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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 21, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of October 9 in which you share your thoughts on the circumstances leading to the current situation within the International Labor Organization and express your concerns over the possibility of United States withdrawal from the ILO.

I fully share your concern for the work and future of the ILO, in which the United States has actively participated since 1934. In our view, there has arisen within the ILO a tendency to lose sight of the basic aims and objectives of the Organization. Among other things, there has been insufficient respect for those fundamental human rights central to the Organization's concerns and responsibilities. Efforts at redirecting the ILO to its original purposes too frequently have been unavailing. Therefore, after careful consideration of all elements of the situation within the ILO, including the points raised in your letter, we regretfully concluded it was necessary to send to the Director General of the ILO Notice of Intent to Withdraw.

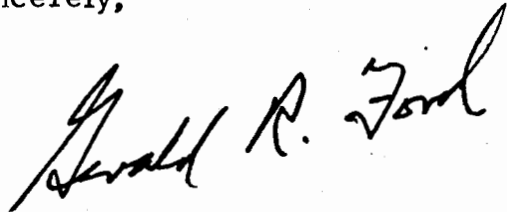
The submission of Notice of Intent to Withdraw does not mean that the United States has decided irrevocably to leave the ILO. It is our hope the problems which led to sending this notice can be resolved and United States membership in the ILO can be maintained. We will try, Mr. President, in cooperation with other governments



and organizations that share our concern, to continue to work constructively within the Organization in pursuit of its basic objectives and principles.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

His Excellency  
Leopold Sedar Senghor  
President of the Republic of Senegal  
Dakar

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
REFERRAL

Date: 11/24/75  
NSC log # 7507124

MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: President of the Republic of Senegal , Leopold Sedar Senghor

From: President Ford

Date: November 24, 1975

Subject: Letter in reply to Senghor Oct 9th letter re ILO...

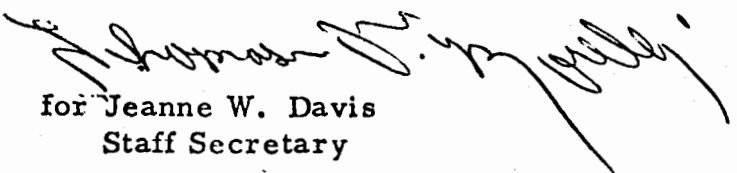
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November 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Brent Scowcroft

SUBJECT: Correspondence with Leopold Sedar Senghor,  
President of Senegal, Concerning the  
International Labor Organization (ILO)

President Leopold Sedar Senghor of Senegal wrote you October 9 asking for continued United States support of the International Labor Organization (Tab B). Despite the admission of the Palestinian Liberation Organization to the Conference as an observer, President Senghor explains that the support granted to the PLO by Third World countries is not a sign of hostility toward the United States, but a reflection of the concern for the suffering of the Palestinians over a long period of colonial domination. President Senghor requests that the United States, "as the champion of freedom," refrain from withdrawing from the ILO.

As you know, the United States on November 6 informed the ILO of its intent to withdraw (Tab C). Therefore, and in view of our close relations with Senegal, I recommend that you reply to President Senghor's letter with an explanation that our submission of a notice of intent to withdraw was made, only after careful consideration, because of the tendency we have seen of the ILO to lose sight of the basic aims and objectives of the Organization. In addition, I suggest that you note that our submission of a notice of intent to withdraw does not mean that we have decided irrevocably to leave the ILO, but that rather we hope to work with others for an ILO that pursues constructively its basic objectives and principles. I have attached a suggested letter (Tab A) including these points. Paul Theis' office has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A to President Senghor.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

No. 2032/PR/SP

Dakar, October 9, 1975

Mr. President:

The difficult situation which the ILO has experienced in recent years leads me, after the incidents of the past session, to request utmost understanding of your Government.

If the position taken by your representative at that session, following the admission of the PLO to the Conference as observer, were to be put into practice, the ILO would be placed in financial difficulties which could surely seriously jeopardize its future activities.

I perfectly understand your Government's attitude. I can assure you, however, that the support granted to the PLO by the Third World countries is in no sense a sign of hostility towards your country. In fact, among the very ones who voted in favor of the amendments to the regulations were many friends of the United States, including Senegal. It is in good faith that those friends supported the PLO because most of them, over decades and even centuries, as in the case of my country, suffered under the weight of colonial domination. Some are still healing their wounds today.

His Excellency  
Gerald Ford,  
President of the United States of America,  
Washington.

This recent past with its painful memories naturally directs their sympathy towards the PLO which, too, is seeking to regain the freedom of its people. Once again, this position based on sentiment in no way affects the responsible attitude which these countries maintain with respect to the Arab-Israeli conflict. While recognizing the right of the Palestinians to have a homeland and the right of Egypt and Syria to recover their occupied territories, they remain firmly in favor of the continued existence of Israel, as I recently reaffirmed publicly in Algiers.

I remain personally convinced, and many of my counterparts think as I do, that only a fruitful dialogue between Israel and the PLO will be capable of preserving a lasting peace. No real peace could be possible unless the conflict were settled in a manner that would safeguard the legitimate interests of each of the parties.

Since your country is generally considered as the champion of freedom, in that capacity you have a duty towards mankind. Your country's withdrawal from the ILO, following these incidents which some term "minor," would be misunderstood and could be a source of great disappointment among your friends. The ILO would inevitably be deprived of the resources that enable it to fulfill its mission.


The work of the ILO is of prime importance to the developing countries and to the entire world of labor. The assistance the ILO gives them is indeed essential to the attainment of social justice which their people so greatly need.

It is in view of all the preceding considerations that I request your Government and the Congress to refrain from withdrawing your prestigious country from the ILO. It has a leading role to play in the organization which, since its creation, has succeeded in weathering all storms. The world political situation is at the root of the crisis currently shaking the ILO, but I am certain that it will soon regain its serenity.

In thanking you for your attention to my letter, I ask you to accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my very high consideration.

[Signature]

Léopold Sédar Senghor





*Le Président de la République*

N° 2032/PR/SP

*Dakar, le* 9 Octobre 1975

Monsieur le Président,

La situation difficile qu'a connue l'O. I. T. au cours de ces dernières années m'amène, après les incidents de la session passée, à demander à Votre Gouvernement la plus large compréhension.

La position prise par Votre représentant à cette session, à la suite de l'admission de l'O. L. P. à la Conférence comme observateur, mettrait, si elle devenait réalité, l'Organisation dans des difficultés financières qui pourraient, à coup sûr, compromettre gravement la poursuite de son action.

Je comprends parfaitement l'attitude de Votre Gouvernement, Je puis Vous assurer, cependant, que l'appui apporté à l'O. L. P. par les pays du Tiers Monde n'est point une marque d'hostilité à l'égard de Votre pays. Il se trouve, d'ailleurs, que, parmi

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ceux-là mêmes qui ont voté en faveur des amendements au Règlement, les Etats-Unis comptent de nombreux amis, dont le Sénégal. C'est de bonne foi que ces derniers ont soutenu l'O. L. P. , car la plupart ont subi, pendant des décennies, voire des siècles, comme c'est le cas de mon pays, le poids de la domination coloniale. Certains pansent encore aujourd'hui leurs blessures.

Ce passé tout récent, aux souvenirs douloureux, oriente naturellement leur sympathie vers l'O. L. P. , qui, elle aussi, cherche à recouvrer la liberté de son peuple. Cette position sentimentale n'affecte, encore une fois, en rien l'attitude responsable qu'ils gardent vis-à-vis du conflit israélo-arabe. En reconnaissant aux Palestiniens le droit d'avoir une patrie, à l'Egypte et à la Syrie le droit de récupérer leurs territoires occupés, ils demeurent fermes pour maintenir l'existence d'Israël, comme je viens de le réaffirmer publiquement à Alger.

