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December 13, 1974

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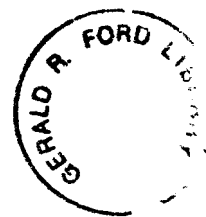
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With my best wishes, Mr. President,

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

A. Denis Clift *ADC*

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The memorandum for your signature to the President at Tab I would forward the Giscard message (together with an informal translation prepared here), would note that Giscard did issue such a statement on December 4, and would advise that talking points on Cambodia are included in the President's papers for the Martinique summit.

Dick Smyser concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO
PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY ON
JANUARY 15 AND IN ANY EVENT PRIOR TO NOON WASHINGTON TIME.

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

THIS WEDNESDAY, IN MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, I WILL
FORMALLY PRESENT POLICIES TO MEET THE ECONOMIC AND ENERGY
CHALLENGES WHICH ARE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED
STATES AND TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. I SHALL,
AT THAT TIME, MAKE A NUMBER OF DETAILED PROPOSALS, MANY
OF WHICH I OUTLINED IN MY SPEECH TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON
MONDAY NIGHT. I WRITE YOU IN THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION
THAT ANIMATES OUR RELATIONS TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS ON THESE
NEW MEASURES.

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OUR COUNTRIES AND OUR KEY TRADING PARTNERS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN STRUGGLING WITH UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION, AND ENERGY

SHORTAGES. THERE ARE, AS WE KNOW, NO EASY ANSWERS TO ANY OF THESE PROBLEMS, SINGLY OR IN COMBINATION, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO ADDRESS ONE ASPECT OF OUR DIFFICULTIES WHILE IGNORING THE OTHERS. MOREOVER, EACH COUNTRY MUST ACT TO ACHIEVE A BALANCE CONSISTENT WITH ITS PRIORITIES AND ITS PARTICULAR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WHILE RECOGNIZING IT MUST ACT IN A MANNER WHICH FURTHERS RATHER THAN HARMS THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

MY POLICIES AIM TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE ECONOMIC SLOW-DOWN WE NOW FACE WITHOUT TRIGGERING THE MAJOR INFLATIONARY PRESSURES WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM AN OVERLY EXPANSIONARY POLICY. A TAX CUT, ALONG WITH MEASURES TO STIMULATE INVESTMENT, SHOULD REINVIGORATE THE U.S. ECONOMY AND IMPROVE CONFIDENCE. UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS WE BELIEVE IT WILL NOT RESTIMULATE THE INFLATIONARY SPIRAL.

WE ARE ALSO TAKING MAJOR STEPS TO REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL. WE ARE DETERMINED TO REDUCE OIL IMPORTS PROMPTLY AND SIGNIFICANTLY AND TO END VULNERABILITY TO ECONOMIC DISRUPTION BY FOREIGN SUPPLIERS BY 1985. IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO CUT ENERGY IMPORTS AND TO INCREASE BOTH OUR DOMESTIC SUPPLIES AND OUR ABILITY TO USE OUR COAL, GAS, OIL AND NUCLEAR POWER ARE CLEARLY NECESSARY AS ARE STRONG MEASURES TO ENSURE ADEQUATE CONSERVATION AND A NEW EMERGENCY STORAGE PROGRAM. THESE STEPS MAKE NEW DEMANDS ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A STRONGER U.S. ECONOMY IN THE FUTURE. THIS, IN TURN, SHOULD HAVE A BENEFICIAL IMPACT ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY.

IN CLOSING, LET ME EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE I HAVE ATTACHED TO HAVING HAD THE BENEFIT OF YOUR VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES DURING OUR MEETING IN MARTINIQUE. WE ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS IN CONFRONTING OUR COMMON PROBLEMS. WHILE MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE POSITIVE STEPS WHICH

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HAVE BEEN TAKEN RECENTLY. FOR OUR MUTUAL WELL-BEING, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE CONTINUE DEVELOPING A COMMON APPROACH IN DEALING WITH ENERGY PROBLEMS AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO COORDINATE CLOSELY IN CONFRONTING OUR ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.

I LOOK FORWARD TO STAYING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU ON THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD

HIS EXCELLENCY
VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING
PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
PARIS

END TEXT. KISSINGER

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Delivered by Mr. Bues-⁴⁸
Raboulet 12:00 noon
Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis 3/1/75

L'Ambassadeur

Washington, le 1er mars 1975

Monsieur le Président,

Monsieur Valéry Giscard d'Estaing m'a prié de vous
faire remettre dès aujourd'hui, le texte du message ci-joint.

