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MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

dec: ASAP

Date: April 19, 1976

Time:

cc (for information):

~~RE: [unclear]~~

~~Jack Marsh~~

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date:

~~Quick Turnaround~~

Time:

SUBJECT:

~~Brent Scowcroft memo (undated) re Correspondence with the Presidents of Zaire & Senegal~~

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

OK



Thought you might be interested in signing off on the attached letters.



Have the questions you raised on the letter to President Tolbert been resolved?

Oh, if changes made as per memo & discussion with Brent. Jim

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

Jim Connor
For the President

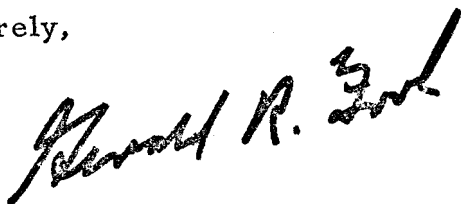
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

The celebration of the United States Bicentennial Anniversary this year will focus attention on relationships which have special historic importance for the American people. More than 20 million Americans trace their origin to the African continent, and our relations with Liberia date back to the early years of our Republic.

I have asked Secretary Kissinger to convey to you personally my invitation to pay a State visit to this country at a mutually convenient date during the latter half of our Bicentennial. I hope you will be able to accept this invitation, for I believe your visit would permit us to demonstrate the importance Americans attach to Africa and the special place Liberia occupies in our relations with other nations. It would also enable us to discuss personally those issues affecting Africa and the United States which have been the subject of our correspondence since your last visit to Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style and is slanted downwards to the right.

His Excellency
William R. Tolbert
President of Liberia
Monrovia

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: JACK MARSH 

In reference to the proposed letter to President Tolbert, I have some question in reference to the first full paragraph on page 2. The paragraph appears to me to be a vile threat directed at the Soviets which I am not certain we are prepared to back-up, or the Congress support based on the way Angola was received on the Hill.

There is another inquiry I have, but because of its sensitive nature, I would prefer to discuss this item with you orally.