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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 1, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: President's Album

Attached for the President's album in connection with his assumption of office are the incoming and outgoing messages with Portuguese President Antonio de Spinola.

Paul E. Barbra
for George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

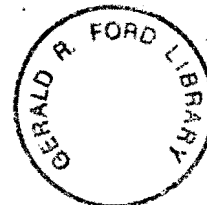
Attachments:

1. Letter from President Ford to Spinola
2. Letter from President Spinola to President Ford
3. Telegram from Spinola to President Ford

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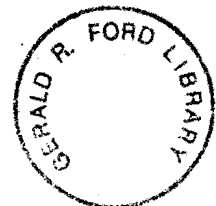


Dear Mr. President:

As you did a few short months ago, I now take up the burdens of the Presidency of my country under difficult circumstances. For that reason, you, perhaps more than most, will understand my desire to promptly assure you that my administration will remain steadfast in its commitments and will continue to support our mutual efforts to invigorate the NATO Alliance and with that our mutual relationship within the Atlantic Community. I want to emphasize that continuity will be the hallmark of my government in following the policies initiated and pursued by my predecessor, President Nixon. To insure this continuity I have asked Dr. Kissinger to stay on as Secretary of State. He enjoys my full support and confidence. Because of my many years of experience in the Congress of the United States, I can state with confidence that the policies of the United States will continue to enjoy a broad measure of bipartisan support.

Though I take office saddened by the sudden departure of Richard M. Nixon, whose accomplishments in the pursuit of peace history will surely record, I am heartened by the strength of this great democracy I have the good fortune to serve. The fabric of our society is intact, perhaps even strengthened in the knowledge that we can face crises with equanimity.

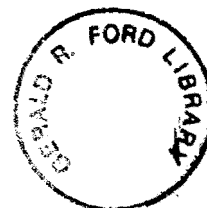
I have followed the progress of events in Portugal since you took office with great interest. I wish you well in your efforts to build a foundation upon which a solid structure can serve the people of Portugal in the years ahead.



I face the future with the conviction that strength and peace are the fruits of cooperative relations between states. Our closeness as nations must continue to serve the peoples of both our nations in the future.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



Mr. President:

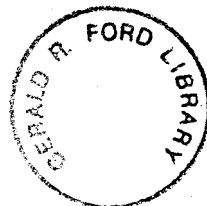
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I should like now to recall the atmosphere of cordiality, mutual comprehension, and total understanding that characterized the meeting with President Nixon in the Azores, in the course of which I had the chance to reaffirm the intention of the Portuguese Government to establish sincere cooperation with all the countries of the world and to collaborate closely with friendly and allied countries, among which the United States of America occupies a position of special prominence; I join Your Excellency in thinking that in this manner the free world will be able to attain the ultimate objective of a policy of peace and friendship among peoples.

I renew to Your Excellency my congratulations and best wishes for your success in guiding the destinies of the great American nation.

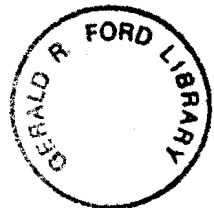
Antonio de Spinola
President of the Republic of Portugal



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

On the occasion of Your Excellency's taking
office as President of the United States of
America I would like to convey to Your
Excellency my sincere congratulations and
best wishes.

Antonio de Spinola
President of the Republic of Portugal



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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

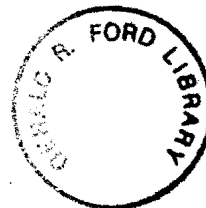
Subject: Reply to Presidential Message

Attached for appropriate handling are the original and a translation of Portuguese President Spinola's reply to President Ford's message of August 9.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

1. Reply from Portuguese President.
2. Translation.



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"Senhor Presidente: Tenho presente a amável carta que Vossa Excelência me dirigiu por ocasião da sua tomada de posse como Presidente dos Estados Unidos da América, que muito agradeço.

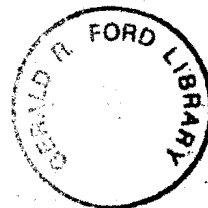
~~Os termos reconfortantes dessa mensagem vieram~~
confirmar, de forma inequívoca, que se mantém firmes os laços que unem os Estados Unidos a Portugal e os compromissos assumidos no quadro da defesa dos altos valores democráticos do mundo livre, que todos estamos empenhados em preservar, e que na hora que passa constituem o objectivo primário do Governo do meu país.



