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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

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August 29, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*
SUBJECT: Suggested Replies to Congratulatory Messages
from Foreign Leaders on Assumption of the
Presidency

Attached for your consideration at Tab A are three suggested replies to be used in acknowledging congratulatory messages you have received from the Heads of Government, Chiefs of State, and other foreign leaders listed at Tab C. The three different drafts will be used to ensure that no two officials of the same country receive identical messages.

There are, however, special cases in which you may wish to consider sending individual replies. Suggested texts have been prepared and are also attached for your approval (Tab B), together with the incoming messages. (All of the suggested replies have been cleared through Dave Gergen.)

Subject to your approval of the proposed texts, the responses will be sent by cable.

Recommendations:

- 1. That you approve the three suggested replies at Tab A.

Approve *MRG*

As amended _____ Disapprove _____

- 2. That you approve the individual texts attached under Tab B.



SUGGESTED REPLIES TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM
FOREIGN LEADERS

1. "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"

2. "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"

3. "Please accept my sincere appreciation for your kind message on my assumption of office as President of the United States. May I express the hope for, and my commitment to, continued cooperation between our two peoples.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford"

