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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: JERRY H. JONES 

The attached letter was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

-- We should do it. How about an unannounced breakfast in the W.H. 8 a.m. Early in June.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld
Warren Rustand

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 21, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

On May 8 I initiated a conversation with you after the dinner you gave for the Prime Minister of Singapore, in which I expressed my alarm at the irrational bad feeling which still existed on the Hill.

At that time you indicated that you would be willing to meet with some rank and file Democratic Members of the House. As we left it.....I would think about it and get back in touch with you.

After further reflection, I am more than ever convinced that it is important to the country that a conscious effort be made to reduce the irrational and violent distrust of the Executive which still is evident on the Hill. The newest Members are those most likely to have these attitudes and at first I was thinking of suggesting that you meet with a score of this group for an hour of frank conversation. But I decided that at this juncture such a meeting might very well be a total waste of your time.

I have concluded, however, that it might be of some value to better understanding if you would meet with a heterogeneous group of rank and file Democratic Members who now meet regularly for an hour on most Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to exchange information and ideas. A list of this group is enclosed. I've discussed the possibility of such a meeting with several of the members of the group and they feel that it would be worthwhile.

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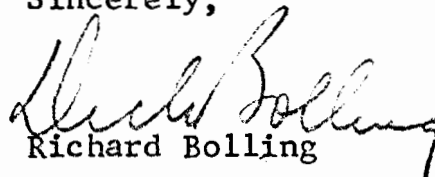
I believe it's worth a try and that it might lead eventually to a greater mutual understanding with regard to some foreign policy and defense matters which is so obviously essential.

If you are still interested, the ideal way to do it would be to pick a Wednesday in June and transfer the meeting from Gillis Long's office in the Cannon Building to wherever you say in the White House. Early morning is much the best time, but obviously time and place would be at your convenience. Please let me know your wishes at your convenience.

I was delighted to hear that you are going to have a swimming pool again. I am not sure I would survive in my comparatively quiet life without the chance to swim off the tension.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Richard Bolling

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