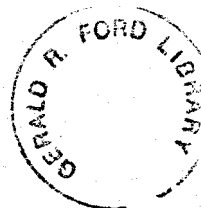
Je vous transmettrai la lettre originale dès qu'elle
me sera parvenue.

Je vous prie de bien vouloir agréer, Monsieur le
Président, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet

Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet

Monsieur Gerald FORD
Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique



Paris, le 28 février 1975

Monsieur le Président,

Le 24 octobre dernier, j'ai proposé qu'une conférence soit réunie en vue d'examiner les problèmes de l'énergie auxquels sont liés de nombreux aspects des relations économiques internationales. Cette suggestion a été l'objet d'échanges de vues qui ont mis en lumière la nécessité et l'urgence d'ouvrir un dialogue. Cet accueil nous incite à aller de l'avant dans un projet conforme à l'intérêt de toutes les parties en cause.

Il apparaît que ce dialogue pourrait être organisé en deux étapes : d'abord une réunion préparatoire destinée à fixer la date, la composition et l'ordre du jour d'une conférence, puis la conférence proprement dite.

Le moment me semble venu d'inviter votre gouvernement à se faire représenter à cette réunion préparatoire. Pour assurer l'efficacité et la rapidité de ses travaux, nous avons retenu la liste des pays que le gouvernement du Royaume d'Arabie Saoudite avait suggérée l'an dernier



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pour une rencontre semblable.

Nous proposons que la réunion préparatoire s'ouvre
à Paris le 7 avril.

J'espère vivement que ce projet recevra votre agrément
et je ne doute pas que la délégation de votre pays apportera à la réunion
préparatoire une contribution propre à favoriser l'heureuse issue de ses
travaux dont dépend la possibilité pour la Communauté internationale de
rechercher une solution concertée aux difficultés qui l'assaillent.

Je vous prie de bien vouloir agréer, Monsieur le Président,
les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Valéry Giscard d'Estaing



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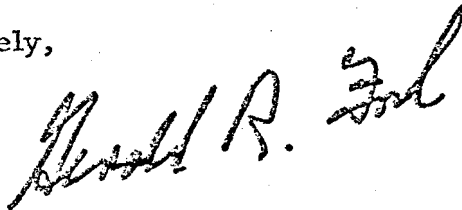
July 25, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the people of the United States of America, I cordially invite you and Madame Giscard d'Estaing to make a State Visit to the United States from May 17-20, 1976, during the celebration of our 200th anniversary as a Nation.

France is America's oldest friend and its first ally. Your visit would underscore the longstanding and very close ties between our peoples. There could be no more fitting observance on this important occasion in our nation's history than a visit by the President of France. We would be honored by your acceptance.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Valery Giscard d'Estaing
President of the French Republic
Paris



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 31, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

Our representatives are meeting this weekend in Washington, along with those of other countries, to discuss some crucial issues in the international monetary area. Resolution of these questions will help assure the continued viability of the liberal trade and payments system which is so essential to world prosperity in the coming years. Sound agreements on gold and exchange rates are clearly important to every country. In addition, less developed nations will particularly benefit from the planned IMF quota increase and measures to mobilize IMF gold.

For these reasons, I place great importance on progress at the upcoming meetings of the Bank and the Fund. I am, therefore, authorizing Secretary Simon to exercise further flexibility on the gold issue.

I hope this flexibility from the United States on gold will pave the way for agreement on a full package of amendments to the IMF Articles as well as the quota increase. Obviously, your approach to the exchange regime issue will be critical to working out a package. I hope you can help in finding some common ground on which we can agree.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Valery Giscard d'Estaing
President of France
Paris



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FROM: PRESIDENT FORD

TO: PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING

OCTOBER 20, 1975

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE REFLECTED FURTHER ON OUR RECENT EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND, PARTICULARLY, THE QUESTION OF CANADIAN PARTICIPATION. FROM THE CONTACTS THAT I OR MY ASSOCIATES HAVE HAD WITH THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT AMONG THEM FAVORING CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE KIND OF SUMMIT THAT HAS NOW EMERGED FROM THE PREPARATORY WORK AND THE DECISIONS OF THE ORIGINAL GROUP. I CONTINUE TO FEEL STRONGLY THAT CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IS JUSTIFIED GIVEN CANADA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD. AS I HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT TO YOU, CANADA IS OUR LARGEST TRADING PARTNER; OUR ECONOMIES ARE INTIMATELY CONNECTED. ITS ABSENCE FROM OUR DELIBERATIONS WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD IN THIS COUNTRY. THE CANADIANS, TO THEIR CREDIT, HAVE NOT SO FAR MADE A PUBLIC ISSUE OF THIS PROBLEM; IT IS CLEAR FROM OUR CONTACTS WITH THEM THAT THEY WOULD WISH THE SUMMIT TO BE PRODUCTIVE, IN PRECISELY THE SPIRIT YOU AND I HAVE AGREED IN THE PAST. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 23 IN CONNECTION WITH OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS AND WE WILL BE MEETING ON THAT OCCASION. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE PURPOSES YOU AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SERVED BY THE SUMMIT WOULD BE ADVANCED IF THE CANADIAN ISSUE WERE SOLVED IN A POSITIVE SENSE SO THAT IT WILL NOT BECOME A MATTER OF PUBLIC DEBATE AND CLOUD THE VERY PROMISING PROSPECTS OF THE SUMMIT ENTERPRISE.

