Inc.
733 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017

RN/cg/pac

cc: Bill White - U.S. Steel
Bob Hartman



PARADE

JESS GORKIN
Editor

Parade Publications, Inc. * 212 953-7500
733 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017
Writer's Direct Dial No. 212-953-7555

September 3, 1975

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Nessen:

I am most grateful to you and the President for your letter of August 15 in which you note my early initiative in proposing the joint U.S. Soviet space flight.

The last sentence of your letter suggested I send along any other new ideas of interest. One such idea is a hot line between Washington and Peking.

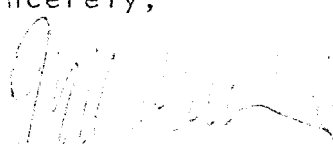
It seems to me that time is of the essence because relations between China and the Soviet Union keep deteriorating. The U.S. certainly doesn't want a war to break out between these giants; a Washington-Peking hot line to complement the Washington-Moscow hot line could be of crucial importance to prevent this from happening.

In another vein: Considering China's progress in the development of an intercontinental missile, we should be able instantly to communicate with Peking in an emergency.

Enclosed are four of the articles we have published on the proposal for a Washington-Peking hot line.

Again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,


Jess Gorkin

JG/ml
Encs.

*Ron - per our conversation
Mergi*

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SCOWCROFT, LL

WASHINGTON, OCT 16, REUTER - PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN RON NESSEN TODAY DISPUTED A REPORT THAT AMERICAN-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION ACCORD (SALT) WERE IN TROUBLE.

HE ALSO DENIED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND DEFENSE SECRETARY JAMES SCHLESINGER HAD MAJOR DIFFERENCES OF OPINION OVER THE AMERICAN POSITION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

MR NESSEN'S COMMENTS CAME IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT A NEW YORK TIMES REPORT QUOTING UNNAMED ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AS SAYING THE SALT TALKS ARE IN TROUBLE AND THAT THERE WERE IMPORTANT PHILOSOPHICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DR KISSINGER AND MR SCHLESINGER.

"THE BASIC PREMISE (OF THE STORY) IS NOT RIGHT," HE SAID. MR NESSEN STOOD BY DR KISSINGER'S REMARK LAST SUNDAY THAT ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE SALT NEGOTIATION WAS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED.

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HE SAID THE ADMINISTRATION KNEW PROBLEMS IN THE SALT TALKS REMAINED TO BE RESOLVED BUT BELIEVED THEY COULD BE OVERCOME IN THE COMING MONTHS.

ON THE MAIN ASPECTS OF THE AMERICAN NEGOTIATING POSITION, DR KISSINGER AND MR SCHLESINGER WERE IN AGREEMENT, HE SAID.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: *Margie*

FROM : RON NESSEN

Yes!

Euro summit

1st.

China 2nd.

Foreign aid 3rd

*Thanks. The sooner
the better*

RAN

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

MARGARET VANDERHYE *MV*

SUBJECT:

Private Briefings

In view of your feeling that the Panama Briefing was helpful to you and your staff, I would suggest that you might consider letting me set up additional briefings for you on the following timely issues:

- A. The Economic Summit
- B. The Foreign Assistance Bill
- C. China: Evolving U. S. - Chinese relations.

Please let me know if such briefings would be useful to you. I can coordinate schedules with Connie; if you particularly like late weekday afternoons or perhaps Saturday mornings, I'll take that into account.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 16, 1975


MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: MARGARET VANDERHYE *MVP*

SUBJECT: Jess Gorkin's Letter

The attached response to Jess Gorkin's letter suggesting the establishment of a U. S. -Peking hot line was prepared with the assistance of a China expert who advises against addressing the merits of the hot line idea. Depending on how well you or the President know Mr. Gorkin, you may wish to embellish the letter.

Attachment



D R A F T

Prepared
for signature

Dear Mr. Gorkin:

I have called to the President's attention, and ~~those~~ ^{to the attention} of his
staff ^{members} who deal with ~~relations with~~ the People's Republic

of China, your thoughtful note of September 3 in which you

raise the possibility of establishing a hot line between Washington

and Peking. (As you know, Secretary Kissinger has departed

for China ~~and planners~~ ^{and planners} for the President's trip ^{to China} is now getting

underway. Let me assure you that your insightful ~~proposal~~ ^{proposal}

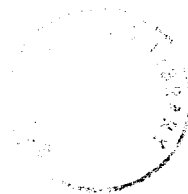
will be given active consideration.

