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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS OVIP, TU
SUBJECT: REPLY TO CONGRATULATION FROM PRESIDENT KORUTURK

1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KORUTURK. BEGIN TEXT. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMITMENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD." END TEXT.

2. FYI: PRESIDENT KORUTURK'S MESSAGE WAS AS FOLLOWS: MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S ASSUMING THE HIGH OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I HAVE THE PLEASURE IN CONVEYING TO YOU MY HEART-FELT CONGRATULATIONS TOGETHER WITH MY BEST WISHES OF A COMPLETE SUCCESS. IT IS MY SINCERE BELIEF THAT, UNDER YOUR PRESIDENCY, THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO DEPLOY CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS TOWARDS BRINGING ABOUT PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. IT IS WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT I OBSERVE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE



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FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR ALLIED COUNTRIES, PLEASE
ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, ALL MY SINCERE WISHES FOR YOUR
PERSONAL HEALTH, HAPPINESS AS WELL AS FOR THE WELL-BEING

AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA. FAHRI S. KORUTURK, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
TURKEY.

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TEXT OF REPLY BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOT. KISSINGER



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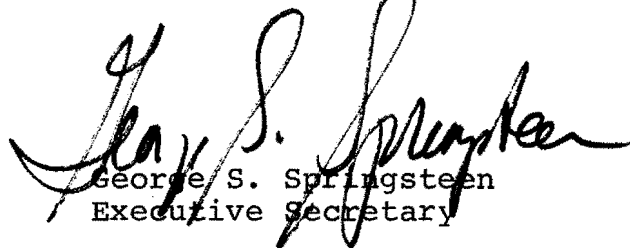
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August 22, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT

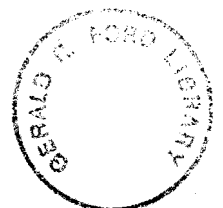
Subject: Letter to the President from the
Turkish President

There is attached Turkish President Koruturk's reply of August 10 to President Ford's message upon becoming President of the United States. No reply is necessary to President Koruturk's letter.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Letter from President Koruturk



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CUMHURBAŞKANLIĞI
ANKARA**

August 10, 1974

Dear Mr. President,

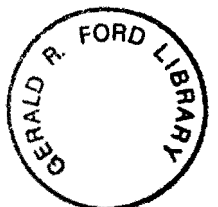
I sincerely thank you for the message which you were very kind in sending me as you assumed office as President of the United States of America.

I fully share your views on the strength of the democratic system. Turkey, too, has proven many times its devotion to the rules of democratic order.

I have noted with great satisfaction that you intend to honour and support the commitments undertaken on foreign policy matters by the former President of the United States of America, Mr. Nixon who, as you have rightly stated, tried his best to create a framework of understanding and cooperation between the United States of America and its allies, based on the principles of mutual respect and interest. It was equally satisfactory to learn from your message that you have asked Dr. Kissinger to continue as Secretary of State.

Mr. President, I must assure you that Turkey fully understands the keen interest of the United States of America in connection with the

His Excellency
Gerald R. FORD,
President of the United States
of America



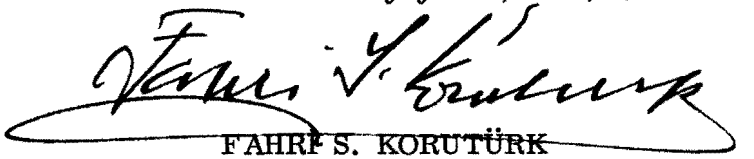
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ANKARA**

Cyprus problem. I am pleased to note that the United States of America is aware of the utmost restraint Turkey has exercised since the very beginning of the question. I think, humiliation which is undesirable for any concerned party, can only be avoided, Mr. President, when the Turkish Cypriots are given enough assurances within a new legitimate and working order in their own region in which they will enjoy the same rights, liberties and privileges with the Greek Cypriots. We will appreciate the positive role to be played by the United States of America in this connection.

Lastly, Mr. President, I would like to state once again my readiness to offer my support to you when it is needed.

It is my strong belief that the cooperation and understanding between our two allied countries will be ever lasting.

Sincerely yours,


FAHRI S. KORUTÜRK



**TÜRKİYE
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10 AĞUSTOS 1974

Sayın Başkan,

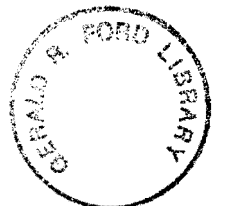
Amerika Birleşik Devletleri Başkanı olarak görev üstlendiğiniz şu sırada gönderme nezaketinde bulunduğunuz mesaj için içten teşekkür ederim.

Demokratik sistemin gücü hakkındaki görüşlerinizi tamamen paylaşıyorum. Türkiye de demokratik düzenin kurallarına olan bağlılığını müteaddit defalar ispat etmiştir.

Amerika Birleşik Devletleri ve müttefikleri arasında karşılıklı menfaat ve saygı esasına dayalı bir anlayış ve işbirliği ortamını yaratmak için elinden geleni yaptığını sizin de çok yerinde olarak belirttiğiniz önceki Başkan Mr. Nixon tarafından, dış politika konularında yükümlenilen taahhütlere bağlı kalmak ve desteklemek amacında olmanızı büyük bir memnuniyetle kaydetmiş bulunuyorum. Mesajınızdan Dr. Kissinger'in Dışişleri Bakanı olarak görevine devam etmesini istediğinizi öğrenmekten de aynı derecede memnuniyet duydum.

Bay Başkan, Amerika Birleşik Devletlerinin Kıbrıs problemine ilişkin ilgisini Türkiye'nin tamamen anladığı hususunda sizi temin etmeliyim.