Je reste personnellement convaincu, et nombreux sont ceux de mes pairs qui pensent comme moi, que seul un dialogue fructueux entre Israël et l'O. L. P. sera en mesure de préserver une paix durable. Il ne pourrait y avoir de paix réelle si le conflit n'était pas réglé dans le sens de la sauvegarde des intérêts légitimes de chacune des parties.

Votre pays étant généralement considéré comme le champion de la liberté, Vous avez, à ce titre, un devoir envers l'humanité. Son retrait de l'O. I. T. , à la suite de ces incidents, que d'aucuns qualifient de "mineurs", serait mal compris et pourrait créer une grande déception parmi Vos amis. L'Organisation serait immanquablement privée des ressources qui lui permettent de remplir sa mission.

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L'action de l'O. I. T. revêt, pour les pays en développement et l'ensemble du monde du travail, une importance capitale. L'assistance qu'elle leur apporte est, en effet, indispensable à la réalisation de la justice sociale dont leurs populations ont un si grand besoin.

C'est compte tenu de tout ce qui précède que je demande à Votre Gouvernement et au Congrès de renoncer au retrait de Votre prestigieux pays de l'O. I. T. Il a un rôle de première importance à jouer au sein de cette Organisation, qui, depuis sa création, a su survivre à toutes les tempêtes. La conjoncture politique mondiale est à la base de la crise qui la secoue actuellement, mais je suis sûr qu'elle retrouvera bientôt sa sérénité.

En Vous remerciant de l'accueil que Vous aurez réservé à ma lettre, je Vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, les assurances de ma très haute considération.



Léopold Sédar SENGHOR

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



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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO

REF: GENEVA 8095

1. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE ILO ON NOVEMBER 3 AND THEN UNDERTAKE BILATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL DISCUSSIONS (REFTEL). IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS YOU MAY NOTE THE LENGTHY CONSIDERATION WE HAVE GIVEN TO THIS ISSUE PRIOR TO TAKING THIS STEP, THE DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN GETTING CONGRESS TO APPROVE FUNDS TO PAY OUR

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ASSESSMENTS, AND OUR HOPES THAT CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE ILO WHICH WILL HELP OVERCOME THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES IN OUR RELATIONS.

2. YOU SHOULD INFORM ILO WE PLAN RELEASE TEXT OF LETTER AFTER DELIVERY. AFTER LETTER DELIVERED, NOTIFY ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

3. SEPTTEL WILL PROVIDE ALL POSTS WITH BACKGROUND INFO, PRESS GUIDANCE AND TEXT OF LETTER FOR USE IN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

4. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:  
DEAR MR. DIRECTOR GENERAL:

THIS LETTER CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION. IT IS TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 5, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION, WHICH PROVIDES THAT A MEMBER MAY WITHDRAW PROVIDED THAT A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW HAS BEEN GIVEN TWO YEARS EARLIER TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AND SUBJECT TO THE MEMBER HAVING AT THAT TIME FULFILLED ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS ARISING OUT OF ITS MEMBERSHIP.

RATHER THAN EXPRESS REGRET AT THIS ACTION, I WOULD PREFER TO EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN WHAT WILL BE ITS ULTIMATE OUTCOME. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT DESIRE TO LEAVE THE ILO. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT EXPECT TO DO SO. BUT WE DO INTEND TO MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL FACILITATE OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION. IF THIS SHOULD PROVE IMPOSSIBLE, WE ARE IN FACT PREPARED TO DEPART.

AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH THE ILO ARE OLDER, AND PERHAPS DEEPER, THAN WITH ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. IT IS A VERY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, SUCH THAT ONLY EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENTS COULD EVER HAVE BROUGHT US TO THIS POINT. THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT BACK INTO THE 19TH CENTURY WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT TO ESTABLISH A WORLD ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD ADVANCE THE

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INTERESTS OF WORKERS THROUGH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND SOCIAL LEGISLATION. SAMUEL GOMPERS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR, WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION WHICH DRAFTED THE ILO CONSTITUTION AT THE PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE IN WASHINGTON, THAT SAME YEAR. IN 1934 THE UNITED STATES JOINED THE ILO, THE FIRST AND ONLY OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH IT DID JOIN. THE DECLARATION OF PHILADELPHIA IN 1944 REAFFIRMED THE ORGANIZATION'S FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND REFORMULATED ITS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES IN ORDER TO GUIDE ITS ROLE IN THE POSTWAR PERIOD. TWO AMERICANS HAVE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION AS DIRECTORS-GENERAL; MANY AMERICANS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION. MOST PARTICULARLY, THE ILO HAS BEEN THE OBJECT OF SUSTAINED ATTENTION AND SUPPORT BY THREE GENERATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN WORKERS AND AMERICAN EMPLOYERS.

IN RECENT YEARS, SUPPORT HAS GIVEN WAY TO INCREASING CONCERN. I WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THIS CONCERN HAS BEEN MOST INTENSE ON THE PART OF PRECISELY THOSE GROUPS WHICH WOULD GENERALLY BE REGARDED IN THE UNITED STATES AS THE MOST PROGRESSIVE AND FORWARD-LOOKING IN MATTERS OF SOCIAL

POLICY. IT HAS BEEN PRECISELY THOSE GROUPS MOST DESIROUS THAT THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER NATIONS SHOULD MOVE FORWARD IN SOCIAL MATTERS, WHICH HAVE BEEN MOST CONCERNED THAT THE ILO -- INCREDIBLE AS IT MAY SEEM -- HAS BEEN FALLING BACK. WITH NO PRETENSE TO COMPREHENSIVENESS, I SHOULD LIKE TO PRESENT FOUR MATTERS OF FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN.

1. BEGIN UNDERLINE THE EROSION OF TRIPARTITE REPRESENTATION. END UNDERLINE

THE ILO EXISTS AS AN ORGANIZATION IN WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKERS, EMPLOYERS, AND GOVERNMENTS MAY COME TOGETHER TO FURTHER MUTUAL INTERESTS. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ILO IS PREDICATED ON THE EXISTENCE WITHIN MEMBER STATES OF RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT AND REASONABLY SELF-DEFINED AND SELF-DIRECTED WORKER AND EMPLOYER GROUPS. THE UNITED STATES FULLY RECOGNIZES THAT THESE ASSUMPTIONS, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN WARRANTED ON THE PART OF THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES

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WHICH DRAFTED THE ILO CONSTITUTION IN 1919, HAVE NOT WORKED OUT EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD; IN TRUTH ONLY A MINORITY OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD TODAY HAVE ANYTHING RESEMBLING INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY, JUST AS ONLY A MINORITY CAN LAY CLAIM TO POLITICAL DEMOCRACY. THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THAT REVISING THE PRACTICES AND ARRANGEMENTS OF THE ILO IS NOT GOING TO RESTORE THE WORLD OF 1919 OR OF 1944. IT WOULD BE INTOLERABLE FOR US TO DEMAND THAT IT DO SO. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS EQUALLY INTOLERABLE FOR OTHER STATES TO INSIST THAT AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ILO WE SHOULD GIVE UP OUR LIBERTIES SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE ANOTHER POLITICAL SYSTEM. WE WILL NOT. SOME ACCOMMODATION WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND, AND SOME SURELY CAN BE FOUND. BUT IF NONE IS, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT SUBMIT PASSIVELY TO WHAT SOME, MISTAKENLY, MAY SUPPOSE TO BE THE MARCH OF HISTORY. IN PARTICULAR, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE WORKERS' AND EMPLOYERS' GROUPS IN THE ILO FALLING UNDER THE DOMINATION OF GOVERNMENTS.