^{President}
~~Mr.~~ Ford has asked me to express his appreciation for your
taking the time to call to our attention this interesting idea.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Jess Gorkin
Editor, Parade
Parade Publications, Inc.
733 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

10/26

NOTE FOR: *Margery Kander Hyde*
FROM : RON NESSEN

*I assume the
answer is a
polite "no".*

RAN



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Mr.
Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500

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Hamburg, den 16. Oktober 1975
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Dear Mr. Nessen,

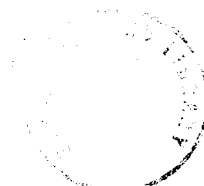
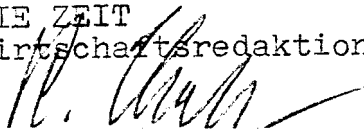
I am writing on behalf of the German weekly DIE ZEIT which as a prestige and quality paper is one of the leading ones in the Federal Republic and well spread in all German speaking countries in Europe. We thought it useful for our readers to let them know the opinion of the President of the United States regarding the economic summit conference which is being prepared at present and is to be held in Paris in November. Two or three weeks ahead of the conference we should like to publish an interview with Mr. Ford and would be grateful if you could support our request and make the necessary arrangements. If you agree one member of our editorial staff would come to Washington. In case you could not squeeze such a meeting into Mr. President's diary we could perhaps send in our questions and rest content with written answers. Needless to say, of course, that we prefer an oral interview.

Should you need any further inquiries about the character of our paper kindly contact Mr. Johannes Haas-Heye at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany (4645 Reservoir Road N.W. Washington D.C. 20007), who is in charge of press matters and public affairs.

Looking forward to getting your reply soon, I am

yours sincerely

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

11-19-75

NOTE FOR:

Margaret Vanderlyde

FROM :

RON NESSEN

*NSC recommendation,
please.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Nov. 18, 1975

FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: BILL ROBERTS *WRB*

RE: ATTACHED REQUEST.

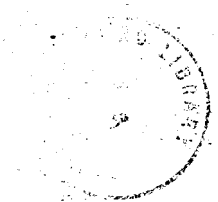
It sounds to me as if this might be a good one for the President. Do you agree?

_____ YES, START ACTION (NSC?)

_____ NO

_____ MAYBE, LET'S THINK ABOUT IT

P.S. Note that the Ambassador is writing you about this





FOREIGN PRESS CENTER

National Press Building, Room 202, Washington, D.C. 20045 (202)382-7701

November 13, 1975

Mr. J. W. Roberts
Assistant Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Roberts:

This is a request from the combined networks of all commercial television stations in Japan for a three- to five-minute fireside-chat style message from President Ford. They are scheduling this program to be telecast at the end of the year as part of their "Year End Program."

The enclosed cable from the Embassy in Tokyo is self-explanatory. The estimated audience is quite large -- thirty to forty million.

Ambassador Hodgson is sending a letter to Mr. Nessen to support this project.

Please let me know when it is set up so I can notify them to arrange for the camera crew.

Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Frank S. Baba
Deputy Director

Enclosure: Cable

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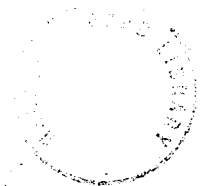
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SUBJECT: NTV REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT

1. NIPPON TELEVISION NETWORK (NTV) HAS ASKED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FILMING OF BRIEF AND INFORMAL STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT FORD TO BE TELECAST NATION-WIDE BY ALL COMMERCIAL TV STATIONS IN JAPAN AS PART OF SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PROGRAM. THE COMMERCIAL NETWORKS HAVE COOPERATED IN SUCH AS PROGRAM FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS, AND THIS YEAR NTV IS IN CHARGE.

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2. POST STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO MEET NTV REQUEST. PROGRAM WILL BE VIEWED BY AN EXTRA-ORDINARILY LARGE AUDIENCE, AND FORMAT WOULD ENABLE PRESIDENT TO TOUCH BRIEFLY ON A VARIETY OF VERY POSITIVE TOPICS--HIS OWN TRIP TO JAPAN, THE STATE VISIT OF THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS TO THE U.S., THE BICENTENNIAL, THE JAPANESE CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH YEAR OF THE EMPEROR'S REIGN, AND THE CONTINUING NEED FOR CLOSE AND FRIENDLY COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. STATEMENT COULD LAST FROM THREE TO FIVE MINUTES.

3. NTV ALSO ATTEMPTING OBTAIN STATEMENTS FROM OTHER MAJOR WORLD LEADERS IN ADDITION TO ONE FROM THE EMPEROR. A STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE TELECAST, HOWEVER, REGARDLESS OF THE RESPONSE FROM OTHER LEADERS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AGENCY CONSULT WITH WHITE HOUSE ON PROJECT. NTV NEEDS DECISION BY EARLY DECEMBER AND WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THE FILM IN TOKYO BY DECEMBER 20. FYI: AMBASSADOR SENDING LETTER TO PRESS SECY NESSEN SUPPORTING PROJECT.