Ekselâns
Gerald R. FORD
Amerika Birleşik Devletleri
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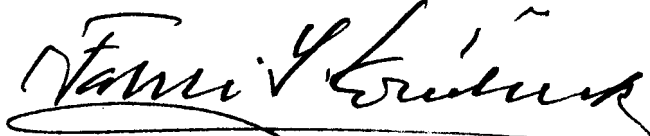
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Meselenin başından beri Türkiye'nin göstermiş olduğu fevkalâde itidali Amerika Birleşik Devletlerinin müdrük oluşunu kaydetmekten memnunluk duyuyorum. Sayın Başkan, benim kanıma göre, ilgili tarafların hiçbirince arzuya şayan olmayan onur kırıcı bir sonuçtan kaçınmak, ancak Kıbrıs Türklerine kendi bölgelerinde Kıbrıs Rumlarıyla aynı hak, hürriyet ve imtiyazlardan faydalanabilecekleri yeterli güvencenin meşru ve geçerli yeni bir düzen içinde verilmesiyle sağlanabilir. Amerika Birleşik Devletlerinin buna ilişkin olarak oynayacağı müsbet rolü takdirle karşılayacağız.

Son olarak Sayın Başkan, gerektiğinde size desteğimi sunmağa hazır olduğumu bir defa daha belirtmek isterim.

Müttefik ülkelerimiz arasındaki anlayış ve işbirliğinin ebedî olacağı güçlü inancımdır.

İçtenlikle sizin,



FAHRİ S. KORUTÜRK





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August 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Congratulatorys to President Ford

Attached for appropriate handling are
congratulatorys for President Ford from
the following foreign leaders:

Belgium 175	Tindemans	Prime Minister
Canada 161	Laskin	Governor General
Canada 95	Trudeau	Prime Minister
Ghana 166	Acheampong	Chairman
Indonesia 178	Hamengkubuwono	Vice President
Indonesia 156	Soeharto	President
Italy 160	Rumor	Prime Minister
Italy 177	Moro	Foreign Minister
Jamaica 179	Manley	Prime Minister
Nepal 181	Rijal	Prime Minister
Nepal 180	Birendra	King
Pakistan 149	Bhutto	Prime Minister
Sri Lanka 183	Bandaranaike	Prime Minister
Sri Lanka 184	Gopallawa	President
Turkey 154	Koruturk	President
Turkey 185	Ecevit	Prime Minister
Uganda 97	Amin	President
Zambia 186	Kaunda	President
PAKISTAN 182	CHAUHRY	PRES

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Acting Executive Secretary

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As Stated.



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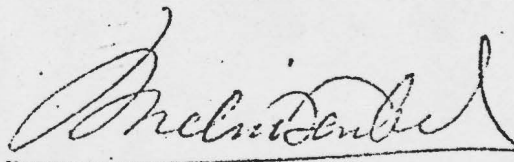
August 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have the honor to enclose herewith the message of felicitations of His Excellency Fahri S. Korutürk, President of the Republic of Turkey, addressed to His Excellency Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America on the occasion of President Ford's assuming the high office of the Presidency of the United States of America.

I would appreciate it very much if this message could be kindly forwarded to its high destination.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Melih Esenbel
Ambassador of Turkey

Enclosure

The Honorable
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.



His Excellency
Gerald R. Ford
President of the United
States of America

Mr. President,

On the occasion of Your Excellency's assuming the high office of the Presidency of the United States of America, I have the pleasure in conveying to you my heartfelt congratulations together with my best wishes of a complete success.

It is my sincere belief that, under your Presidency, the United States will continue to deploy constructive efforts towards bringing about peaceful solutions to the existing international problems.

It is with great satisfaction that I observe the further development of the friendly relations between our allied countries.

Please accept, Mr. President, all my sincere wishes for your personal health, happiness as well as for the well-being and prosperity of the people of the United States of America.

Fahri S. Korutürk
President of the Republic
of Turkey



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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT KORUTURK. IF RECIPIENT NOT
AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AS I ASSUME OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
I WISH TO TAKE THIS EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE SOME
THOUGHTS WITH YOU.

THE STRAINS AND DIFFICULTIES OF THE RECENT PAST
CANNOT BE IGNORED. YET I VIEW THESE EVENTS AS A VIVID
DEMONSTRATION OF THE STRENGTH OF OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM.
AND I TAKE COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT GREAT NATIONS WITH
GREAT DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS CAN SUFFER HARDSHIPS AND STILL
REMAIN STRONG.

DURING HIS TIME IN OFFICE, PRESIDENT NIXON ENDEAVORED



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TO CREATE A FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES. THIS FRAMEWORK WAS BUILT ON AGREEMENTS AND COMMITMENTS BASED ON MUTUAL

RESPECT AND ON THE RECOGNITION OF MUTUAL INTEREST WHICH BIND NATIONS. I INTEND TO HONOR AND SUPPORT THESE COMMITMENTS. YOU SHOULD BE ASSURED TOO THAT MY ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO INVIGORATE THE NATO ALLIANCE AND OUR MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY. I HAVE ASKED DR. KISSINGER TO CONTINUE AS SECRETARY OF STATE. HE ENJOYS MY FULL SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE. I CAN ASSURE YOU ALSO THAT I WILL USE MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE CONGRESS TO REINFORCE THE BIPARTISAN NATURE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS I HAVE CAREFULLY OBSERVED THE EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN CYPRUS. I WAS GRATIFIED WHEN I FIRST LEARNED THAT THE PARTIES HAD AGREED TO GO TO GENEVA TO NEGOTIATE THEIR DIFFERENCES. THAT MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WERE AVOIDED IS A TRIBUTE TO THE RESTRAINT EXERCISED BY THE LEADERS IN THE REGION. NOW THAT THE FIRST STEPS TOWARD A JUST AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION HAVE BEEN TAKEN, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT RESTRAINT AND PATIENCE PREVAIL, AND THAT HUMILIATION OF ANY KIND BE AVOIDED. PEACE IN THE REGION IS CLOSE AT HAND. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU, AS THE LEADER OF A GREAT NATION, WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO BRING THIS ABOUT. NATURALLY, WE STAND READY TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE.

