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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
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INFORMATION
December 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *[Handwritten initials]*

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SUBJECT: Pope Paul's Message for 1975 "Day of Peace"

The Apostolic Delegate to the United States has forwarded the text of Pope Paul's message, "Reconciliation -- The Way to Peace," commemorating the Church's "Day of Peace" which will be celebrated on January 1, 1975 (Tab A).

The central points of the message are as follows:

-- The history of mankind, through a sort of evolutionary process, is moving toward peace, toward unity. Paradoxically, however, there are forces at work that seek to divide men -- nationalism; poverty and hunger; the unchecked spread of destructive weapons.

-- Peace is "made" through a conscious effort on the part of mankind.

-- Men must be "unceasingly educated in the discipline of order for the common good and in the ideal of Peace."

-- Only Peace generates Peace.

-- Minds must be disarmed if the recourse to arms is to be halted.

-- Man must make use of and apply the spiritual element which is already present and at work in the world in order to bring about a reconciliation among men.

-- Peace cannot be imposed; Peace must be based on a reconciliation of hearts, a reconciliation with God.

We have expressed your appreciation for the message, which is forwarded for your information. (Tab B)

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