Gostaria de invocar neste momento o ambiente de cordialidade, mútua compreensão e total entendimento que caracterizou o encontro com o Presidente Richard Nixon, nos Açores, no decurso do qual tive oportunidade de reafirmar a intenção do Governo Português de estabelecer franca cooperação com todos os países do mundo e de colaborar intimamente com os países amigos e aliados entre os quais ocupa posição de especial relevância os Estados Unidos da América; tal como Vossa Excelência, penso que, desse modo, o mundo livre poderá atingir o objectivo último de uma política de paz e de fraternidade entre os povos.

Renovo a Vossa Excelência as minhas felicitações e os votos do maior exito na condução dos destinos da grande nação americana.

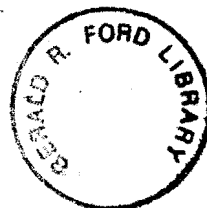
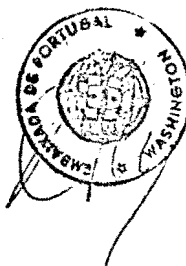
António de Spínola
Presidente da República Portuguesa"



The Embassy of Portugal avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C.

August 22, 1974



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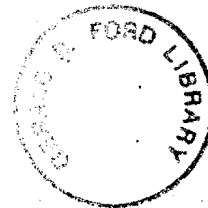


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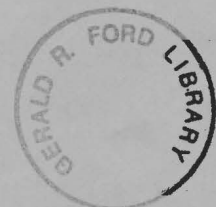
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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AS YOU DID A FEW SHORT MONTHS AGO, I NOW TAKE UP THE BURDENS OF THE PRESIDENCY OF MY COUNTRY UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. FOR THAT REASON, YOU, PERHAPS MORE THAN MOST, WILL UNDERSTAND MY DESIRE TO PROMPTLY ASSURE YOU THAT MY ADMINISTRATION WILL REMAIN STEADFAST IN ITS COMMITMENTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO INVIGORATE THE NATO ALLIANCE AND WITH THAT OUR MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT CONTINUITY WILL BE THE HALLMARK OF MY GOVERNMENT IN FOLLOWING THE POLICIES INITIATED AND PURSUED BY MY PREDECESSOR, PRESIDENT NIXON. TO INSURE THIS CONTINUITY I HAVE ASKED DR. KISSINGER TO STAY ON AS SECRETARY



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OF STATE. HE ENJOYS MY FULL SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE. BECAUSE OF MY MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, I CAN STATE WITH CONFIDENCE THAT THE POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY A BROAD MEASURE OF BIPARTISAN SUPPORT.

THOUGH I TAKE OFFICE SADDENED BY THE SUDDEN DEPARTURE OF RICHARD M. NIXON, WHOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE HISTORY WILL SURELY RECORD, I AM HEARTENED BY THE STRENGTH OF THIS GREAT DEMOCRACY I HAVE THE GOOD FORTUNE TO SERVE. THE FABRIC OF OUR SOCIETY IS INTACT, PERHAPS EVEN STRENGTHENED IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE CAN FACE CRISES WITH EQUANIMITY.

I HAVE FOLLOWED THE PROGRESS OF EVENTS IN PORTUGAL SINCE YOU TOOK OFFICE WITH GREAT INTEREST. I WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR EFFORTS TO BUILD A FOUNDATION UPON WHICH A SOLID STRUCTURE CAN SERVE THE PEOPLE OF PORTUGAL IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

I FACE THE FUTURE WITH THE CONVICTION THAT STRENGTH AND PEACE ARE THE FRUITS OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES. OUR CLOSENESS AS NATIONS MUST CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PEOPLES OF BOTH OUR NATIONS IN THE FUTURE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.
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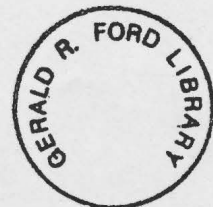
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TAGS: PFDR, NO, US
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO KING HASSAN'S LETTER OF
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PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO
KING HASSAN: QUOTE YOUR MAJESTY: YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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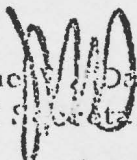
SUBJECT: Presidential Message to King Hassan of
Morocco (S/S 7415768)

The recommendation that President Ford reply to King Hassan's message to President Nixon as well as his congratulatory message to President Ford has been disapproved.