AS I OFFER MY SUPPORT TO YOU IN THE GREAT TASKS AHEAD, I ASK FOR YOURS.

AND AS I ASSUME THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY, I DO SO WITH CONFIDENCE. CONFIDENCE IN MY COUNTRY, MY COLLEAGUES AND IN OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDS. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.
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TAGS: PDIP, IR
SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE SHAH TO PRESIDENT
FORD

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO THE
SHAH:

QUOTE. YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY:

YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE OF AUGUST 9 ON MY
ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS
VERY DEEPLY APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE
RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE
DIRECTED TOWARD OUR SHARED GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE
FOR ALL HUMANITY AND THAT, IN THESE ENDEAVORS, THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS WILL BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. YOUR
MAJESTY'S KIND SENTIMENTS ARE A SOURCE OF DEEP SATISFACTION
TO ME. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING, AND TO STRENGTHENING
EVEN FURTHER, THE LONG TRADITION OF CLOSE COOPERATION
BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

WITH BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.



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2. FYI: FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT RECEIVED FROM SHAH:

QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN CONVEYING TO YOU MY HARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TOGETHER WITH MY SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN DISCHARGING THE DUTIES OF YOUR HIGH OFFICE.

THE WORLD AT LARGE LOOKS UPON YOU TO CONTINUE THE GREAT TASK UNDERTAKEN WITH DISTINCTION BY YOUR PREDECESSOR TO BUILD A JUST AND DURABLE STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

I AM FULLY CONVINCED THAT THE VERY WARM TIES OF CORDIAL FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL CONTINUE TO BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED TO THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGE OF OUR TWO PEOPLES.

SINCERELY, MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI. UNQUOTE.

3. NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY, BUT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY GOI. KISSINGER

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September 5, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Responses to Congratulatory Messages
from Foreign Leaders on Assumption of
Office (S/S 7414766)

Attached are the three approved standard Presidential responses
(Tab A) for acknowledging congratulatory messages. Special
tailored messages are also attached (Tab B) for the following
Heads of State/Government:

- 1 Lon Nol of Cambodia
- 41 Emperor of Japan
- 11 President Thieu of Vietnam
- 138 King and Prime Minister of Laos
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- 26 President Tolbert of Liberia
- 96 General Gowon of Nigeria
- 141 President Sadat of Egypt →150
- ~~69 President and Prime Minister of Israel~~
- 149 Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan
- 8 Shah of Iran
- 93 King Faisal of Saudi Arabia
- 112 President Asad of Syria

If the circumstances of our relations with a given country indicate
that a response should not be sent, or that the standard reply would
be inappropriate, you are requested to prepare alternate language
for clearance here and/or recommend other action.



You should take no action now on the following leaders as individualized replies are still being cleared and will be forwarded separately:

Prime Minister Gandhi of India
King Hassan of Morocco (S/S 7415768 is still
under consideration)
Prime Minister Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka

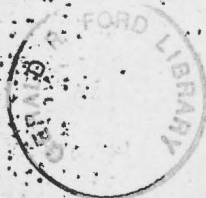
At Tab C is an up-to-date listing of the congratulatory messages which have been received.

Would you also prepare suggested draft letters -- drawing from the standard texts -- for the foreign representatives in Washington who sent separate congratulatory messages to the President. Your suggested reply could also take into account any other messages which have been sent during the interim.

We would also appreciate your preparing an album for the President of all the incoming and outgoing messages.



Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

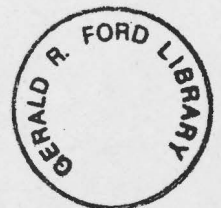


Tailored for the Shah of Iran

Your thoughtful and heartening message of August 9 on my assumption of office as President of the United States is very deeply appreciated. You may be assured that all the resources of the American Government will continue to be directed toward our shared goal of a true and lasting peace for all mankind and that, in these endeavors, the relations between our two nations will be of great importance. Your Majesty's kind sentiments are a source of deep satisfaction to me. I look forward to continuing, and to strengthening even further, the long tradition of close cooperation between Iran and the United States.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,





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August 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Replies to President Ford's Message

Attached for appropriate handling are replies to President Ford's messages to selected foreign leaders on his assumption of the Presidency. The replies are from the following foreign leaders:

102	Brazil	Geisel	President
95	Canada	Trudeau	Prime Minister
8	Iran	Pahlavi	Shah
102	Thailand	Sanya	Prime Minister
90	Netherlands	den Uyl	Prime Minister

George S. Springsteen
 George S. Springsteen
 Executive Secretary

Attachments:

As stated.





IRANIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

9 August, 1974

The Ambassador

my Dear Mr President

I have the high honor to transmit herewith the following message sent by His Imperial Majesty, the Shahanshah Aryamehr, upon the occasion of your assumption of the Presidency of the United States of America:

" Dear Mr. President:

On the occasion of your assumption of the Presidency of the United States of America, I take great pleasure in conveying to you my warmest congratulations together with my sincere best wishes for your success in discharging the duties of your high office.

The world at large looks upon you to continue the great task undertaken with distinction by your predecessor to build a just and durable structure of international peace.



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I am fully convinced that the very warm ties of cordial friendship and close cooperation between Iran and the United States of America will continue to be further strengthened to the mutual advantage of our two peoples.

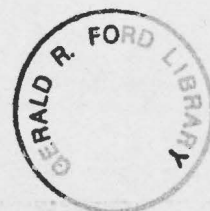
Sincerely,

Mohammad Reza Pahlavi "

~~May I be permitted to express, Mr. President, my personal congratulations and the assurances of my very highest respect and good wishes for both you and Mrs. Ford.~~

*Very Sincerely Yours
Abdol esli Jahedi
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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.