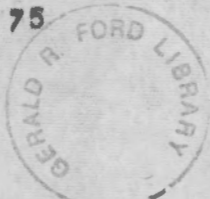
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I HAVE FOLLOWED THE REPORTS OF YOUR SOVIET VISIT WITH GREAT ATTENTION AND WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN YOUR

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SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD

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de

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By messenger, to:

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Washington, D.C.

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Le Président de la République

PARIS, le 24 octobre 1975

Monsieur le Président,

Je me réjouis vivement de vous recevoir en France les 15, 16 et 17 novembre prochains pour la réunion économique et monétaire restreinte dont nous sommes convenus. Comme vous-même, je forme l'espoir que nos travaux apportent des résultats positifs.

Je crois utile de vous informer de certains aspects matériels de nos entretiens.

Notre conférence aura lieu au Château de Rambouillet, domaine présidentiel situé à une cinquantaine de Kilomètres au sud-ouest de Paris. Notre premier entretien commencera le samedi 15 novembre à 18 heures. Nous nous séparerons le lundi 17 après le déjeuner.

Conformément à notre désir de donner à notre rencontre un caractère personnel et restreint, il est prévu que chaque Chef d'Etat ou de Gouvernement sera assisté seulement de ses deux ministres des Affaires Etrangères et des Finances

Son Excellence
Monsieur Gerald FORD
Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
WASHINGTON

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à l'exclusion de tout autre collaborateur.

Chaque Chef d'Etat ou de Gouvernement disposera au Château de Rambouillet d'un appartement pour lui-même et de trois chambres pour des membres de sa suite personnelle de son choix. L'hébergement des ministres sera laissé à leur convenance.

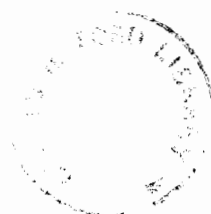
La présence de la presse n'est pas prévue dans l'enceinte du Château de Rambouillet, mais des installations appropriées seront mises à la disposition des journalistes à Paris.

Bien entendu, sur les questions évoquées dans cette lettre ou qui vous viendraient à l'esprit, mes collaborateurs sont prêts à fournir aux vôtres les informations complémentaires et l'assistance qui vous paraîtraient utiles.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'assurance de ma haute considération,

et celle de mon très aimé souvenir.

V. F. de Gaulle



Le Président de la République

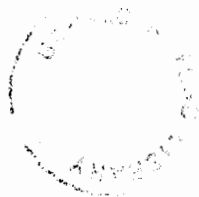
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Monsieur Gerald FORD

Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique

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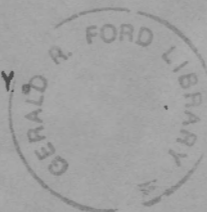
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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GISCARD:

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM WRITING TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS WITH YOU AS WE PREPARE FOR THE MEETING AT RAMBOUILLET. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO LEAD PUBLIC OPINION TO EXPECT DRAMATIC RESULTS, I AM CONVINCED THAT WE MUST USE THIS UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD OF SHARED PROSPERITY. ON REFLECTION, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT OUR PUBLICS AND OUR



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PARLIAMENTS WILL EXPECT NOTHING LESS AND THAT WE CAN, IN FACT, ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS.

3. OUR FIRST TASK AT RAMBOUILLET WILL BE TO BUILD CONFIDENCE IN THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY UNDERWAY IN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN AND WHICH IS BEGINNING IN EUROPE. HERE, I BELIEVE, A CAREFUL PRESENTATION OF THE MOST RECENT TRENDS WILL BE CONVINCING.

4. NEXT, WE NEED TO DEMONSTRATE TO OUR PUBLICS OUR INTENTION TO DIRECT THE COURSE OF THE RECOVERY SO AS TO MAINTAIN STABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE FUTURE. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE MIGHT CONSIDER WHETHER CLOSER COOPERATION AMONG OUR OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY, COUPLED WITH THE ARTICULATION OF JOINT GOALS FOR THE MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED ECONOMIES, WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE. THESE GOALS MIGHT BE:

-- TO GENERALIZE THE RECOVERY DURING 1976 AMONG THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES.