2. BEGIN UNDERLINE SELECTIVE CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
END UNDERLINE

THE ILO CONFERENCE FOR SOME YEARS NOW HAS SHOWN AN APPALLINGLY SELECTIVE CONCERN IN THE APPLICATION OF THE ILO'S BASIC CONVENTIONS ON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND FORCED LABOR. IT PURSUES THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOME MEMBER STATES. IT GRANTS IMMUNITY FROM SUCH CITATIONS TO OTHERS. THIS SERIOUSLY UNDERMINES THE CREDIBILITY OF THE ILO'S SUPPORT OF FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS CENTRAL TO ITS TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE, AND STRENGTHENS THE PROPOSITION THAT THESE HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NOT UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE, BUT RATHER ARE SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS FOR STATES WITH DIFFERENT POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

3. BEGIN UNDERLINE DISREGARD OF DUE PROCESS END UNDERLINE

THE ILO ONCE HAD AN ENVIABLE RECORD OF OBJECTIVITY AND CONCERN FOR DUE PROCESS IN ITS EXAMINATION OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS BY ITS MEMBER

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STATES. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ILO PROVIDES FOR PROCEDURES TO HANDLE REPRESENTATIONS AND COMPLAINTS THAT A MEMBER STATE IS NOT OBSERVING A CONVENTION WHICH IT HAS RATIFIED. FURTHER, IT WAS THE ILO WHICH FIRST ESTABLISHED FACT-FINDING AND CONCILIATION MACHINERY TO RESPOND TO ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS. IN RECENT YEARS, HOWEVER, SESSIONS OF THE ILO CONFERENCE INCREASINGLY HAVE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING PARTICULAR MEMBER STATES WHICH HAPPEN TO BE THE POLITICAL TARGET OF THE MOMENT, IN UTTER DISREGARD OF THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES AND MACHINERY. THIS TREND IS ACCELERATING, AND IT IS GRAVELY DAMAGING THE ILO AND ITS CAPACITY TO PURSUE ITS OBJECTIVES IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD.

4. BEGIN UNDERLINE THE INCREASING POLITICIZATION OF THE ORGANIZATION END UNDERLINE

IN RECENT YEARS THE ILO HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY AND EXCESSIVELY INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH ARE QUITE BEYOND THE COMPETENCE AND MANDATE OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE ILO DOES HAVE A LEGITIMATE AND NECESSARY INTEREST IN CERTAIN ISSUES WITH POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS. IT HAS MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION,

TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND THE ABOLITION OF FORCED LABOR, BUT INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IS NOT THE MAIN BUSINESS OF THE ILO. QUESTIONS INVOLVING RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES AND PROCLAMATIONS OF ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES WHERE THEIR CONSIDERATION IS MORE RELEVANT TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS' RESPONSIBILITIES. IRRELEVANT POLITICAL ISSUES DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF THE ILO FROM IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF WORKERS -- THAT IS, FROM QUESTIONS ON WHICH THE TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE OF THE ILO GIVES THE ORGANIZATION A UNIQUE ADVANTAGE OVER THE OTHER, PURELY GOVERNMENTAL, ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN FAMILY.

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IN SUM, THE ILO WHICH THIS NATION HAS SO STRONGLY SUPPORTED APPEARS TO BE TURNING AWAY FROM ITS BASIC AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AND INCREASINGLY TO BE USED FOR PURPOSES WHICH SERVE THE INTERESTS OF NEITHER THE WORKERS FOR WHICH THE ORGANIZATION WAS ESTABLISHED NOR NATIONS WHICH ARE COMMITTED TO FREE TRADE UNIONS AND AN OPEN POLITICAL PROCESS.

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE AND THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANIZATION HAVE FOR YEARS BEEN AWARE THAT THESE TRENDS HAVE REDUCED SUPPORT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE ILO. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THE BASES AND DEPTH OF CONCERN IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY UNDERSTOOD OR APPRECIATED.

I HOPE THAT THIS LETTER WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A FULLER APPRECIATION OF THE CURRENT ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD THE ILO. IN DUE COURSE THE UNITED STATES WILL BE OBLIGED TO CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT IT WISHES TO CARRY OUT THE INTENTION STATED IN THIS LETTER AND TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO. DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS THE US FOR ITS PART WILL WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY WITHIN THE ILO TO HELP THE ORGANIZATION RETURN TO ITS BASIC PRINCIPLES AND TO A FULLER ACHIEVEMENT OF ITS FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES.

TO THIS END, THE PRESIDENT IS ESTABLISHING A CABINET LEVEL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER HOW THIS GOAL MAY BE ACHIEVED. THE COMMITTEE WILL OF COURSE CONSULT WITH WORKER AND EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES, AS HAS BEEN OUR PRACTICE FOR SOME FOUR DECADES NOW IN THE FORMULATION OF OUR ILO POLICY. THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO ENTER INTO THE CLOSEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS, TO THE END THAT A UNIFIED AND PURPOSEFUL AMERICAN POSITION SHOULD EMERGE. I  
RESPECTFULLY, HENRY A. KISSINGER KISSINGER

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ACTION

November 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

Hal Horan *HH*

SUBJECT:

Correspondence with Leopold Sedar Senghor,  
President of Senegal, Concerning the  
International Labor Organization (ILO)

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward to the President the memo at Tab I recommending  
he acknowledge President Senghor's letter concerning United States  
participation in the ILO.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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November 5, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Withdrawal of the United States from  
the International Labor Organization (ILO)

In response to your request of November 4, 1975 (NSC log number 7507124), we are submitting the attached letter, with translation, to the President from Leopold Sedar Senghor, President of the Republic of Senegal. President Senghor requests that the President and Congress refrain from withdrawing the United States from the ILO.

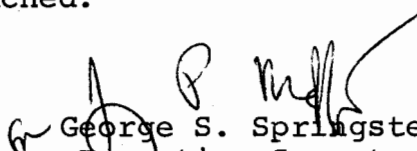
The question of continuing United States participation in the ILO has been under discussion at the Departments of State and Labor and at the Cabinet level. In cases of withdrawal, the ILO Constitution calls for a Letter of Intent to Withdraw to be sent to the Director General of the Organization. Actual withdrawal may take effect two years after the date the letter is received by the Director General. No public statement has yet been made as to a U.S. decision in this regard. However, initial steps to implement this procedure are under way. The text of a Letter of Intent to Withdraw is currently being drafted by the Departments of State and Labor. We and Labor now expect the Letter of Intent will be conveyed to the ILO on Thursday, November 6.

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A suggested draft reply from the President to President Senghor, to be forwarded concurrent with or shortly following the submission to the ILO Director General of the Notice of Intent to Withdraw, is also attached.

  
George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Letter with translation.

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SUGGESTED DRAFT REPLY:

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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of October 9 in which you share your thoughts on the circumstances leading to the current situation within the International Labor Organization and express your concerns over the possibility of United States withdrawal from the ILO.