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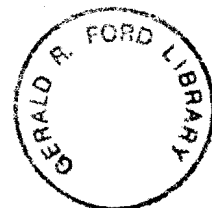
My Dear Mr Secretary

I have the honor to transmit the following message just received from His Imperial Majesty, M. R. Pahlavi, the Shahanshah Aryamehr, for the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America:

" Dear Mr. President:

I thank you very sincerely for the message which you have sent to me immediately after having taken office as President of the United States of America.

I have noted with great interest the statements which you have made on American foreign policy and the great importance which you attach to its continuity. I am particularly gratified to know of the extremely high significance which you attach to consolidating still further the very close ties of cordial friendship and fruitful cooperation linking Iran and

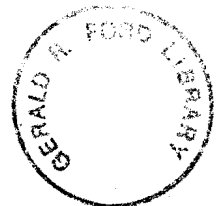


the United States of America together. Our bonds have withstood the test of time and with the passage of years have gone from strength to strength culminating in an atmosphere of perfect mutual trust and goodwill.

I would like you to know, Mr. President, that I consider the relations between our two countries as being of the highest importance based as they are on a community of interests and close collaboration on the international scene for strengthening the cause of world peace and security. It will continue to be my firm determination to enhance the special relationship between our two nations.

It is with much pleasure that I have noted your commitment to pursuing the task of achieving a just and lasting peace in the Arab Middle East which will have a vital bearing on international peace and security.

It will give me great pleasure to have the opportunity to see you in the near future and in the meantime I send you my sincere best wishes



for success in your high duties.

Sincerely,

Mohammad Reza Pahlavi

August 10, 1974 "

I would be grateful if you would kindly transmit the above message to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America, as soon as possible.

Please accept the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

*Very kindly yours
as ever
Ardeshtir Zahedi.*

Ardeshtir Zahedi

Ambassador of Iran

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger

Secretary of State

Washington, D.C.



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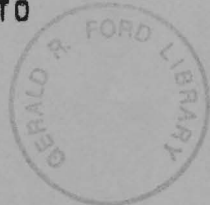
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2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY:

AS I TAKE UP THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I AM AS ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS WRITING YOU TO ASSURE YOU AND OTHER FRIENDS OF MY FIRM DEDICATION TO THE POLICIES THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PURSUING IN ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IS SOUNDLY BASED ON THE SUPPORT OF BOTH OUR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES. THE PRINCIPLE OF CONTINUITY IN FOREIGN POLICY HAS DEEP ROOTS



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IN THE TRADITIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AND NATIONAL INTERESTS OF AMERICA. NO PRINCIPLE WILL BE MORE CENTRAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER MY

ADMINISTRATION. I WANT TO PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I AM FULLY COMMITTED, WITH THE FULL SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, TO HONORING ALL INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY AND WITH ALL OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

IN PARTICULAR, I WANT YOU TO KNOW OF THE EXTREMELY HIGH IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO MAINTAINING, EXPANDING AND STRENGTHENING THE VERY CLOSE TIES AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR OWN TWO COUNTRIES. THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US HAS BEEN BUILT UP THROUGH MANY TRIALS OVER MORE THAN A GENERATION. IT HAS NOT ONLY STOOD THE TEST OF TIME BUT HAS GROWN STRONGER FROM YEAR TO YEAR. I SHALL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO FOSTER THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

I ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW OF MY STRONG COMMITMENT TO PURSUE OUR DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY TOWARD A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH THE SAME VIGOR THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED OUR EFFORTS OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL REMAIN ONE OF THE HIGHEST FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY, I LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY OCCASION TO SEE YOU IN PERSON AND TO RENEW OUR FRIENDSHIP.

SINCERELY YOURS,

GERALD R. FORD

END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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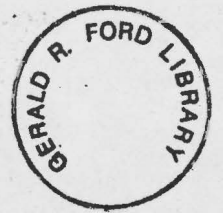
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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER
BRUZZI FROM PRESIDENT FORD: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:
YOUR WARM AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF AUGUST 9 ON MY ASSUMPTION
OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY
APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES
OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED
TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR
ALL HUMANITY, AND THAT WE WILL SEEK TO MAINTAIN AND
STRENGTHEN THE WARM TIES AND CLOSE COOPERATION THAT EXIST
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WITH MY BEST WISHES,
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE.

2. FYI. ORIGINAL MESSAGE READ QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,
ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN AND
ON MY OWN BEHALF I CONVEY TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OUR
HARVEST FELICITATIONS ON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE
OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH YOUR DEEP PERCEPTION OF GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES, YOUR VAST EXPERIENCE OF PUBLIC LIFE AND YOUR WIDE INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK, YOU WILL MOVE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WITH VIGOUR AND DETERMINATION

TOWARD THE REALISATION OF THE HIGH IDEALS WHICH HAVE INSPIRED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO RISE TO THE LOFTIEST HEIGHTS OF HUMAN ENDEAVOUR.

A RENEWED PURSUIT OF THESE IDEALS IS IMPERATIVE IF THE FOUNDATION OF A STABLE AND EQUITABLE WORLD ORDER IS TO BE WELL AND TRULY LAID. YOUR PREDECESSOR HAD TAKEN BOLD INITIATIVES IN QUEST OF WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY. I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL SUCCEED IN TAKING THE WORLD FURTHER TOWARDS THIS GREAT GOAL.

AS FRIENDS AND ALLIES THROUGH THE VICISSITUDES OF MORE THAN TWO DECADES, PAKISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE SHARED A COMMON DEDICATION TO THE PROMOTION OF PEACE WITH JUSTICE FOR ALL PEOPLES. THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN VALUE AND CHERISH THIS PARTNERSHIP. I AM CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR RESOLUTE LEADERSHIP, THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED. SINCERELY,
ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO UNQUOTE. END FYI.

