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ACTION

March 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: MR. CLIFT 

SUBJECT: Presidential Message of Condolence on Death of Onassis

Aristotle Onassis died on the morning of March 15, 1975. As his wife is the widow of a former U.S. President, it would seem to me that the President and Mrs. Ford might wish to send a message of condolence to Mrs. Onassis. The text of a proposed message is at Tab A.

I am not aware that this proposal is being staffed elsewhere in the White House; it is for this reason that I am forwarding the package. It is my understanding from State that Secretary Kissinger is sending a message to Mrs. Onassis, who we believe is presently in Paris. The President's message has been cleared with Paul Theis' office.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That you clear the message at Tab A.
- 2. That it be LDXed to State for dispatch by telegram to Mrs. Onassis.

 Approve Message

\_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove Message

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