I fully ~~appreciate and understand~~ <sup>share</sup> your concern for the work and future of the ILO, ~~the~~ <sup>in which</sup> ~~work of the ILO, in which~~ the United States has actively participated since 1934, ~~is of great interest to us also.~~ In our view, there has arisen within the ILO a tendency to lose sight of the basic aims and objectives of the Organization, ~~and~~ <sup>there has been</sup> among other things, insufficient respect for those fundamental human rights ~~which are~~ central to the Organization's concerns and responsibilities. Efforts at redirecting the ILO to its original

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I fully <sup>share</sup> ~~appreciate and understand~~ your <sup>in which</sup> ~~concern for the work and future of the ILO, The~~ ~~work of the ILO, in which~~ the United States has actively participated since 1934. ~~is of great interest to us also.~~ In our view, there has arisen within the ILO a tendency to lose sight of the basic aims and objectives of the Organization, <sup>there has been</sup> ~~and~~, among other things, <sup>=</sup> ~~insufficient~~ respect for those fundamental human rights ~~which are~~ central to the Organization's concerns and responsibilities. Efforts at redirecting the ILO to its original

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Leopold Sedar Senghor,

President of the Republic of Senegal,

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purposes have too frequently been unavailing.  
Therefore, after careful <sup>consideration of</sup> ~~study during which~~ all  
elements of the situation within the ILO, ~~were~~  
~~considered~~, including the points raised in your  
letter, we regretfully concluded <sup>it was necessary to</sup> ~~that the sending~~  
to the Director General of the ILO Notice of  
Intent to Withdraw, ~~was necessary.~~

The submission of Notice of Intent to  
Withdraw does not mean that the United States  
has irrevocably decided to leave the ILO. It  
is our hope ~~that~~ the problems which ~~have~~ led  
to ~~the sending of the~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~Notice of Intent to Withdraw~~  
can be resolved and ~~that the~~ United States  
membership in the ILO can be maintained. We  
will try, Mr. President, in cooperation with other  
governments and organizations <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ share our  
concern, to continue to work constructively  
within the Organization in pursuit of its basic  
objectives and principles.

*With warm personal regards,*

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

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Date: Oct 29, 1975

NSC log # 7507124

## MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

## DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

**To: President**

From: Pres Senghor of Senegal

Date: 9 Oct 1975

**Subject: Urging withdrawal of the US fm the International Labor Organization (ILO)**

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

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Direct reply \_\_\_\_\_ Furnish info copy \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMENTS: Please furnish the NSC with a redraft of your  
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*Bretta G. Barton*  
for Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

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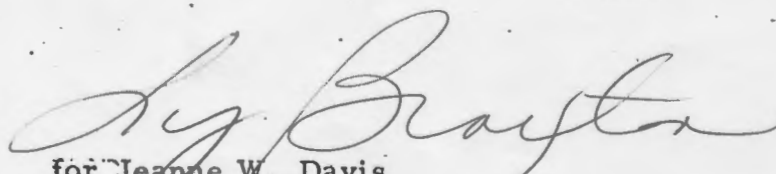
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Washington, D.C. 20520

October 23, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Withdrawal of the United States  
from the International Labor  
Organization (ILO)

Attached is a letter, with translation, to the President from Leopold Sedar Senghor, President of the Republic of Senegal. President Senghor requests that the President and Congress refrain from withdrawing the United States from the ILO.

The question of continuing United States participation in the ILO has been under discussion at the Departments of State and Labor and at the Cabinet level. In cases of withdrawal, the ILO Constitution calls for a Letter of Intent to Withdraw to be sent to the Director General of the Organization. Actual withdrawal may take effect two years after the date the letter is received by the Director General. No public statement has yet been made as to a U.S. decision in this regard. However, initial steps to implement this procedure are under way. The text of a Letter of Intent to Withdraw is currently being drafted by the Departments of State and Labor. We and Labor now expect the Letter of Intent will be conveyed to the ILO around the second week of November.

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A suggested draft reply from the President to President Senghor is also attached.

  
George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Suggested reply
2. Letter with translation.

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SUGGESTED DRAFT REPLY

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of October 9 in which you share your thoughts on the circumstances leading to the current situation within the International Labor Organization and express your concerns over the possibility of United States withdrawal from the ILO.

I fully appreciate and understand your concern for the work and future of the ILO. The work of the ILO, in which the United States has actively participated for over forty years, is of great interest to us also. In our view, there appears to have been within the ILO a tendency to lose sight of the basic aims and objectives of the Organization and, among other things, insufficient respect for those fundamental

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human rights which are central to the Organization's concerns and responsibilities.

It is possible that the depth of our concern and the reasons for it have not always been adequately appreciated. It is hoped that, in the long run, the attention now being focused on the problems within the ILO will lead to a better appreciation of the position of the United States and to the rectification of the trends and directions in the ILO which have created serious problems for us. Under such circumstances, it would be our hope, Mr. President, in cooperation with your government and other governments and organizations which share our concern, to continue to work constructively within the ILO in pursuit of the Organization's basic objectives and principles.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOR FORWARDING LATE AFTERNOON JANUARY 7  
FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED SAME DAY FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO  
PRESIDENT FORD:

"MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, LAISSEZ-MOI VOUS REMERCIER,  
D'ABORD, DE VOTRE MESSAGE, QUE M. AGNEY, VOTRE AMBASSADEUR  
A DAKAR M'A REMIS.

"CE MESSAGE EST UN GRAND RECONFORT POUR MOI AU MOMENT OU JE ME PREPARE A QUITTER DAKAR POUR PARTICIPER, D'UNE FACON ACTIVE, A LA CONFERENCE EXTRAORDINAIRE AU SOMMET DE L'ECOA, QUI SE TIENDRA DU 10 AU 12 JANVIER A ADDIS-ABABA.

EN EFFET, JE CONSIDERE LA SITUATION AFRICAINE ACTUELLE  
COMME EXTREMEMENT GRAVE. JE NE VOUS CACHE PAS QUE SI LES  
ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE ET L'OCCIDENT SE CROISAIENT LES BRAS,  
CETTE ABSTENTION LEUR ALIENERAIT A JAMAIS LA CONFIANCE  
DES ETATS AFRICAINS QUI VEULENT SE DEVELOPPER LIBREMENT  
EN ASSIMILANT, PAR EUX-MEMES ET POUR EUX-MEMES, LES APOURTS  
ENRICHISSANTS DE L'EUROPE ET DE L'AMERIQUE.

"NOUS SOMMES, EN EFFET. NOUS NE NOUS EN CACHONS PAS, UN

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CERTAIN NOMBRE D'ETATS AFRICAINS QUI CHERCHONS A FAIRE UNE SYMBIOSE DU SOCIALISME ET DE LA DEMOCRATIE EN ELABORANT UNE TROISIEME VOIE ENTRE LES DEMOCRATIES 'PARLEMENTAIRES' ET LES DEMOCRATIES 'POPULAIRES'. C'EST POURQUOI NOUS NOUS ADRESSONS D'ABORD A VOUS OCCIDENTAUX, MAIS AUSSI AUX SOVIETIQUES, POUR QUE VOUS ENGAGIEZ, ENTRE VOUS, UN DIALOGUE QUI ABOUTIRAIT AU RETRAIT DES FORCES MILITAIRES SUD-AFRICAINES COMME DE CELLES VENUES D'EUROPE ET D'AMERIQUE.

"NOUS POURRIONS ALORS, EVENANT A LA METHODE AFRICAINE DU DIALOGUE, FAIRE PRESSION SUR LES TROIS MOUVEMENTS DE LIBERATION. AFIN QU'ILS FORMENT, ENSEMBLE, UN GOUVERNEMENT PROVISoire. CELUI-CI PREPARERAIT, DANS LES DELAIS D'UN OU DEUX ANS, DES ELECTIONS LIBRES, QUI SEULES PERMETTRAIENT AU PEUPLE ANGOLAIS DE DECIDER DE SON AVENIR, HORS DE TOUTE INGERENCE ETRANGERE."