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NOTE: RELAYED TO F.C.C.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Ron

11/21

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INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Reaction to the economic summit last weekend at Rambouillet, France, has been generally favorable, but many countries want to know more details.

The break in the French-US impasse on exchange rates and the renewed determination of the assembled leaders to move forward on multilateral trade negotiations have been favorably received. Many, however, deplore the failure to adopt common policies on energy, relations with the Third World, and cooperation to end the recession. Some observers lament the apparent lack of progress toward strengthening the industrialized countries' position against the oil producers.

Most governments have commended the French-US monetary agreement, although the UK and Japan may voice some objections to the accord if it places limits on their ability unilaterally to decide exchange rate practices. According to a reliable source, some Japanese officials were upset before the summit by the apparent change in the US position on floating exchange rates. Other countries have generally reacted favorably either because a compromise agreement on the exchange rates reflects their own positions or because it will mean that the International Monetary Fund can now proceed with an overall monetary reform package.

Paris is playing up the importance of the monetary accord. Finance Minister Fourcade said in a press interview that the agreement will lay the groundwork for a system of stable but adjustable exchange rates. Paris—seeking to protect its competitive position abroad—is currently attempting to buoy the dollar's value by intervening heavily in the exchange market and by lowering domestic interest rates.

The pledges to avoid trade controls and to move forward in multilateral trade negotiations have received favorable press comment. Some observers are assuming that there was an agreement in principle to defuse the EC-US controversy over how to handle agricultural trade in the negotiations; they will be watching closely for signs of progress. The British press is reporting that Prime Minister Wilson received at least tacit approval to apply trade controls covering two or three industries.

The promise to work jointly for economic recovery while continuing to battle inflation has been greeted with general skepticism. Press reporters note that the European countries had failed in several past attempts to improve economic policy coordination, and they hold out little hope for change.

The disavowal of any intention to create new international institutions has tempered criticism of the summit forum in EC countries that did not attend. The French are taking much of the credit for channeling future cooperation through existing international organizations.

EC finance ministers and central bank governors, at an EC Council meeting on Tuesday, were briefed in general terms by Italian Treasury Minister Colombo. Although none of the ministers at the Council meeting expressed dissatisfaction at being left out of the summit, the Dutch have shown displeasure at not being invited.

The EC will now intensify its own consultations prior to a meeting next week of the Group of Ten—the leading industrialized countries—and the January session in Jamaica of the IMF committee examining international monetary reform.

Thus far it has been primarily the communists in Western Europe who have responded negatively to the summit, which they have characterized as a US victory. In Italy, a communist newspaper said it is a "sin" that the US was able to achieve its aim of retarding the process of European unification by dividing the EC into participants and nonparticipants. The French communist press stressed the continued "supremacy" of the dollar.

Soviet commentary has emphasized that the summit constituted a Western attempt to form a united front against developing countries and that, for the industrialized states, the summit only confirmed capitalist difficulties without resolving any problems. A Chinese news agency dispatch gave relatively straightforward treatment of the summit.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR MARGY VANDERHYE

FROM: Connie Gerrard

I understand that you have the complete file on the Philippine News. Apparently they are building a real case to see the President.

Would you let Ron (or me) know what is the outcome on this? Before we leave, of course, as I'm sure we will run into it in Manila.

Thank you.

File: Letters from Alejandro A. Esclamado, Publisher and Editor in Chief of Philippine News



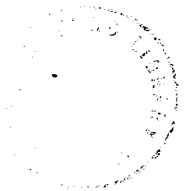
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12/9/75

NOTE FOR: *Margy*
FROM : RON NESSEN

*Recommendation
Please.*

RAN



P. O. Box 341
Times Square Station
New York, New York 10036

November 30, 1975

Ronald H. Nessen
Assistant to the President
Press Secretary
White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Nessen:

"Takhydromos", the leading illustrated newsweekly in Athens, Greece, plans to publish in its New Year's issue, the views of the heads of states about the main problems their countries and the entire world are facing.

"Takhydromos" will be gratified if President Ford were kind enough to answer the following questions:

"As the leader of the United States, what do you expect for the American people in 1976, the year you celebrate the 200th anniversary of your independence?

What do you expect for the world in the coming year?"

"Takhydromos", a mass circulation illustrated weekly magazine, is a member of the Lambrakis Press family, the biggest and most respected chain of publications in Greece. (Other publications of the Lambrakis Press group: "To Vima", a morning daily; "Ta Nea", an afternoon newspaper; "Economikos", the leading economic magazine of Greece.) Understandably, the views of the leaders of the world will appear in the Lambrakis group's newspapers, too.

Very sincerely,



Stathis Eust
Correspondent



February 16, 1976

MEMO FOR: RON
 MARGY VANDER HYE

FROM: Connie Gerrard

I took a call this morning that was for Ron, from Donald Dell. Mr. Dell apparently met Ron yesterday at the Athletes Prayer Brunch.

