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12:30 PM - Meeting with Sister Cities
International Oval office

(10 Minutes)

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MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Tuesday, March 25, 1975

12:30 p.m. (10 Minutes)

The Oval Office

From: Henry A. Kissinger I. PURPOSE

To commemorate the association of the 500th American city (Savannah, Georgia) with the Sister Cities program.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

A. Background: Sister Cities International is a private organization which sponsors the association of American cities with appropriate foreign communities in approximately 70 countries, primarily in the Third World. The Department of State provides the organization with grant funds. These associations foster improved relations between the U.S. and the country concerned in a number of ways; American cities often provide assistance to the less developed associate cities and the daily people-to-people contacts permit an extremely broad range of cultural, social and economic exchanges.

In January, 1975, you accepted the honorary chairmanship of Sister Cities International. In addition, there is considerable support for the organization in Congress. Today's ceremony marks the association of Savannah with Patras, Greece.

B. Participants: The principal participants are: Mayor John Rousakis, Savannah, Georgia; Louis Wozar, President, Sister Cities International; Senator Herman Talmadge; Congressman Clarence Brown and Congressman Charles Whelan, both of Ohio; Congressman Del Clawson of California; and Congressman Bo Ginn of Georgia; James Falk, and Brent Scowcroft.

[Complete list of participants is at Tab A.]

C. Press Arrangements: Meeting will be announced; photo session.

III. TALKING POINTS:

1. I am gratified for this opportunity to express my support for Sister Cities International and the countless volunteers who carry on its work. Your efforts exemplify the role non-governmental organizations can play in fostering improved international relations through people-to-people programs. Also, I am encouraged that your program is focusing increased attention on the developing areas of the world.
2. I want to congratulate you, Mayor Rousakis, on Savannah becoming the 500th American city to join Sister Cities International and to you, Mr. Wozar, and your colleagues in Sister Cities International, for your impressive achievements.
3. I am glad, Senator Talmadge, Congressmen Brown, Whelan, Clawson and Ginn, that you could join us today to lend your support to the important work of Sister Cities International.
4. I hope that the program will continue to grow and prosper in the years ahead.

Attachment

Tab A - Additional participants from Sister Cities International.

PARTICIPANTS

Mayor John Rousakis, Savannah, Georgia;

Louis Wozar, President, Sister Cities International;

Senator Herman Talmadge;

Congressman Clarence Brown and Congressman
Charles Whelan;

Congressman Del Clawson of California; and
Congressman Bo Ginn of Georgia;

Jim Falk

Brent Scowcroft

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS

Frederick Brittan, Past President, SCI
(Vice President of Standard Brands Chemical)
Dover, Delaware;

David Lisk
Board Member and Vice President, SCI
(Vice Mayor of Roanoke, Virginia);

Betty Wilson
Councilwoman, Santa Fe Springs, California
(Vice President and Board Member, SCI);

Frank Lamb
Former Mayor and current councilman
Rochester, New York;

Patrick Healy
Treasurer, SCI and Board Member

Tom Gittins
Executive Vice President, SCI

Additional Participants -- Continued

Joseph Palmer
Board Member, Former Ambassador to Nigeria
and former Assistant Secretary of State under
the Johnson Administration.

John Richardson
Assistant Secretary of State for Cultural Affairs.