"JE NE MANQUERAI PAS DE RESTER EN RELATION AVEC VOUS, COMME VOUS ME L'AVEZ PERMIS.

"EN ATTENDANT, JE VOUS PRIE D'AGREER, AVEC MES REMERCIEMENTS RENOUVELES POUR VOTRE MESSAGE, L'ASSURANCE DE MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION. LEOPOLD SEDAH SENGHOR."

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED AF-ASST. SECRETARY  
SCHAUFEL JAN. 9 FOR DELIVERY.  
DAVIS

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*Le Président de la République*

N° 261/PR/SP.

*Dakar, le* 27 janvier 1976.

Monsieur le Président,


Par Votre message que m'a remis Votre ambassadeur au Sénégal, M. Rudolph Aggrey, Vous m'aviez proposé de rester en relation avec Vous. Ce que je fais en remettant cette lettre au citoyen N'Guza, secrétaire permanent du Bureau politique du Mouvement populaire de la Révolution du Zaïre.

Je ne Vous cacherais pas, Monsieur le Président, que la situation est très grave en Angola pour le FNLA et l'UNITA, c'est-à-dire pour les défenseurs de la liberté. Si Vous les laissiez succomber, je ne Vous le cacherais pas, les Etats-Unis d'Amérique ne seraient plus crédibles en Afrique, encore qu'ils eussent fondé, voici exactement deux cents ans, la liberté en Amérique.

J'ai cru bon de demander à M. André Coulbary, l'Ambassadeur du Sénégal à Washington, de porter un message verbal, de ma part, à M. Hubert Humphrey et à M. Edouard Kennedy. Il s'agit de leur transmettre l'appel des combattants de la liberté, qui se battent en Angola.

En Vous remerciant de l'accueil que Vous aurez réservé à ma lettre, je Vous prie de croire, Monsieur le Président, à l'assurance de ma très haute considération.

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

  
Léopold Sédar SENGHOR

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April 13, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from President Ford to Senegalese  
President Senghor (NSC Reference #1297,  
March 9, 1976)

In the attached letter to President Ford, Senegalese President Senghor requests United States participation in the December 1976 Second Dakar International Fair.

Our Ambassador in Dakar has orally acknowledged to President Senghor receipt of his letter.

The United States does plan to participate in the Second Dakar Fair. Senghor will be informed of this decision and handed the President's letter by Secretary Kissinger during the Secretary's May visit to Senegal.

A response is required, and a draft is attached. The signed original should be transmitted to the Department of State for delivery.

  
George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Draft letter from President Ford to Senghor
2. Letter to President Ford from President Senghor
3. Translation of the Senghor letter
4. State cable No. 062041
5. Dakar cable No. 1960

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SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter inviting the United States to participate in the Second Dakar International Fair. I was pleased by your comments on our participation in the first Fair and take pleasure in informing you that my government does plan to take part in the second Fair.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency

Leopold Sedar Senghor,

President of the Republic  
of Senegal.

Department of State

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TO: Doug Smith  
FROM: Hal Horan *WZ* x 5022  
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to  
President of Senegal

For your clearance.

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SUGGESTED LETTER

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(TRANSLATION)

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

No. 187/PR/DC.1

Dakar, February 10, 1975

Mr. President:

The Senegalese people, my Government, and I have all had occasion to appreciate the significance and quality of your country's participation in the success of the first Dakar International Fair.

In addition to being an outstanding example of our mutual wish to work together for a harmonious development of our respective economies, thanks to the establishment of a dynamic flow of commercial exchanges between our two countries, your country's participation in this major event at Dakar offered us a new opportunity to measure the brotherly and friendly cooperation which has bound us for many years.

For this reason, I take pleasure in informing you that the International Trade Center of Dakar intends to organize, for December 3-12, 1976, the second event of this type on the theme: "Raw Materials, Third World Products, and Capital Equipment."

His Excellency  
Gerald Ford,  
President of the  
United States of America,  
Washington.

Through trade we hope to find ways and means of defining the best possible approaches for a sound development of the complementarity of our economies in the use of our various national resources.

Therefore, it will be a true pleasure for Senegal to welcome participation by your country and its leading firms in the Second Dakar International Fair.

The General Manager of the Dakar International Fair Company will soon transmit to the competent agencies of your Government and to the professional associations concerned documents and information giving them full particulars on their participation in this major event.

In thanking you for your attention to my letter, I ask that you accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my very high consideration.

[Signature]

Léopold Sédar Senghor

*Le Président de la République*

*Dakar, le* 10 Février 1976

Monsieur le Président,

Le peuple sénégalais, mon Gouvernement et moi-même avons, en son temps, apprécié l'importance et la qualité de la participation de votre pays à la réussite de la première Foire internationale de Dakar.

C'est que , outre qu'elle constituait une manifestation exemplaire de notre souci commun d'oeuvrer dans la concertation pour un développement harmonieux de nos économies respectives, grâce à l'établissement d'un courant dynamique d'échanges commerciaux entre nos deux pays, la participation de votre Etat à cette importante rencontre de Dakar avait été, pour nous, une nouvelle occasion de mesurer la fraternelle et amicale coopération qui nous lie depuis de nombreuses années.

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C'est la raison pour laquelle j'ai le plaisir de porter à votre connaissance que le Centre international d'Echanges de Dakar se propose d'organiser , du 3 au 12 décembre 1976, la deuxième manifestation du genre, sur le thème : "Matières premières - Produits du Tiers-Monde et Biens d'Equipement".

Il s'agit, à travers les échanges, de trouver les voies et moyens susceptibles de nous aider à dégager les meilleures approches possibles pour une mise en oeuvre rationnelle de la complémentarité de nos économies, dans l'utilisation de nos différentes ressources nationales.

Ainsi, ce sera avec un réel plaisir que le Sénégal accueillera une nouvelle participation de votre pays et de ses principales firmes à la II<sup>e</sup> Foire internationale de Dakar.

Le Directeur général de la Société de la Foire internationale de Dakar fera parvenir, prochainement, aux organismes compétents de votre Gouvernement et aux groupements professionnels concernés, les documents et renseignements qui leur permettront d'avoir toutes précisions utiles sur leur participation à cette importante manifestation.

En vous adressant mes remerciements pour l'accueil que vous réserverez à ma lettre, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Son Excellence  
Monsieur Gérard FORD  
Président des Etats Unis d'Amérique

  
Léopold Sédar SENGHOR

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SUBJECT: SECOND INTERNATIONAL FAIR OF DAKAR

REF: USDOC 03469

1. IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S LETTER CONCERNING  
USG PARTICIPATION IN SECOND DAKAR INTERNATIONAL FAIR,  
AMBASSADOR AGGREY IS AUTHORIZED, ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT  
FORD, TO ACKNOWLEDGE ORALLY TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR RECEIPT  
OF HIS LETTER.

2. AMBASSADOR AGGREY SHOULD INDICATE THAT A SUBSTANTIVE  
REPLY TO SENGHOR'S INVITATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING.  
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## ACTION REQUIRED

MEMO FOR SCOWCROFT. +  
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ANY ACTION NECESSARY? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTIONS

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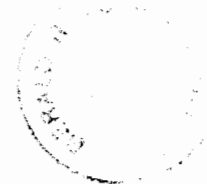
April 22, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

With Secretary Kissinger about to depart for his trip to Africa, I would like to thank you for your thoughtful letter on Angola delivered by Ambassador Coulbary and tell you how much I valued your counsel during that difficult period. I had an excellent discussion with your Ambassador and with Zairian Commissioner for Foreign Affairs Nguza on several issues of mutual interest and am pleased that you and Secretary Kissinger will continue this dialogue in person during his visit.