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September 5, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Responses to Congratulatory Messages
from Foreign Leaders on Assumption of
Office (S/S 7414766)

Attached are the three approved standard Presidential responses
(Tab A) for acknowledging congratulatory messages. Special
tailored messages are also attached (Tab B) for the following
Heads of State/Government:

- 1 Lon Nol of Cambodia
- 41 Emperor of Japan
- 11 President Thieu of Vietnam
- 138 King and Prime Minister of Laos
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- 26 President Tolbert of Liberia
- 96 General Gowon of Nigeria
- 141 President Sadat of Egypt →150
- ~~69 President and Prime Minister of Israel~~
- 149 Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan
- 8 Shah of Iran
- 93 King Faisal of Saudi Arabia
- 112 President Asad of Syria

If the circumstances of our relations with a given country indicate
that a response should not be sent, or that the standard reply would
be inappropriate, you are requested to prepare alternate language
for clearance here and/or recommend other action.



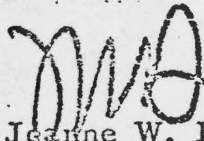
You should take no action now on the following leaders as individualized replies are still being cleared and will be forwarded separately:

Prime Minister Gandhi of India
King Hassan of Morocco (S/S 7415768 is still
under consideration)
Prime Minister Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka

At Tab C is an up-to-date listing of the congratulatory messages which have been received.

Would you also prepare suggested draft letters -- drawing from the standard texts -- for the foreign representatives in Washington who sent separate congratulatory messages to the President. Your suggested reply could also take into account any other messages which have been sent during the interim.

We would also appreciate your preparing an album for the President of all the incoming and outgoing messages.


Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary



Tailored for Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan

Your warm and thoughtful message of August 9 on my assumption of office as President of the United States is deeply appreciated. You may be assured that all the resources of the American Government will continue to be directed toward our common goal of a true and lasting peace for all mankind, and that we will seek to maintain and strengthen the warm ties and close cooperation that exists between our two countries.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,





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August 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Congratulatorys to President Ford

Attached for appropriate handling are
congratulatorys for President Ford from
the following foreign leaders:

Belgium 175	Tindemans	Prime Minister
Canada 161	Laskin	Governor General
Canada 95	Trudeau	Prime Minister
Ghana 166	Acheampong	Chairman
Indonesia 178	Hamengkubuwono	Vice President
Indonesia 156	Soeharto	President
Italy 160	Rumor	Prime Minister
Italy 177	Moro	Foreign Minister
Jamaica 179	Manley	Prime Minister
Nepal 181	Rijal	Prime Minister
Nepal 180	Birendra	King
Pakistan 149	Bhutto	Prime Minister
Sri Lanka 133	Bandaranaike	Prime Minister
Sri Lanka 184	Gopallawa	President
Turkey 154	Koruturk	President
Turkey 185	Ecevit	Prime Minister
Uganda 97	Amin	President
Zambia 186	Kaunda	President
PAKISTAN 182	CHAUDHRY	PRES

for Samuel R. Gammon
Acting Executive Secretary

Attachments:

As Stated.





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AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN

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EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 9, 1974

Excellency,

I have the honour to forward the enclosed message from my Prime Minister to His Excellency Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America, with the request that it be transmitted to the President.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

(Sahabzada Yaqub-Khan)

The Honorable
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger,
Secretary of State,
The Department of State,
Washington, D. C.



TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM MR. ZULFIKAR
ALI BHUTTO, PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN
TO HIS EXCELLENCY GERALD R. FORD,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government and people of Pakistan and on my own behalf I convey to you, Mr. President, our warmest felicitations on your assumption of the high office of President of the United States of America.

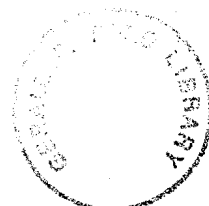
2. I am confident that with your deep perception of governmental processes, your vast experience of public life and your wide international outlook, you will move the Government of the United States with vigour and determination toward the realisation of the high ideals which have inspired the American people to rise to the loftiest heights of human endeavour.

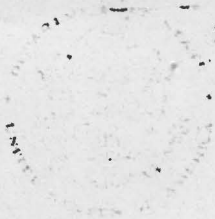
3. A renewed pursuit of these ideals is imperative if the foundation of a stable and equitable world order is to be well and truly laid. Your predecessor had taken bold initiatives in quest of world peace and stability. I am sure that you will succeed in taking the world further towards this great goal.

4. As friends and allies through the vicissitudes of more than two decades, Pakistan and the United States have shared a common dedication to the promotion of peace with justice for all peoples. The people of Pakistan value and cherish this partnership. I am confident that under your resolute leadership, the traditional friendship and close cooperation between our two countries will continue to grow and be further strengthened.

Sincerely,

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.





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FYI, THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD WAS
HANDS TO THE SECRETARY BY AMBASSADOR YAGUS DURING THEIR
MEETING AUGUST 19:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN AND
ON MY OWN BEHALF I CONVEY TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OUR
HAPPEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE
OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WITH YOUR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF BOTH
MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LIFE, YOUR VAST EXPERIENCE OF PUBLIC LIFE AND
YOUR WISE INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK, YOU WILL MOVE THE GOVERNMENT
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SINCERELY,
ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, P KISSINGER



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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

AS I TAKE UP THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I AM AS ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS WRITING TO ASSURE YOU OF MY FIRM DEDICATION TO THE POLICIES THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN FOLLOWING IN THE STRENGTHENING OF WORLD PEACE AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

THE BASIC FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES ARE SOUNDLY BASED ON THE SUPPORT OF BOTH OUR MAJOR



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POLITICAL PARTIES. THIS PRINCIPLE OF BIPARTISAN SUPPORT AND OF CONTINUITY IN FOREIGN POLICY HAS DEEP ROOTS IN THE TRADITIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND NATIONAL INTERESTS OF AMERICA,

