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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

around  
10-18-74

From the President:

To:

Bill Tamm

Date:

Time

a.m.

p.m.

2 called Sen. Mansfield  
& told him 2 approved Trip  
& summarized proposal etc.  
2 told Sec. Kinnear &  
Sen. Everett of my  
approval.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON  
October 17, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons *BT*  
SUBJECT: Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont)

Attached is a private letter to you from the Majority Leader. He gave it today to Tom Korologos with the promise he would personally deliver it to you.

Mansfield indicated he would call you tonight to discuss the letter.

If Mike does call, you might want to thank him for his efforts on the Turkish aid cut-off.

Gen. Scowcroft recommends you offer to be helpful along the lines recommended by Mansfield's draft letter, but that you do not commit specifically to the language he recommends.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 16, 1962

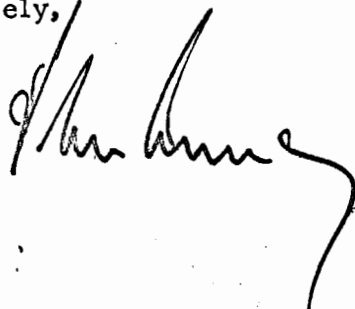
Dear Mike:

As you know, the Administration keeps our foreign relations under continuous review in an effort to insure the highest degree of effectiveness of our foreign policies and the efficiency of expenditures related to their administration. While we have a constant flow of information through Executive Branch channels, it is useful to have a review of these matters through Congressional eyes from time to time.

Might I prevail upon you, therefore, to undertake to visit selected areas of major significance to United States policy, prior to the next Congress. I had in mind, particularly, Berlin and Viet Nam and other nations in the Southeast Asian region. It would be most helpful if you were to travel in the company of several Members of the Senate from both parties and provide me with such observations on these situations and our policies and overseas administration as you and your colleagues would care to make.

I know that it has been a taxing session for you and other Members of the Senate. Nevertheless, if you see your way clear to comply with this request, please feel free to proceed at your leisure during the coming weeks. I should be happy to have the Departments of State and Defense assist in every appropriate way in facilitating a Senate study of this kind.

Sincerely,



Honorable Mike Mansfield  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1965

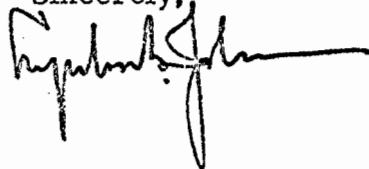
Dear Mike:

It would be helpful to have the first hand observations of yourself and some of your Senate colleagues on the situation in various areas abroad. I have in mind, in particular, the state of our relations with nations in Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, and VietNam, and such other areas as in your discretion you might see fit to include.

I anticipate that this mission would result in reports by yourself and your colleagues which would provide useful supplements to the flow of information which comes through the regular channels of the Executive Branch. Moreover, the mission would provide an excellent opportunity to emphasize abroad the unity of the United States Government in the pursuit of an equitable peace in VietNam and stable and mutually satisfying relations with all nations similarly inclined.

I know your burdens have been heavy during the first session of the 89th Congress. Nevertheless, I do hope you will see your way clear to undertake this mission and I assure you of the full cooperation and assistance of the Executive Branch in carrying out its purpose.

Sincerely,



The Honorable  
Mike Mansfield  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dear Mike:

(Received by hand Aug. 9, 1969)

I am delighted that you will be able to find the time to carry out a visit to Southeast Asia, and particularly that you will be visiting Burma and Cambodia, which I could not include in my recent visit to East Asia.

May I ask your assistance during the trip? I have of course a regular flow of information through the Executive Branch, but I believe that your combination of knowledge of Southeast Asia and Congressional experience particularly fits you to look with a fresh eye on the policy issues which we face in the area. I should much appreciate it if you would consider the problems and opportunities for American policy in that most sensitive area, and let me have your frank and private evaluation of our performance there, upon your return.

The Departments of State and Defense will assist you in every appropriate way.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Sincerely,



Honorable Mike Mansfield  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.



MIKE MANSFIELD  
MONTANA

United States Senate  
Office of the Majority Leader  
Washington, D.C. 20510

October 17, 1974

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

In pursuit of the policy of normalization of Sino-U. S. relations, former President Nixon and I discussed on several occasions in the past, the desirability of my undertaking a second visit to the People's Republic of China. For their part, Chinese officials have been amenable to the proposal from the outset, although the problem of timing has presented difficulties until recently. The Chinese have now issued, through their Liaison Office in this city, a formal invitation to me to undertake a three-week visit to Peking and several other cities during the month of December.

When the matter was under consideration with former President Nixon, he and I discussed an exchange of letters which would establish the official basis for the mission. This procedure was in line with what had been followed in earlier missions to Asia which I had undertaken on behalf of President Kennedy and President Johnson, as well as President Nixon. Copies of these letters are enclosed.

In the event that you see fit to continue this practice, I am enclosing, most respectfully, a draft letter which I hope you would consider sending to me. It establishes, I believe, reasonable dimensions for the mission and a relationship between us in terms of the separate Branches.

With best wishes and warm regards, I am

Most respectfully,



Enclosures



United States Senate  
Office of the Majority Leader  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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*Mike Mansfield*  
U. S. S.



The President

The White House

Washington, D. C.



SUGGESTED DRAFT OF LETTER  
FROM THE PRESIDENT TO SENATOR MANSFIELD

Honorable Mike Mansfield  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mike:

One of the key elements in our current foreign policy is the normalization of relations with the People's Republic of China. In the light of developments both within our country and in the world, it seems to me that it would be most helpful to the pursuit of that policy if you would undertake a mission to China in the near future.

As Senate Majority Leader and as a Democrat, your presence in China would underscore the bi-partisan nature of the policy of normalization and emphasize its continuity. Moreover, in view of your extensive experience with the affairs of the Western Pacific, it would be helpful to me to have your assessment of the current status of the Sino-U. S. rapprochement and the relationship of normalization to the general situation in the Far East.

It seems to me, too, that further familiarization on your part with internal developments in China would be of great value in the consideration of any and all questions of Sino-U. S. relations which may come before the Senate.

In the event you undertake this visit, the Executive Branch will assist you in every possible way.

(G. F.)



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 18, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS  
FROM: JERRY H. JONES *JHJ*  
SUBJECT: Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont)

Your memorandum to the President of October 17 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notation was made:

-- I called Sen. Mansfield and told him I approved trip and summarized proposed letter. I told Sec. Kissinger and Gen. Scowcroft of my approval.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld  
Brent Scowcroft