The following is the authorized reply to King Hassan's August congratulatory message to President Ford for dispatch:

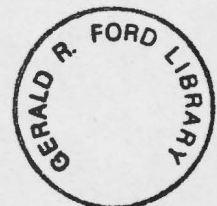
"Your Majesty:

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Gerald R. Ford"


Jeannette Davis
Staff Secretary

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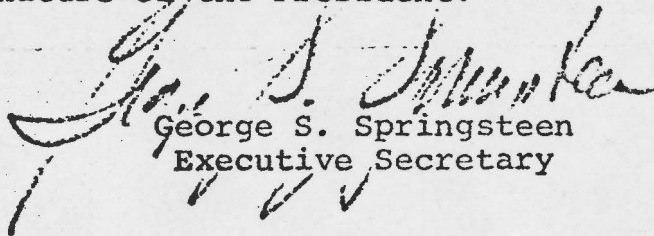
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CONFIDENTIALRESPONSE TO
AUG. 9MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letters from King Hassan of
Morocco to President Nixon
and President Ford

Attached are a letter from King Hassan of Morocco to President Nixon, delivered by Foreign Minister Ahmed Laraki on the occasion of a demarche to the Deputy Secretary concerning the Spanish Sahara, and a message of congratulations from King Hassan to President Ford, transmitted in English to the Moroccan Embassy and delivered by the Moroccan Charge d'Affaires.

It would be desirable for President Ford to reply to both messages, since the letter to President Nixon, delivered during the closing days of his administration, was substantive rather than personal in nature. We are, therefore, attaching a suggested reply for the signature of the President.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

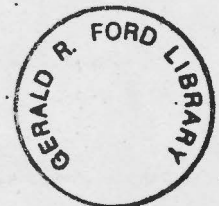
Attachments:

1. Letter to President Nixon delivered on August 6, 1974, in Arabic with English translation.
2. Letter to President Ford, delivered on August 13, 1974.
3. Suggested reply to King Hassan.

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من الحسن الثاني ملك المملكة المغربية
إلى صاحب الفخامة السيد ريشارد نيكسون
رئيس جمهورية الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية

سيدي الرئيس

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته ،

وبعد ، فنظراً للعلاقات الودية التي تربط المملكة المغربية بجمهورية
الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية ، رأينا من واجبنا أن نوجه إلى فخامتكم مبعوثاً خاصاً
ننا ، في شخص الدكتور أحمد العراقي وزير دولتنا المكلف بالشؤون الخارجية الذي
أنطنا به مهمة سامية إذ أمرناه أن يشرح لكم موقفنا من قضية الأراضي المغربية
التي لا تزال خاضعة للحكم الاستعماري . وما ذلكم الموقف إلا امتداد للكفاح
الذي دشناه والدنا المخفور له محمد الخامس ، تحفه الله برحمته ، والذي ما فتىء
شعبنا ينحوضه تحت قيادتنا ، من أجل استرجاع سيادتنا الوطنية كاملة غير منقوض
وما سياسة الوفاق التي نهجناها تجاه الدولة المستعمر لأراضيها ،
وهي إسبانيا ، وما عملنا الدائب المتواصل الرامي إلى اقناعها ، وانتظارنا المدة
ثمانية عشرة سنة خلت ، إلا دليل على تمسكنا بمبادئ ميثاق الأمم المتحدة
وعلى أننا نريد المساهمة في المحافظة على السلام في المعمور . غير أننا وشعبنا ،
بعد ما يقرب من عشرين سنة مرت على الاستقلال الفعلي لجزء من وطننا ،
أصبحنا نقدر ما يمدق من أخطار بوحدة ترابنا وأن موقف الانتظار لا يقابله



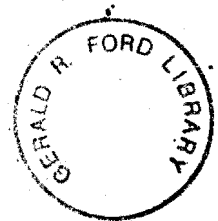
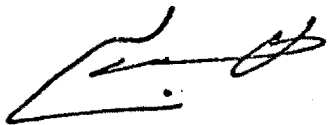
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والاقتصادي والعسكري على أراضينا الصحراوية المقتصبة .

ولذا أجمع شعبنا ، على إيجاد الوسائل المناسبة قصد استرجاع أقاليمنا
الخاضعة للسيطرة الأجنبية ، في أقرب أجل ، فتكون بذلك قد أنصفنا وعايانا
القاطنين في تلك الأقاليم .