-- TO SEEK TO RESTORE SUSTAINED VIGOROUS ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND HIGH LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY 1977.

-- TO REDUCE INFLATION AND DISPARITIES AMONG NATIONAL INFLATION RATES.

-- TO RESTORE VIGOROUS GROWTH IN TRADE.

5. THIRD, OUR MEETING MUST COME TO GRIPS WITH THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF TRADE, MONEY, AND ENERGY.

6. TRADE IS CLEARLY CRITICAL. WE SHOULD, I BELIEVE, PROVIDE NEEDED IMPETUS TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY IN GENEVA, SETTING 1977 AS THE DEADLINE FOR THEIR COMPLETION AND IDENTIFYING AS OUR GOALS:

-- A MAJOR CUT IN TARIFFS (NO LESS THAN THAT ACHIEVED IN THE KENNEDY ROUND)





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- REDUCTION OF NON-TARIFF MEASURES BY NEGOTIATION OF CODES;
 - SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL TRADE; AND
 - ELIMINATION OF TARIFFS IN GIVEN COMMODITY AREAS.
7. WE SHOULD ALSO REAFFIRM OUR OECD PLEDGE NOT TO TAKE RESTRICTIVE ACTION.
8. ON MONETARY ISSUES, THE DIVERGENT POSITIONS OF A YEAR AGO HAVE NARROWED CONSIDERABLY. THESE PAST WEEKS, UNDER SECRETARY YEO AND REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN MAKING AN INTENSIVE EFFORT TO RESOLVE REMAINING DIFFERENCES. IF THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD SUCCEED, CHANCES WILL BE GOOD OF GETTING THE WHOLE NEW MONETARY STRUCTURE IN PLACE BY THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE IMF. IN THIS AREA AS IN OTHERS, I DO NOT THINK THAT WE SHOULD OURSELVES ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AT THE SUMMIT. THE TIME IS TOO SHORT; THE ISSUES ARE OFTEN TECHNICAL; AND IT WOULD BE WRONG TO DIVERT OUR EFFORTS FROM WHAT ONLY WE CAN DO -- SET FUNDAMENTAL POLICY DIRECTIONS -- TO WHAT MINISTERS CAN DO.
9. ON ENERGY, A FRANK DISCUSSION OF THE POSITION OF OUR COUNTRIES AS WE EMERGE FROM THE RECESSION AND ENTER THE ECONOMIC DIALOGUE WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND KEY OPEC MEMBERS IS CLEARLY IN ORDER. MY PRESENTATION ON ENERGY WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF THE ENERGY SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES, THE STATUS OF CONSUMER COUNTRY COOPERATION, AND OUR VIEWS ON WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE DONE IN ENERGY IN THE DIALOGUE.
10. FINALLY, WITH THE DIALOGUE IMMINENT AND IN THE WAKE OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IT WOULD BE BOTH APPROPRIATE AND POLITIC PUBLICLY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RELATIONSHIP OF OUR DELIBERATIONS TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE DEVELOPING



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WORLD TO RESTATE OUR COMMITMENT TO A TRANSFORMATION OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING WORLD.

11. AS I NOW SEE IT, IN ORDER FOR OUR MEETING TO HAVE THE DESIRED RESULTS, WE SHOULD PREPARE AND ISSUE A JOINT STATEMENT EMBODYING OUR CONCLUSIONS. WE ARE ALL FIRMLY IN AGREEMENT THAT OUR MEETING SHOULD NOT CONCERN ITSELF UNDULY WITH THE PREPARATION OF A TEXT. THAT TASK CAN BE LARGELY CONFIDED TO THE OFFICIALS THAT WILL ACCOMPANY US.

12. TO PROVIDE YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES WITH A FURTHER INDICATION -- AND SOME SPECIFICS -- OF WHAT WE BELIEVE WE MIGHT SAY IN SUCH A JOINT STATEMENT, GEORGE SHULTZ, OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THE NOVEMBER 11 MEETING IN LONDON IS PROPOSING A TEXT WHICH EMBODIES OUR THINKING ON THE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED AND OUR SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT SHOULD BE SAID PUBLICLY ABOUT THEM.

13. I AM SENDING SIMILAR LETTERS TO EACH OF THE LEADERS WHO WILL JOIN US AT RAMBOUILLET. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE. GERALD R. FORD. INGERSOLL



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