NO PRINCIPLE WILL BE MORE CENTRAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER MY ADMINISTRATION. I WANT TO PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I AM FULLY COMMITTED TO HONORING ALL INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY AND WITH ALL OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, I BELIEVE DEEPLY THAT THE CLOSE AND SUBSTANTIVE RELATIONSHIP THAT OUR COUNTRIES HAVE ENJOYED OVER MANY YEARS HAS MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE OBJECTIVE OF WORLD PEACE THAT BOTH OUR PEOPLES SHARE SO DEEPLY. I KNOW THAT ALL AMERICANS HAVE FELT A SPECIAL REGARD FOR PAKISTAN IN ITS IMPRESSIVE EFFORTS TO BUILD A STRONGER SOCIETY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF 1971. WE HAVE ADMIRERD THE STRONG CONTRIBUTION THAT YOUR PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT HAVE MADE IN BUILDING A NEW STRUCTURE OF PEACE IN SOUTH ASIA.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT MY GOVERNMENT, WITH THE FULL PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO SUPPORT PAKISTAN IN THESE EFFORTS THAT CAN MEAN SO MUCH FOR THE PEACEFUL AND MORE PROSPEROUS WORLD WE ALL SEEK.

SINCERELY YOURS,

GERALD R. FORD

END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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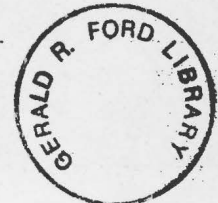
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MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD ON HIS ASSUMPTION OF
OFFICE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
TO PRESIDENT PERON. QUOTE HER EXCELLENCY, MARIA ESTELA
MARTINEZ DE PERON, PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE NATION,
BUENOS AIRES. DEAR MADAME PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMIT-
MENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERA-
TION AND TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI TEXT OF PRESIDENT PERON'S MESSAGE OF AUGUST 6,
1974 TO PRESIDENT FORD IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE EXCELENTISIMO
SEÑOR PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA, GERALD
R. FORD, WASHINGTON, DC. ASUMIR VUESTRA EXCELENCIA LA
PRIMERA MAGISTRATURA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA, ME ES
GRATO ENVIAROS. EN NOMBRE DEL PUEBLO Y GOBIERNO ARGENTINO, SEP 17 1974
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LAS MAS SINCERAS FELICITACIONES. AL FORMULAR LOS MEJORES VOTOS POR EL EXITO DE LA GESTION DE VUESTRA EXCELENCIA, LE SEÑALO MI CONFIANZA EN QUE EL DIALOGO ESTABLADO ENTRE NUESTROS DOS PAISES CONTINUE CON LA FLUIDEZ E INTENSIDAD

NECESARIAS Y EXPRESO LA ESPERANZA DE LA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA, EN EL DESARROLLO DE UNA RELACION HEMISFERICA DINAMICA Y POSITIVA. MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON, PRESIDENTE DE LA NACION ARGENTINA. URGENTE.

3. NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE REPLY, BUT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY THE GOA. KISSINGER

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October 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to President Ford from President Peron

President Peron of Argentina has responded to President Ford's letter on the occasion of his assumption of office. The original correspondence and a courtesy translation are forwarded for your files. No reply is necessary.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George S. Springsteen".

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Original letter from President Peron.
2. Translation.



Presidente de la Nación Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 4 de septiembre de 1974

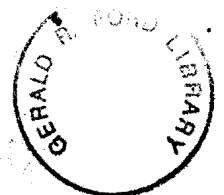
SEÑOR PRESIDENTE:

El Embajador Hill me ha hecho llegar su mensaje con motivo de asumir la Presidencia de los Estados Unidos de América.

Con verdadera complacencia mi Gobierno y mi Pueblo toman nota de vuestro propósito de afianzar y desarrollar las relaciones entre los Estados Unidos y la República Argentina y a mi vez deseo asegurar a Vuestra Excelencia que ellos no escatimarán esfuerzos para que esa relación continúe sobre la base del mutuo respeto a las propias individualidades y se fortalezca en realidades que manifiesten, fehacientemente, su profundidad y sinceridad.

En la especial coyuntura por la que atraviesan las relaciones interamericanas, la decisión del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de América de no modificar su políti -

AL SEÑOR PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA,
D. GERALD FORD
WASHINGTON



Presidente de la Nación Argentina

ca exterior, permite mantener viva la esperanza de un nuevo diálogo en este hemisferio, tal como lo expresaran nuestros Cancilleres en las reuniones de Tlatelolco y Washington.

Por ello mi Gobierno cree y hará los mayores esfuerzos para que la reunión que se realice en Buenos Aires en marzo de 1975, dé firmes bases para el establecimiento de relaciones fructíferas en el Continente.

Atentamente,

M. C. de Perón



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Spanish

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, September 4, 1974

Mr. President:

Ambassador Hill has transmitted to me the message you sent me upon taking office as President of the United States of America.

It is with true satisfaction that my Government and my people take note of your determination to strengthen and develop the relations between the United States and the Argentine Republic and I, in turn, wish to assure Your Excellency that they will spare no effort to the end that this relationship may continue on the basis of mutual respect for each other's personal considerations and may be strengthened as events bear witness to its depth and sincerity.

In the special situation that inter-American relations are now experiencing, the decision of the Government of the United States of America not to alter its foreign policy raises great hope for a new dialogue in this hemisphere, as our Foreign Ministers expressed it in the Tlatelolco and Washington meetings.

Therefore, my Government believes that the meeting to be held at Buenos Aires in March 1975 may lay firm bases for the establishment of fruitful relations in the hemisphere, and it will exert its greatest efforts

Mr. Gerald Ford,
President of the United States of America,
Washington.



to that end.