ولا يخالجننا شك في أن حبكم للحرية والسلام ودرابتم النيرة بالشؤون
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إلى تسوية قضية يكاد الاستعمار في تشبهه بعناده وتخلقه عن الركب الانساني .
أن يضحّم أبعادها .

وتفضلوا فخامة الرئيس ، بقبول أسمى عبارات الصداقة والتقدير ، والسلام
حرب الرباط في 27 جمادى الثانية عام 1394 ، الموافق 18 يوليو سنة 1974 .

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Mr. President,

On the occasion of the accession of your excellency to the presidency of the United States of America, it is agreeable for us to extend to you our warmest congratulations and sincere wishes for your full success in your high mission.

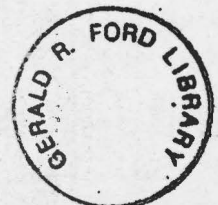
As we know perfectly your sincere and far-sighted patriotism as well as your practical-mindedness and integrity which have always characterized your political career, we are convinced that under your administration the United States and their great people will live an era of a still greater prosperity.

We do not doubt that your country will fully keep, whatever the difficulties it may encounter, its historical commitments by assuming its own responsibilities for the maintenance and consolidation of peace and security in the world.

Therefore we welcome with a particular satisfaction the assurances that you gave in your 9th of August 1974 message on the continuance of american foreign policy for a real relaxation of international tension and a pursuit of the efforts made by the United States and their Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger with a view to establishing in the Middle-East a just and durable peace based on the evacuation of territories occupied by force and to restoring the Palestinian people to their legitimate rights.

On our part, faithful to our country's secular traditions and its policy which it has assigned to itself since its accession to independence, we remain firmly attached to the ideals of freedom and justice and determined to work, with all that is in our power, for the establishment of international order that may guarantee to peoples the achievement of their aspiration to progress and dignity.

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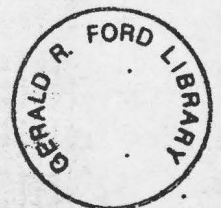
We place, in this area, great hopes for the continuance of a frank and open dialogue between nations and their leaders and we are firmly resolved to actively participate in this work for peace and progress with friendly countries, among which the United States and their President occupy and will still continue to occupy a privileged place. We know that we can count on your personal action to support the national aspirations of our country and help in the achievement of its socio-economic objectives.

Indeed, as we are legitimately proud of the friendly and confident links which have always existed between the sovereigns of the Alawite Dynasty and the American Presidents since the United States independence. We look forward to the fruitful and cordial relations that we shall have the opportunity to maintain with your excellency and we are convinced that they will contribute to keep and strengthen mutual esteem and cooperation, which happily characterize the relations between our two countries.

Would you please, Mr. President, accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

HASSAN II
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HIS EXCELLENCY MR. GERALD FORD
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
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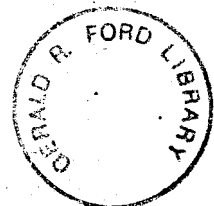


Your Majesty:

Let me express appreciation for the full exposition of the Moroccan position on the Sahara issue, as provided in your letter to my predecessor and as detailed by your Foreign Minister upon its delivery. The meetings which Foreign Minister Laraki had with Secretary Kissinger and Deputy Secretary Ingersoll were most useful.

The United States values its friendly relations with both Morocco and Spain. We are very encouraged that there appears to be an active dialogue between representatives of the two governments. Following the visit to Washington of Foreign Minister Laraki and his request that we make diplomatic representations to the Government of Spain, we had occasion to speak with Spanish representatives about the Sahara issue and to make known our hope that the interested parties will reach an amicable settlement of the dispute. We believe that the Government of Spain is sincere in trying to keep open the channels for discussions with Your Majesty's Government. We consider that the visit to Madrid of your Prime Minister and your Foreign Minister and their high level

His Majesty
Hassan II
Rabat, Morocco

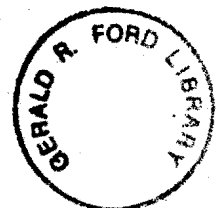


reception was a promising development.