I appreciated your invitation for United States participation in the Second Dakar International Fair and your positive comments on our participation in the first Fair. I take pleasure in informing you that the United States does plan to take part in the second Fair.

I regret the turn of events in Angola. The United States has no objection in principle to the MPLA. I am concerned, nevertheless, about the heavy reliance of the MPLA on foreign communist military forces and its apparent unwillingness to broaden its narrow political base. My Government will continue to oppose Cuban and Soviet interference while standing for majority rule in Africa. The course of events is still uncertain in Central and Southern Africa, and I hope that I will continue to have the benefit of your thoughts in the coming months.




I am most gratified that Secretary Kissinger will have the opportunity to examine with you personally the issues of mutual concern to our countries. He comes to Senegal with my personal encouragement to look carefully at what needs to be done to assist you in your efforts to promote peace, security, and development in Africa.

Sincerely,

*Gerald R. Ford*

His Excellency  
Leopold Sedar Senghor  
President of the Republic of Senegal  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SG, US

SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR

A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO PRESIDENT FORD WAS  
HANDLED TO US BY AN OFFICER OF THE SENEGALESE EMBASSY IN  
PARIS ON MAY 12 WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT BE TRANSMITTED  
TO WASHINGTON AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THE TEXT FOLLOWS:  
THE ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT:  
MAY 10, 1976

BEGIN QUOTE  
MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT,

JE VOUS REMERCIE DES DEUX LETTRES QUE VOUS M'AVEZ  
ENVOYEEES A LA VEILLE DU DEPART DU DOCTEUR KISSINGER  
POUR L'AFRIQUE.

COMME IL VOUS L'AURA DIT, NOUS AVONS EU DES ENTRETIENS  
QUE JE JUGE TRES FRUCTUEUX POUR L'AFRIQUE ET, PARTANT,  
POUR LE MAINTIEN DE LA PAIX DANS LE MONDE. IL  
M'A, ENTRE AUTRES, DONNE L'ASSURANCE QU'IL N'Y AURAIT  
PAS DE SECONDE ANGOLA. C'ETAIT L'ESSENTIEL.

D'AUTRE PART, DANS SA REPONSE AU TOAST DE M. ASSANE  
SECK, MINISTRE SENEGALAIS DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES, LE  
DOCTEUR KISSINGER A DIT LA VOLONTE DES ETATS-UNIS  
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SOUDANO-SAHELIENS POUR LEUR PERMETTRE DE CONTENIR  
L'AVANCE DU DESERT ET MEME FAIRE RECULER CELUI-CI.  
JE DESIRAIS VOUS REMERCIER POUR TOUT CELA, EN VOUS REI-  
TERANT, EN MEME TEMPS, NOTRE VOLONTE DE COOPERATION

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QUE NOUS ATTACHONS A LA PRESENTE SESSION DE LA CNUCED  
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SERONT VOTES AU DESESPoir.  
EN VOUS REMERCIANT DE L'ACCUEIL QUE VOUS AUREZ RESERVE  
A MA LETTRE, JE VOUS PRIE DE CROIRE, MONSIEUR LE PRESI-  
DENT, A L'ASSURANCE DE MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION.

LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR

GAMMON

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May 28, 1976

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Dakar**



REFERRAL

Date: 5/28/76

NSC log # 7602580

## MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: President Senghor

From: President Ford

Date: 5/28/76

Subject: Second Conference for Developement of the Senegal River

ACTION REQUESTED:☐ Draft reply for:☐ President's Signature☐ White House Staff☐ Other☐ Direct reply☐ Furnish info copy☒ Dispatch☐ Translation☐ Recommendations/Comments☐ Appropriate Handling☐ Other☐ InformationDUE DATE:COMMENTS: Please dispatch via state pouch.

*Jeannette Davis*  
for Jeannette W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

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WASHINGTON

May 28, 1976

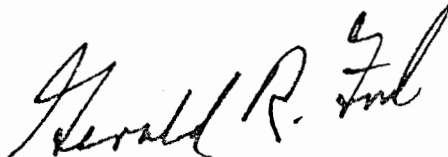
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "F" and "D".

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President of the Republic of Senegal  
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Mr Davis -

Mr Horan is not  
in his office,

Do you want this  
her letter to be dispatched  
via State pouch?

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WASHINGTON

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

ACTION  
May 25, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Brent Scowcroft

SUBJECT: Proposed Reply to Letter from Senegalese  
President Senghor

President Senghor has written you (Tab B) to convey an invitation to the United States Government to be represented at the Second Conference of the Organization for the Development of the Senegal River, which is scheduled at Dakar June 14-15. This Conference, which will include donor countries and organizations as well as the Sahel states, is a major component of efforts to combat the chronic problem of drought that the Sahel faces, and a delegation from the Department of State and AID will participate.

Consequently, I recommend that you acknowledge President Senghor's invitation, indicating that the United States Government will be represented and also taking note of Secretary Kissinger's recent visit to Senegal. Attached for your consideration is a suggested text (Tab A). Doug Smith in Robert Hartmann's office has cleared the text of the proposed letter. Doug Bennett concurs in this recommendation,

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to President Senghor at Tab A.

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

May 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT  
FROM: Hal Horan  
SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence: Proposed  
Reply to Letter from Senegalese President  
Senghor

Attached is a self-explanatory memorandum to the President recommending he respond to a letter from President Senghor inviting the United States Government to participate in the Second Conference for the Development of the Senegal River to be held at Dakar June 14-15 (Tab I). Doug Smith of Robert Hartmann's office has cleared the text of the proposed letter (Tab A).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward to the President the memo at Tab I.

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

May 18, 1976

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FROM:

Hal Horan *HH*

SUBJECT:

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5/13/76

TO: DOUG SMITH

FROM: HAL HORAN, OEOB 301, x 5022

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Senegalese  
President Senghor

For your clearance.

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SUGGESTED LETTER

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States.

Warm personal regards ~~Sincerely,~~

✓ Gerald R. Ford

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HJ Smith



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Washington, D.C. 20520

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May 12, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from President Ford to Senegalese  
President Senghor (NSC Log #7602580)

The attached draft letter for President Ford's signature is in response to a letter from Senegalese President Senghor inviting the United States to attend the Second Conference for the Development of the Senegal River Basin.

  
George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

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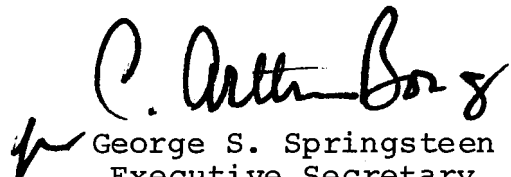
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
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Date: May 5, 1976  
NSC log # 7602580

MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: President Ford  
From: President Senghor of Senegal  
Date: April 21, 1976  
Subject: Second conf for development of Senegal River

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DUE DATE: May 12, 1976

COMMENTS:

*Michael F. Davis*  
for Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

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WASHINGTON

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TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT

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CONFERENCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENEGAL RIVER  
Conference of Chiefs of State and Heads of Government  
Acting President of the Conference

No. 298/PCCEG/OMVS

April 21, 1976

Reference: My letters of September 20  
and October 2, 1975

Mr. President:

The Second Conference on Sources of Financing for Projects of the Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS), originally planned for October 16 and 17, 1975, had to be postponed for various reasons which I mentioned in my letter of October 2.