Sincerely yours,

[s] M. E. de Perón



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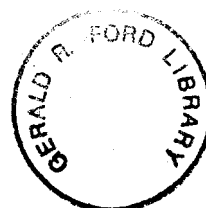
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PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT PERON. IF RECIPIENT NOT
AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MADAME PRESIDENT:

AS I ASSUME MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, MY THOUGHTS
TURN ESPECIALLY TO THE WORLD AND HEMISPHERIC SITUATION AND
TO THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE
UNITED STATES. ON THIS MY FIRST DAY AS PRESIDENT, I WANT
TO ASSURE YOU PERSONALLY THAT I WILL DO ALL THAT IS
WITHIN MY POWER TO CONTINUE AND DEVELOP THIS RELATIONSHIP.

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES, AS YOU KNOW,
HAS COUNTED WITH OVERWHELMING BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR MANY



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YEARS. IT HAS BEEN REFLECTED AGAIN IN THE STRONG
BIPARTISANSHIP WHICH HAS ACCOMPANIED MY ASSUMPTION OF
THESE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES.

CENTRAL TO THE CONTINUATION OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY IS
THE PLEDGE THAT UNDER MY LEADERSHIP THE UNITED STATES WILL
HONOR ALL ITS COMMITMENTS TO ARGENTINA AND ALL THE
COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. UNDERSCORING THIS PLEDGE, I HAVE
ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO REMAIN IN HIS POST
AND HE HAS AGREED TO DO SO. I CONSIDER MYSELF FORTUNATE
INDEED TO BE ABLE TO COUNT ON HIS SERVICES.

I LOOK FORWARD, MADAME PRESIDENT, TO COOPERATING
CLOSELY WITH YOU ON MATTERS AFFECTING OUR TWO COUNTRIES,
THE WELFARE OF OUR HEMISPHERE AND THE GREAT CAUSE OF WORLD
PEACE AND PROGRESS TO WHICH WE ARE BOTH DEDICATED.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD END TEXT KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

1. REQUEST THAT YOU RELAY THE MESSAGE IN PARA 2 TO HIS EXCELLENCY, NGUYEN VAN THIEU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

2. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I FULLY SHARE YOUR DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT MY ADMINISTRATION WILL REMAIN STEADFAST AND STRONG IN ITS SUPPORT OF VIETNAM AND IN THE PURSUIT OF OUR COMMON GOAL OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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WITH BEST WISHES.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD END TEXT.

3. NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE REPLY, BUT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY THE RECIPIENT.

4. FYI, ORIGINAL MESSAGE READ:

QUOTE:

HIS EXCELLENCY GERALD FORD

UPON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR MISSION STOP I LOOK FORWARD TO THE STRENGTHENING OF BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES SO THAT A JUST PEACE CAN BE RESTORED IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THUS JUSTIFYING THE COMMON SACRIFICES OUR TWO PEOPLES HAVE MADE STOP PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION STOP

SIGNED NGUYEN VAN THIEU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM UNQUOTE. KISSINGER



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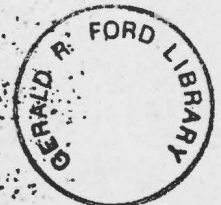
Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Responses to Congratulatory Messages
from Foreign Leaders on Assumption of
Office (S/S 7414766)

Attached are the three approved standard Presidential responses
(Tab A) for acknowledging congratulatory messages. Special
tailored messages are also attached (Tab B) for the following
Heads of State/Government:

- 1 Lon Nol of Cambodia
- 41 Emperor of Japan
- 11 President Thieu of Vietnam
- 138 King and Prime Minister of Laos
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- 26 President Tolbert of Liberia
- 96 General Gowon of Nigeria
- 141 President Sadat of Egypt →150
- ~~69 President and Prime Minister of Israel~~
- 149 Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan
- 8 Shah of Iran
- 93 King Faisal of Saudi Arabia
- 112 President Asad of Syria

If the circumstances of our relations with a given country indicate
that a response should not be sent, or that the standard reply would
be inappropriate, you are requested to prepare alternate language
for clearance here and/or recommend other action.



You should take no action now on the following leaders as individualized replies are still being cleared and will be forwarded separately:

Prime Minister Gandhi of India
King Hassan of Morocco (S/S 7415768 is still
under consideration)
Prime Minister Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka

At Tab C is an up-to-date listing of the congratulatory messages which have been received.

Would you also prepare suggested draft letters -- drawing from the standard texts -- for the foreign representatives in Washington who sent separate congratulatory messages to the President. Your suggested reply could also take into account any other messages which have been sent during the interim.

We would also appreciate your preparing an album for the President of all the incoming and outgoing messages.



Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary



Proposed Reply to President Nguyen Van Thieu of the Republic of Vietnam

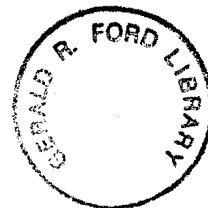
"Dear Mr. President:

I am deeply grateful for your warm congratulations on my assumption of office as President of the United States. I fully share your desire to strengthen further the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Republic of Vietnam. You may be assured that my Administration will remain steadfast and strong in its support of Vietnam and in the pursuit of our common goal of a just and lasting peace in Southeast Asia.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford"





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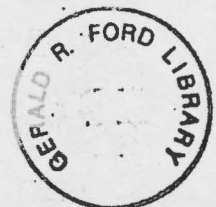
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

1. THE PALACE HAS ASKED US TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO PRESIDENT GERALD FORD:

OTF: UPON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR MISSION. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE STRENGTHENING OF BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES SO THAT A JUST PEACE CAN BE RESTORED IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THUS JUSTIFYING THE COMMON SACRIFICES OUR TWO PEOPLES HAVE MADE. PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

SIGNED NGUYEN VAN THIEU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, SAIGON, AUGUST 10, 1974 UNQTE.
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*Embassy of Viet Nam
Washington, D. C.*

Washington, D.C., August 10, 1974

His Excellency Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
The White House.