I wish to add my personal thanks for your thoughtful message of congratulations on my assumption of Presidential duties. I am very aware of the long tradition of friendship between our two nations, dating back to my country's first Treaty of Peace and Friendship signed with Morocco in 1787. It is my intention to continue this tradition and to seek the same kind of personal dialogue which President Nixon enjoyed with Your Majesty. With the assistance of Secretary Kissinger, I will pursue President Nixon's objectives of close and fruitful cooperation between the United States and Morocco. I pledge, as well, to continue the efforts to build a structure of peace that will include the Middle East, efforts which I know you also support.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



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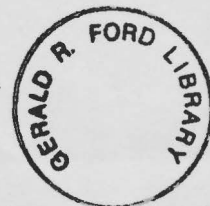
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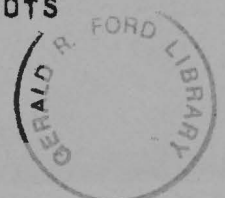
YOUR MAJESTY:

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 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 MY STRONG COMMITMENT TO PURSUE OUR DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY LOOKING TOWARD A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH THE SAME VIGOR THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED OUR EFFORTS OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS. THIS EFFORT WILL PROCEED WITH THE FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL REMAIN ONE OF THE HIGHEST FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

FINALLY, YOUR MAJESTY'S COUNSEL AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP ARE HIGHLY VALUED HERE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO ENJOYING YOUR MAJESTY'S FRIENDSHIP. THE UNITED STATES IS PROUD NOT ONLY TO COUNT MOROCCO AMONG ITS TRADITIONAL FRIENDS BUT TO KNOW THAT YOUR MAJESTY IS ONE OF OUR ACTIVE PARTNERS IN WORKING TOWARD THE GOALS OF PEACE AND PROGRESS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

GERALD R. FORD

END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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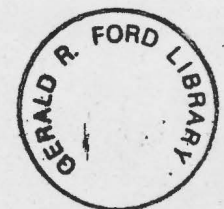
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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER THORN FROM PRESIDENT FORD: QTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED 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. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQTE.

2. FYI: PRIME MINISTER SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT: QTE ALLOW ME TO PRESENT TO YOU, IN THE NAME OF THE LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENT AND IN MY OWN NAME, MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ASSUMING THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN YOUR COUNTRY. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU, AT THE SAME TIME, MY SINCEREST WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR ELEVATED AND DIFFICULT MISSION.



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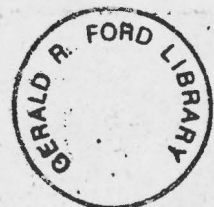
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WHICH IS OF CAPITAL IMPORTANCE FOR THE UNITED STATES, THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE WORLD, AND TO REAFFIRM TO YOU OUR WISH TO COLLABORATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. END QTE.

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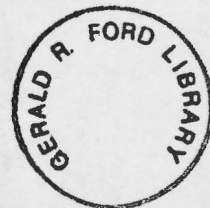
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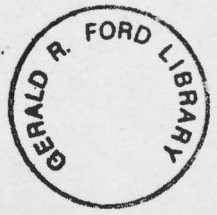
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SURJ: PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO
PRESIDENT FORD

1. ON AUGUST 13 THE GOL PROVIDED THE EMBASSY WITH A COPY OF THE TELEGRAM SENT BY PRIME MINISTER GASTON THORN TO PRESIDENT FORD ON AUGUST 10. HERE IS THE EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF THE TELEGRAM:

2. BEGIN TEXT ALLOW ME TO PRESENT TO YOU, IN THE NAME OF THE LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENT AND IN MY OWN NAME, MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ASSUMING THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN YOUR COUNTRY. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU, AT THE SAME TIME, MY SINCEREST WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR ELEVATED AND DIFFICULT MISSION, WHICH IS OF CAPITAL IMPORTANCE FOR THE UNITED STATES, THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE WORLD, AND TO REAFFIRM TO YOU OUR WISH TO COLLABORATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
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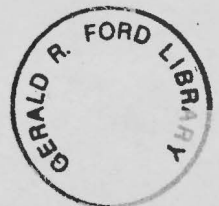
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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

AS I ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENCY, I WISH
TO REAFFIRM THAT WE REMAIN FULLY COMMITTED TO THE NORTH
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND TO OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLES
OF LUXEMBOURG. IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, OUR MUTUAL
SECURITY IS BOUND TOGETHER, AND THIS COMMITMENT HAS
BEEN THE CORNERSTONE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, WHICH
HAS FOUND CONTINUING BIPARTISAN SUPPORT.