Since all the conditions have now been fulfilled, this Conference will take place at Dakar on June 14 and 15, 1976. The Office of the High Commissioner of the OMVS will meet with representatives of cooperating governments and agencies to which we wish to offer the opportunity to assess the progress of our projects and whose assistance we wish to elicit in securing the additional financing necessary to cover the entire regional infrastructure program which was presented at Nouakchott in July 1974.

His Excellency  
Gerald Ford  
President of the  
United States of America,  
Washington.



The success of the First Conference and the extremely encouraging results of the ensuing bilateral consultations between the OMVS and various sources of financing lead us to believe that the Dakar meeting will confirm the surge of international solidarity which bolsters the efforts of the Governments of Mali, Mauritania, and Senegal on behalf of this major subregional development project which is already setting a positive example.

Aware of the great interest which the United States has always shown in our undertaking, I take pleasure in transmitting to Your Excellency this invitation for your Government to attend the Dakar Conference.

The working documents concerning this meeting will be delivered at the earliest opportunity to the United States Embassy at Dakar for transmittal to Your Excellency's Government.

Accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my very high consideration.

[Signature]

Léopold Sédar Senghor

[OMVS stamp]



le 21 AVR. 1976

ORGANISATION  
POUR LA MISE EN VALEUR  
DU FLEUVE SÉNÉGAL

CONFERENCE DES CHEFS D'ETAT  
ET DE GOUVERNEMENT

N° 298

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*Le Président  
en Exercice de la Conférence des Chefs d'Etat  
et de Gouvernement*

à

Référence : Mes lettres des 20 Septembre  
et 2 Octobre 1975.

Monsieur le Président,

La deuxième Conférence des sources de financement des projets de l'Organisation pour la mise en valeur du fleuve Sénégal qui avait été initialement fixée aux 16 et 17 Octobre 1975 a dû être reportée pour diverses raisons que j'ai eu l'occasion de vous exposer dans ma lettre du 2 Octobre.

Toutes les conditions étant à présent réunies, cette Conférence aura lieu à Dakar les 14 et 15 Juin 1976. Il s'agira d'une rencontre entre le Haut-Commissariat de l'OMVS et les représentants des Gouvernements et Organismes coopérants auxquels nous voulons offrir l'occasion d'apprécier l'état d'avancement de nos projets, et de nous aider à trouver le complément de financement nécessaire à la couverture de l'ensemble du programme d'infrastructure régionale qui avait été présenté à Nouakchott en Juillet 1974.

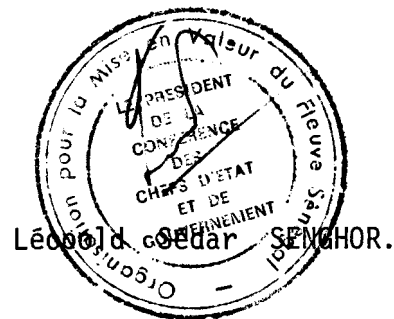
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Le succès de la première conférence et les résultats extrêmement encourageants des consultations bilatérales qui ont suivi, entre l'OMVS et diverses sources de financement nous autorisent à croire que la réunion de Dakar confirmera l'élan de solidarité internationale qui soutient les efforts des Gouvernements du Mali, de la Mauritanie et du Sénégal en faveur de ce grand projet sous-régional de développement intégré qui a déjà valeur d'exemple.

Connaissant le grand intérêt que les Etats Unis ont toujours manifesté pour notre entreprise, il m'est agréable de transmettre à Votre Excellence, la présente invitation pour la participation de son Gouvernement à la Conférence de Dakar.

Les documents de travail concernant cette rencontre seront remis dans les meilleurs délais à l'Ambassade des Etats Unis à Dakar en vue de leur transmission au Gouvernement de Votre Excellence.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Président, les assurances de ma très haute considération.



Son Excellence,  
Monsieur Gérard FORD  
Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique

WASHINGTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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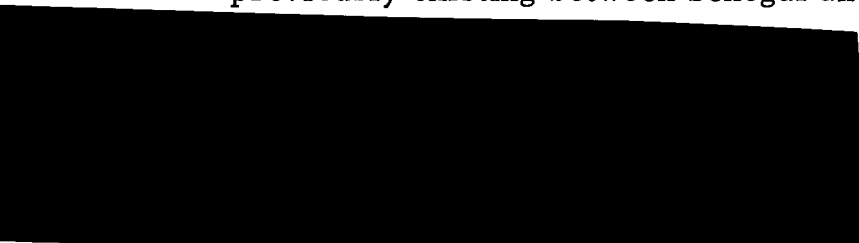
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SUBJECT: *Ask ltr to Pres for Senghor re the  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 7, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of May 10. Secretary Kissinger has told me of his stop in Dakar and of his constructive discussions with you and other officers of your Government. We are pleased with the excellent response by African states to Secretary Kissinger's African tour and to the major policy initiatives announced during that visit. We have already introduced legislation in the Congress and are taking other actions to give effect to our new African initiatives.

Let me assure you that I attach great importance to the success of the North-South dialogue as we seek to improve the economic prospects of the developing nations. I appreciate and share your belief that issues of common concern, including efforts to stabilize market conditions of internationally traded commodities, should be discussed on a timely basis.

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Sincerely,

*Gerald R. Ford*

His Excellency  
Leopold Sedar Senghor  
President of the Republic of Senegal  
Dakar



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Date: July 7, 1976  
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

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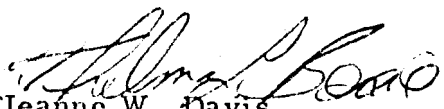
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for Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

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MEMORANDUM ~~THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN~~ *8/16/76*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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July 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*  
SUBJECT: Proposed Letter to Senegalese President  
Leopold Sedar Senghor

On May 10 Senegal's President Senghor wrote to you (Tab B) concerning his talks in Dakar with Secretary Kissinger and thanking you for the pledge of assistance to the Sahel which Secretary Kissinger communicated during his visit to Senegal. In addition, Senghor emphasized the importance he attached to the outcome of the UNCTAD IV session; in this context he expressed his desire that more be done to ensure positive results in the North-South dialogue, especially in the stabilization of the prices of raw material exported by developing nations.

The suggested reply at Tab A, which was held in order to take into account the results of the UNCTAD conference, reassures President Senghor of your determination to improve our relations with the African states and your recognition of the importance of stabilization of market conditions of internationally traded commodities.

CEA concurs in the proposed reply.

Doug Smith of Robert Hartmann's office has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A to President Senghor.

MEMORANDUM

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ACTION

June 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

RH  
Roger Harrison

SUBJECT:

Proposed Letter to Senegalese President  
Leopold Sedar Senghor

The attached memo forwards to the President a suggested letter replying to President Senghor of Senegal who wrote on May 10 concerning Secretary Kissinger's African trip and stressing the importance Senegal attaches to UNCTAD IV and to the necessity for positive results from a North-South dialogue. The response to President Senghor was delayed so it would reflect the results of the recently concluded UNCTAD IV Conference.

Doug Smith of Robert Hartmann's office has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward to the President the memo at Tab 1.

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June 18, 1976

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from President Ford to Senegalese  
President Senghor

In the attached letter to President Ford, the original of which we forwarded to the White House on May 28, Senegalese President Senghor discusses Secretary Kissinger's recent stop in Dakar, emphasizes the importance Senegal attaches to UNCTAD IV and raises points on international commodity issues.

A reply is required, and the Department now forwards a suggested response which reflects the results of the recently concluded UNCTAD IV Conference.