My dear Mr. President,

I have the honor to transmit to you the following message,
just received by our own communication system, from President
Nguyen Van Thieu :

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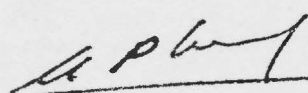
HIS EXCELLENCY GERALD FORD

UPON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE
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THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION STOP

SIGNED NGUYEN VAN THIEU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
UNQUOTE.

~~I would like to take advantage of the opportunity to present
to you my own congratulations and best wishes. May your leadership
bring happiness and prosperity to this great country.~~

Sincerely yours,


Tran Kim Phuong
Ambassador of Vietnam



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1. THE ASSISTANT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AUGUST 22 PASSED US FOR OUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT THIEU TO PRESIDENT FORD WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED IN WASHINGTON BY AMBASSADOR PHUONG.

2. BEGIN TEXT: SAIGON, AUGUST 21, 1974. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

3. I AM PLEASED TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 10, 1974 AND TO RENEW MY WISHES FOR THE FULL SUCCESS OF YOUR MISSION, WHICH IS MOST IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO AMERICA BUT ALSO TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

4. AS YOUR EXCELLENCY SO APTLY PUT IT, WE HAVE TRAVELED A LONG AND HARD ROAD TOGETHER DURING THE PAST TWENTY FIVE YEARS. DURING THIS HISTORIC JOURNEY, MANY FINE YOUNG MEN OF BOTH NATIONS HAD GIVEN THEIR LIVES AND WE SHALL SEE TO IT THAT THEIR SUPREME SACRIFICE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE IN VAIN. THIS MEANS THAT A GENUINE PEACE MUST BE SECURED AND THAT THE SACRED RIGHT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO SELF DETERMINATION MUST BE PRESERVED.

5. IN THAT NOBLE ENDEAVOUR, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS DONE ITS UTMOST TO RESPECT AND IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE ONLY OBSTACLE TO PEACE AND TO A POLITICAL SOLUTION OF THE VIET-NAM PROBLEM RESIDES IN THE STUBBORN AND BELLICOSE ATTITUDE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WHO DO NOT RENOUNCE TO THEIR SCHEME OF FORCIBLE CONQUEST OF SOUTH VIET-NAM YET. TO OVERCOME THAT OBSTACLE, WE MUST SHOW THE COMMUNIST SIDE THAT THERE IS NO HOPE FOR THEM EITHER TO BREAK

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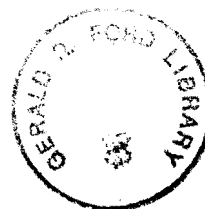
THE WILL OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE OR TO UNDERMINE THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. FOR THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

6. YOUR ASSURANCES ABOUT THE CONTINUITY OF AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS VIET-NAM AND ABOUT THE ADEQUATE AMOUNT OF MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID THAT WE COULD GET IN THE END ARE MOST HELPFUL IN THAT RESPECT. I STRONGLY HOPE THAT FUTURE ACTIONS BY THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL FURTHER CONVINCE THE COMMUNIST SIDE OF OUR COMMON DETERMINATION AND STEADFASTNESS OF PURPOSE, THUS BRINGING PEACE THAT MUCH NEARER. SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) THIEU. END TEXT.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS I ASSUME THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ONE OF MY FIRST THOUGHTS CONCERNS THE SAVAGE ATTACKS YOUR ARMED FORCES ARE NOW SUCCESSFULLY RESISTING WITH SUCH COURAGE AND BRAVERY. I DO NOT THINK I REALLY NEED TO INFORM YOU THAT AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY HAS ALWAYS BEEN MARKED BY ITS ESSENTIAL CONTINUITY AND ITS ESSENTIAL BIPARTISAN NATURE. THIS IS EVEN MORE TRUE TODAY AND THE EXISTING COMMITMENTS THIS NATION HAS MADE IN THE PAST ARE STILL VALID AND WILL BE FULLY HONORED IN MY ADMINISTRATION.

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OF VIETNAM. WE HAVE TRAVELED A LONG AND HARD ROAD TOGETHER. I HAVE LISTENED TO AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S REPORT ON THE REMARKABLE PROGRESS THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS MADE UNDER YOUR

LEADERSHIP. IN THE PERIOD SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS, I HAVE BEEN HEARTENED BY HIS REPORT OF YOUR PERSONAL DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE THE IMPROVEMENT OF YOUR GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES TO INSURE THAT OUR AID, AND THE INCREASING AID WE CONFIDENTLY EXPECT FROM OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES, CAN BE RAPIDLY AND EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED TO BRING THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ECONOMY TO A SELF-SUSTAINING LEVEL IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. AS THE PROFESSIONAL EFFICIENCY, THE HIGH MORALE, AND THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BECOME INCREASINGLY EVIDENT TO THE LEADERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN HANOI, IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT THEY WILL AGREE TO RETURN TO PARTICIPATION IN THE MECHANISMS SET UP BY THE PARIS AGREEMENTS AND BEGIN TO SERIOUSLY WORK OUT WITH YOU MODALITIES FOR THE FULL AND COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS WHICH I KNOW IS YOUR DESIRE.

I KNOW YOU MUST BE CONCERNED BY THE INITIAL STEPS TAKEN BY THE CONGRESS ON THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FOR BOTH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. OUR LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IS A COMPLICATED ONE AND IT IS NOT YET COMPLETED. ALTHOUGH IT MAY TAKE A LITTLE TIME I DO WANT TO REASSURE YOU OF MY CONFIDENCE THAT IN THE END OUR SUPPORT WILL BE ADEQUATE ON BOTH COUNTS.

IN THESE IMPORTANT ENDEAVORS I SHALL LOOK TO DR. KISSINGER, WHOM I HAVE ASKED TO REMAIN AS SECRETARY OF STATE, FOR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT. HE HAS MY FULLEST CONFIDENCE, AS DOES AMBASSADOR MARTIN.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD END TEXT KISSINGER