WITH THE SAME VIGOR AS PRESIDENT NIXON, I WILL CARRY
ON THE EFFORTS TO REINVIGORATE OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS IN THE
ALLIANCE, AND TO BUILD A VIABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.



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I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO CONTINUE
IN OFFICE SO AS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE CONDUCT OF

OUR FOREIGNPOLICIES. HE HAS MY FULL CONFIDENCE AND
SUPPORT. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.
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OF CONGRATULATIONS

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MARCOS' MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON PRESIDENT FORD'S
ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY:

QUOTE 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 COMMIT-
MENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AND TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD
UNQUOTE.

2. FYI PRESIDENT MARCOS' MESSAGE DATED AUGUST 10 AND
RECEIVED IN EA/PHL ON OCTOBER 7 FOLLOWS:

QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE AND ON MY OWN, I
WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST
WISHES AS YOU ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY OF YOUR GREAT NATION.

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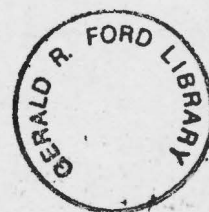
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QUOTE SEPARATELY OR JOINTLY, THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES (SIC) TO BUILD A WORLD WITHOUT WAR, POVERTY, ILLITERACY, DISEASE AND HUMAN EXPLOITATION. TO THIS WE HAVE CONSECRATED ALL OUR LABORS.

QUOTE THE UNITED STATES BEARS A LARGE SHARE OF THIS BURDEN, AND SO, AS YOU COMMIT YOUR PRESIDENCY TO THE FULL ATTAINMENT OF THIS GOAL, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FIND IN THE PHILIPPINES, A FIRM AND DEPENDABLE ALLY. PRESIDENT FERDINAND E. MARCOS. UNQUOTE.

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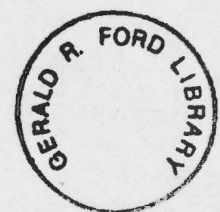
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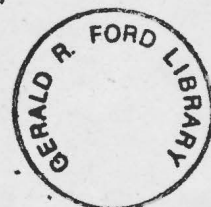


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PRESIDENT FERDINAND E MARCOS



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

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS I ASSUME THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, I AM AS ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS WRITING TO YOU TO ASSURE YOU OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH I PERSONALLY ATTACH TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO AFFIRM THAT I AM FULLY COMMITTED TO HONORING ALL THE TREATIES, AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENTURY THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ENJOYED UNCOMMON FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT. THIS RELATIONSHIP, FORTIFIED BY THE SHARED BITTER EXPERIENCES OF WAR, HAS GROWN EVEN STRONGER SINCE YOUR COUNTRY ACHIEVED ITS INDEPENDENCE. I ASSURE



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YOU THAT I AM FIRMLY DEDICATED TO THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE BONDS THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE

UNITED STATES. MY ADMINISTRATION FULLY INTENDS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT SO THAT BOTH OUR PEOPLES MAY ENJOY FREEDOM, PROSPERITY AND THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE IN THE WORLD.

IN THESE IMPORTANT ENDEAVORS, I WILL HAVE THE FIRM SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN WHOM I HAVE THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END
TEXT. KISSINGER



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1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE TO HELMUT SCHMIDT, CHANCELLOR, FRG:

BEGIN TEXT,
DEAR MR. CHANCELLOR:

YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE 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 HANKIND.

SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD
END TEXT.

2. FYI. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF SCHMIDT'S MESSAGE:

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QUOTE. PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE CHARACTERIZED BY MANIFOLD BONDS, TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL INTERESTS. I TRUST THAT THE CONFIDENT COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, WHICH IS CONSTANTLY INCREASING WILL ALSO CONTINUE UNDER YOUR PRESIDENCY. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL GO ON TO FULLY CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE POLICIES OF PEACE AND DETENTE PURSUED BY BOTH OF US.

I WISH YOU MUCH SUCCESS IN FULFILLING YOUR IMPORTANT OFFICE. UNQUOTE.

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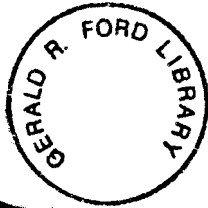
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EMBASSY
OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 9, 1974

Dear Mr. President,

in the absence of Ambassador von Staden I have the honor to transmit to you the following telegram from Chancellor Helmut Schmidt:

"Zu Ihrem Amtsantritt spreche ich Ihnen meine besten Glückwünsche aus.