*for* *Baron M. McLaughlin*  
George S. Springssteen  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Draft Letter from President Ford to President Senghor
2. Translation of the Senghor Letter
3. Copy of Letter to President Ford from President Senghor



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

6/21/76

TO: DOUG SMITH

FROM: ROGER HARRISON, x 4905, Rm 393

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## SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

Secretary Kissinger has told me of his stop in Dakar and of his constructive discussions with you and other officers of your government. We are pleased with the excellent response by African states to Secretary Kissinger's African tour and to the major policy initiatives ~~of my government that~~ <sup>is</sup> announced during that visit. We have already introduced legislation in the Congress and are taking other actions to give effect to our new African initiatives.

Let me assure you that I attach great importance to the success of the North/South dialogue as we seek to improve the economic prospects of the developing nations. I appreciate and share your belief that issues of common concern, including efforts to stabilize market conditions of internationally traded commodities, <sup>should</sup> be discussed <sup>on a</sup> timely basis. ~~in this~~

Our goal ~~is nothing less than~~ <sup>is</sup> to shape an enduring structure of international collaboration that offers peace and prosperity, equal opportunity and dignity to all peoples.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency  
Leopold Sedar Senghor  
President of the Republic of Senegal,  
Dakar.

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Date May 28, 1976

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Brent Scowcroft  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Ford FROM: Senegalese President Senghor  
DATE: May 10, 1976 SUBJECT: Letter telling of Secretary  
Kissinger's recent stop in Dakar and raising points on  
International commodity issues

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ NSC# \_\_\_\_\_  
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☒ THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY  
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- ☐ A draft reply is attached.  
☒ A draft reply will be forwarded.  
☐ A translation is attached.  
☐ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.  
☐ We believe no response is necessary for the  
reason cited below.  
☐ Other

REMARKS:

We will forward a suggested reply to this letter when the  
results of the UNCTAD IV Conference are clear and can be  
incorporated into that reply, at the latest by July 1.

*George S. Springsteen*  
(for) George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary



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Paris, No. 978/PR/SP.

Letter to President Ford from President Senghor

May 10, 1976

Mr. President:

Thank you for the two letters you sent me on the eve of Dr. Kissinger's departure for Africa.

As he will have told you, we held talks which I consider very fruitful for Africa and, therefore, for the maintenance of peace in the world. Among other things, he assured me that there would not be another Angola. That was the essential thing. Moreover, in his reply to the toast by Assane Seck, the Senegalese Foreign Minister, Dr. Kissinger spoke of the United States' determination to increase its aid to the nations of the Sahel and Sudan regions in order to enable them to contain the encroachment of the desert and even roll it back. I wanted to thank you for all of that, while at the same time reiterating our strong desire for sincere cooperation with the United States.

I wish to take this opportunity to tell you how much importance we attach to the current UNCTAD session and the Paris conference. Dr. Kissinger was not negative in Nairobi, but he did not bring us everything we had ex-

pected of the United States. Indeed, as you know, the maintenance and strengthening of peace in the world will be ensured only if the dialogue between developed and developing States produces positive results. We are not asking for miracles--it is simply that if the prices of raw materials exported by developing countries are not stabilized (and that is a minimum), the Third World countries, that is, 70% of the human race, will be doomed to despair.

With my thanks for your attention to this letter, accept, Mr. President, the assurance of my very high consideration.

Léopold Sédar Senghor

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*Le Président de la République*

Nº 978 /PR/SP.

Paris,

~~Paris~~ le 10 mai 1976.

Monsieur le Président,

Je Vous remercie des deux lettres que Vous m'avez envoyées à la veille du départ du Docteur Kissinger pour l'Afrique.

Comme il Vous l'aura dit, nous avons eu des entretiens que je juge très fructueux pour l'Afrique et, partant, pour le maintien de la paix dans le monde. Il m'a, entre autres, donné l'assurance qu'il n'y aurait pas de seconde Angola. C'était l'essentiel.

D'autre part, dans sa réponse au toast de M. Assane Seck, ministre sénégalais des Affaires étrangères, le Docteur Kissinger a dit la volonté des Etats-Unis d'Amérique d'apporter une aide accrue aux Etats soudano-sahéliens pour leur permettre de contenir l'avance du désert et même faire reculer celui-ci.

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Je désirais Vous remercier pour tout cela, en Vous réitérant, en même temps, notre volonté de coopération loyale avec les Etats-Unis d'Amérique.

Je profite de l'occasion pour Vous dire l'importance que nous attachons à la présente session de la CNUCED comme à la Conférence de Paris. Le Docteur Kissinger n'a pas été négatif à Nairobi, mais il ne nous a pas apporté tout ce que nous attendions des Etats-Unis d'Amérique. En effet, comme Vous le savez, le maintien et la consolidation de la paix dans le monde ne seront obtenus que si le dialogue entre les Etats développés et les Etats en développement aboutit à des résultats positifs. Nous ne demandons pas le miracle, il y a seulement que si la stabilisation des prix des matières premières exportées par les pays en développement n'est pas assurée - et c'est là un minimum - , les pays du Tiers Monde, c'est-à-dire les 70% de l'humanité, seront voués au désespoir.

En Vous remerciant de l'accueil que Vous aurez réservé à ma lettre, je Vous prie de croire, Monsieur le Président, à l'assurance de ma très haute considération.



Léopold Sédar SENGHOR.

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

WASHINGTON

**MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT**

**FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT**

**SUBJECT: Proposed Letter to Senegalese President  
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CEA concurs in the proposed reply.

Doug Smith of Robert Hartmann's office has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That you sign the letter at Tab A to President Senghor.

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RECOMMENDATION

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*CEA concurs in the proposed reply.*



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NOTE:

Due to the lateness and the urgency, the approved text of the letter to President Senghor was sent via LDX to the Department of State on Wednesday, October 6, at 7:40 p.m., by Louise in Ambassador Smith's office.

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SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

I extend heartiest personal congratulations on the occasion of your 70th birthday. Yours has been a most remarkable career. You have earned your reputation as one of the ablest statesmen of our time and the concept of Negritude, which you have fostered, has not only deeply interested the world but will, I believe, contribute to the development of understanding among nations. You have my best wishes for further success and prosperity in your continued service to Senegal.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency  
Leopold Sedar Senghor,  
President of the Republic of Senegal,  
Dakar.

*Approved Left  
Amb. Smith  
James Smith*





DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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October 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message from President Ford to President  
Senghor on his 70th Birthday

President Leopold Sedar Senghor of Senegal celebrates his 70th birthday on October 9. Extensive cultural and academic activities are being planned to commemorate the occasion. These activities will be national and international in scope, and will bring together renowned statesmen and scholars for a symposium devoted to the theme of "culture and development."

We believe that official American recognition to the famous Senegalese septuagenarian and his contributions to statesmanship, the arts, and letters, will enhance our relationship with the people and Government of Senegal.

Embassy Dakar recommends that a personal birthday greeting be sent by President Ford, and suggests that a birthday gift also be sent. An appropriate gift might be related to the American Bicentennial year or to President Senghor's interest in Lincoln memorabilia.

Attached is a draft message from President Ford to President Senghor.

*for Frank V. Ortiz*  
for C. Arthur Borg  
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft letter from President Ford.

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SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to extend my heartiest personal  
congratulations on the occasion of your 70th  
birthday. ~~Yours has been a most remarkable career.~~  
~~Not content to be one of the authors of Negritude,~~  
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Sincerely,

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His Excellency  
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MEMO FOR SCOWCROFT. ☒

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