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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

August 1, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached was received from Congressman Ed Derwinski, who asked that it be brought to your attention. Mr. Derwinski also indicated he would be pleased to elaborate on his views to the appropriate White House official.

If you wish, we will pass the paper on to Secretary Kissinger after you have read it.

Yes //

No____

Attachment

Jim Connor

Prime Minister Vorster's efforts towards detente in

Southern Africa and finding accommodations with African countries,
have generated a great deal of positive interest in the

United States; so much so that there is now an interest in
having him address a few forums in the United States.

Mr. Vorster is prepared to repond favourably. He would in fact welcome an opportunity to speak to a few responsible forums in the U.S. and to respond to questions on his view of the need for accommodation and cooperation in Africa.

In coming to the United States on a private visit, he would like to do so with the agreement of the U.S. Government. Additionally he would like to pay a courtesy call on President Ford, or better still, a call for substantive discussions.

It would also be difficult for the Prime Minister - and indeed would create wrongful impressions - to come to the U.S., even on a private visit, without at least paying a courtesy call on President Ford. The Prime Minister would naturally prefer to have a substantive talk with the President if that were acceptable, so as to give the President a first-hand account of his policy directions.

In recent times President Ford has received a large number of African Heads of State and Heads of Government and according to reports, South Africa - and Prime Minister Vorster's policy of detente - were among the matters discussed. It would therefore seem entirely appropriate for the Prime Minister to be afforded an opportunity to give his view direct to the President.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

/ August 5, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR

The attached was received from Congressman Ed. Derwinski, who asked that it be brought to the President's attention. Mr. Derwinski also indicated he would be pleased to elaborate on his views to the appropriate White House official.

The President returned this material after review with the request that it be forwarded to you for handling.

cc: Don Rumsfeld