Traditionelle Freundschaft, gemeinsame Interessen und vielfältige Bande kennzeichnen das Verhältnis unserer Länder zueinander. Ich bin zuversichtlich, daß sich die vertrauensvolle und beständig stärker werdende Zusammenarbeit zwischen unseren Regierungen auch unter Ihrer Präsidentschaft fortsetzen wird. Seien Sie versichert, daß die Bundesregierung auch weiterhin ihren vollen Beitrag zu der von uns gemeinsam verfolgten Friedens- und Entspannungspolitik leisten wird.

Für die Ausübung Ihres verantwortungsvollen Amtes wünsche ich Ihnen vollen Erfolg.

gez. Helmut Schmidt

Bundeskanzler

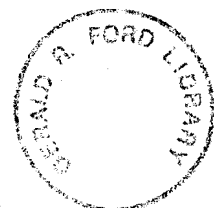
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Bundesrepublik Deutschland"

A courtesy translation reads as follows:

"Please accept my best wishes on the occasion of your assuming the Presidency of the United States.

His Excellency
Gerald Ford
The President of the United States
Washington, D.C.



The relations between our two countries are characterized by manifold bonds, traditional friendship and mutual interests.

I trust that the confident cooperation between our two governments, which is constantly increasing will also continue under your Presidency. You may be assured that the Federal Government will go on to fully contribute toward the policies of peace and détente pursued by both of us.

I wish you much success in fulfilling your important office.

sgd. Helmut Schmidt

Chancellor of the Federal

Republic of Germany"

~~Permit me, Mr. President, to extend to you my personal congratulations on your taking over of your new responsibility.~~

Hans H. Noebel

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Minister



EMBASSY
OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 20, 1974

Dear Mr. President,

in the absence of Ambassador von Staden I have the honor to transmit to you the following telegram from Chancellor Helmut Schmidt:

"Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident,

ich danke Ihnen für Ihr Schreiben vom 9.8.1974, mit dem Sie mir anlässlich Ihrer Amtsübernahme die wesentlichen Grundzüge Ihrer Außen- und Verteidigungspolitik dargelegt haben, und ebenso für Ihr persönliches Telefongespräch vom vergangenen Freitag. Ergänzend dazu habe ich mit großer Befriedigung von Ihrer Rede vor beiden Häusern des Kongresses und Ihren anderen öffentlichen Erklärungen Kenntnis genommen. Daraus entnehme ich, daß unsere beiden Regierungen in grundlegenden Fragen voll übereinstimmen. Auch die Bundesregierung betrachtet das Bündnis als Fundament ihrer Außen- und Verteidigungspolitik. Wie Sie sind wir der Auffassung, daß eine erfolgreiche Friedens- und Entspannungspolitik nur unter der Voraussetzung der vollen Verteidigungsbereitschaft des Bündnisses möglich ist. Die Bundesregierung ist bereit, dazu auch weiterhin ihren Beitrag zu leisten.

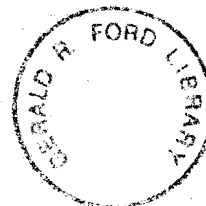
Mit besonderer Gemugtuung habe ich vermerkt, daß Sie den wirtschafts- und finanzpolitischen Fragen große Aufmerksamkeit schenken. Wie

His Excellency

Gerald Ford

The President of the United States

Washington, D.C.



Sie wissen, betrachte ich gemeinsame Fortschritte auf diesem Gebiet als unerlässlich für die Erhaltung des Wohlstandes und sozialen Friedens.

Die Bundesregierung wird sich sowohl bilateral wie im Rahmen der Neun für eine enge Zusammenarbeit mit den USA zur Bewältigung dieser gemeinsamen Probleme einsetzen. Die Fortführung der Amtsgeschäfte durch Außenminister Kissinger gibt uns dabei die Möglichkeit, an ein bewährtes persönlichest Vertrauensverhältnis anzuknüpfen.

Ich teile Ihre Hoffnung, daß sich bald - wie wir es telefonisch schon besprochen haben - die Gelegenheit zu einer persönlichen Begegnung und einem ausführlichen Meinungsaustausch ergibt.