Today he called, anxious that the President be told about the plight of 9 American tennis players playing in a WCC pro tourney in Legos, Nigeria.

He got a call from Arthur Ashe, one of the players, who said that they are now at the home of the American Ambassador to Nigeria. It seems that, in connection with the coup the other day, during the tennis matches, the players were escorted from the courts, with a gun pointed at them. They managed to get to the Ambassador's house. He is trying to arrange transportation for them from Nigeria via commercial airlines, but has had no luck because the airports are closed, and all transportation blocked out (because they have not found the person who started the coup and want to prevent him from leaving the country.)

Mr. Dell was sure the President would want to know about this and do something about it, since he is so strong on sports.

Mr. Dell will be at his office until 8 pm tonight. Then he will be in New York until Friday. He is most anxious to get some action on this..... His office number is 293-2980



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5/6

NOTE FOR:

Margy Vanderlyde

FROM

: RON NESSEN

What, if any-
thing, should
I do about
this?

R.N.



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THE CHINA TRIBUNE

210 CANAL STREET
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May 3, 1976

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Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
The White House
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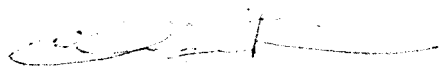
Dear President Ford:

We are writing to ask that you join us in commemorating our 33rd Anniversary of continuous daily publication since 1943, and our transition into modernized offset press publication, which will take place during May, 1976.

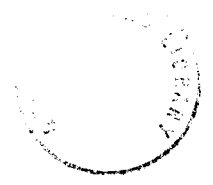
On this occasion, the China Tribune rededicates itself to its self-appointed task of acting as liaison instrument between the city and the Chinese Community through mediation and understanding. We pledge also to continue our service in promoting relations and understanding between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States of America.

As you know, we are one of the four leading daily newspapers written in Chinese, and have been engaged since our founding in acting as a bridge between the Chinese and American Communities. We are informed that Mayor Beame may mark our service on this significant landmark by issuing his proclamation as Mayor declaring one day in May as China Tribune Day.

Respectfully yours,



CHU AI TI
Chairman of the Board



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5/7

Ron -

Jim Shuman has some supplemental Q's + A's for the President's use this weekend. Included in the package is a Q + A on the tuna boats without the secret attachment.

The two attached copies with the secret f.y.i. are for your use and the President's and of course shouldn't be distributed.

Margi



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
June 22, 1976

TO: MARGY VANDERHYE

FROM: CONNIE GERRARD

Since we could not set up the interview Jerusalem Post wanted, they called last evening and asked for a message from the President for their Bicentennial Supplement - something along the lines of U.S. - Israel relations in honor of the Bicentennial.

They say they need to go to press by the 25th.

Can you determine if this should be done, and if so, draft one to send to them?

Thank you.



May 17, 1976

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FBI 11-11 Hartmann
Blitzer, Wolf

Dear Mr. Rath:

Bob Hartmann has sent to me for reply your request for an opportunity to interview the President some time around the middle of June.

The President's schedule for that period has not been finalized. However, I cannot be very encouraging about arranging an interview for the Jerusalem Post's July 4 Bicentennial special supplement. The President will be quite busy with campaign travel, and a full calendar here at the White House during the middle of June.

I will keep your request under active consideration and should time open up on the President's schedule for an interview with the Jerusalem Post, I will be back in touch with you.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

X
Mr. Ari Rath
Editor and Managing Director
The Jerusalem Post
1341 G Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

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cc: Brent Scowcroft ✓
Bob Hartmann ✓

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May 10, 1976

The Honorable Robert T. Hartmann
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

On behalf of The Jerusalem Post, I want to thank you for taking the time on April 27 to meet with Wolf Blitzer and myself. Our discussion helped us gain a better perception of the prevailing mood in Washington. Knowing your busy schedule, we were especially appreciative.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of The Jerusalem Post's July 4, 1976, Bicentennial Special Supplement, which we raised with you because Mr. Ron Nessen was outside Washington with the President. As you will recall, that supplement will center around U.S.-Israeli relations, and all their various facets. We would like a special interview with President Ford for that issue, which will be distributed by The Post not only in Israel but throughout the world. Mr. Blitzer, our Washington Correspondent, would be happy to meet with the President to conduct the interview, hopefully, sometime around the middle of June.

At this important juncture in U.S.-Israeli relations, it would be very helpful to have the President outline his views to our readers. Any assistance by you will, of course, be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely,



Ari Rath

July 3, 1976

Dear Lou -

I just wanted to let you and all my kind friends in the Press Office know how deeply I appreciate your messages and kind expressions of support following the death of my Dad. It has been a sad and trying time, and getting back to work has been made considerably easier by the many

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