Zu den beunruhigenden Vorgängen um Zypern lassen Sie mich Ihnen sagen, wie sehr ich zu ihrer Bereinigung und Lösung auf die friedensbewahrende Rolle der amerikanischen Regierung zähle.

Zu dem tragischen Tod Ihres Botschafters und einer Botschaftsangestellten in Nikosia, von dem ich soeben erfahre, spreche ich Ihnen mein tiefstes Bedauern aus.

Mit den besten Wünschen

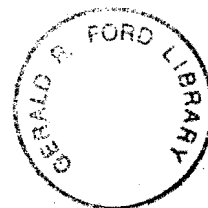
Ihr gez. Helmut Schmidt

Bundeskanzler der Bundesrepublik Deutschland"

A courtesy translation reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. President,

I thank you for your letter of August 9, 1974 in which you outlined the main characteristics of your foreign and defense policies upon taking office, as well as your telephone call last Friday. I have



also noted with much satisfaction your address before both Houses of Congress as well as your other public statements.

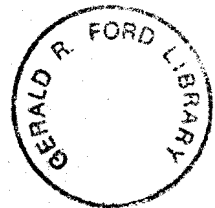
From what you say I understand that the views of our two governments fully concur on fundamental questions. The Federal Government, too, regards the Alliance as the foundation of its foreign and defense policies. We share your opinion that a successful peace and détente policy is possible only if the defense preparedness of the Alliance is fully assured. The Federal Government is willing to continue rendering its contribution towards this end.

I was particularly gratified to see that you have placed special emphasis on economic and financial problems. As you know, I consider common progress in this field to be essential for continued prosperity and social peace.

The Federal Government will both on a bilateral basis and within the framework of the Nine strongly advocate close cooperation with the United States in efforts to master these common problems. The fact that the Secretary of State Kissinger continues in office means that we shall be able to proceed on the basis of a proven relationship of mutual confidence.

I share your hope that we shall soon - as we discussed it on the telephone - have an opportunity of meeting with each other for a comprehensive exchange of views.

With regard to the disquieting events in cyprus, let me say how very much I count on the peace-preserving role of the American Government for their settlement and solution.



I wish to express my deepest sympathy over the tragic death of
your ambassador and an embassy member in Nicosia, of which I have
just been informed.

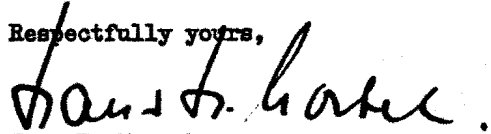
With best wishes,

yours sincerely,

sgd. Helmut Schmidt

Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany"

Respectfully yours,



Hans H. Noebel

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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. CHANCELLOR:
AS I ASSUME THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES I SHOULD LIKE TO AFFIRM TO YOU THAT FOR MY ADMINISTRATION AS FOR THAT OF PRESIDENT NIXON, THE FIRM TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE THAT JOIN OUR COUNTRIES REMAIN CENTRAL TO THIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY. NATO AND THE MANY OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND BONDS THROUGH WHICH WE ARE ASSOCIATED ARE THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH OUR COMMON SECURITY RESTS. TOGETHER WITH OUR MANY FRIENDS AND ALLIES THEY ENABLE US TO WORK FOR PEACE WITH ALL COUNTRIES AND A BETTER LIFE FOR OUR PEOPLES.

OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE LONG BASED THEIR POLICIES



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ON SHARED INTERESTS AND VALUES AND THIS WILL REMAIN THE CASE IN THE FUTURE. IN RECENT MONTHS, AS SYMBOLIZED BY THE BRUSSELS MEETING OF NATO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT,

MANY POSITIVE AND PROMISING STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ENVIGORATE THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND OUR ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP. I INTEND TO PURSUE THIS COURSE WITH VIGOR IN THE PERIOD AHEAD.

I AM CONSCIOUS OF YOUR OWN CONCERN ABOUT THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE ECONOMIC AREA, THAT ARE ON OUR JOINT AGENDA. OUR COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH THEM WILL REMAIN ESSENTIAL FOR OUR COMMON WELFARE. TO THE SAME END, WE WILL BE CONTINUING OUR CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE NINE AS WELL.

I WILL DEEPLY VALUE CONTINUED CLOSE AND FREQUENT COMMUNICATION WITH YOU AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND TALK IN PERSON.

I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE SO AS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICIES. HE HAS MY FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT
KISSINGER

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