

**The original documents are located in Box 23, folder “CO 66 India (1)” of the White House Central Files Subject File at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.**

### **Copyright Notice**

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald R. Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Aug to  
Dr. Kissinger

8-10-74  
RDL



EXECUTIVE  
PP10-5  
C066  
AMBASSADOR OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

9th August 1974



Dear Mr. President,

I am directed by my Prime Minister to convey to you the following message on the happy occasion of your assumption of the highest office in the United States of America:

"As you assume the high office of the President of the United States of America, I have great pleasure in sending you my cordial greetings and warm felicitations. We look forward to the further strengthening of the friendly relations between our two countries.

Please accept my best wishes for your personal well being and for the prosperity of the people of the United States of America.

INDIRA GANDHI".

May I add my own heartiest congratulations and respectful wishes for your health and happiness and that of your family, and success in your new office.

With respectful regards,

Sincerely,

(T.N. Kaul)

Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States of America,  
The White House,  
WASHINGTON D.C.

BB1

2

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

DATE 8/13/74

EXECUTIVE

ME3-3/CO66  
CO66

LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

*Telegram*  
*Pres. V. V. Giri*  
*The President*  
*Indian Independence Day*



CORRESPONDENCE FILED CENTRAL FILES - CONFIDENTIAL FILE



# Department of State

## TELEGRAM

### CF

Aug 13, 1974

EXECUTIVE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

7817

ME 3-3/C066

C066

PAGE 01 STATE 178479

43  
ORIGIN NEA-13

INFO DT-01 ISD-00 CRR-02 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 SS-20

USIA-13 PRS-01 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /067 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/INS:GDIANASEI  
APPROVED BY NEA:LBLAINGEN  
NEA/INS:RBMORLEY  
S/CRR:CHAVIS  
S/S:DR. MORFAT  
WHITE HOUSE:MR. APPELBAUM



=====

055453

O 130500Z AUG 74  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 178479

TAGS:FOR IN  
SUBJECT: INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

V.V. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO  
PRESIDENT GERT FROM PRESIDENT FORD. QUOTE: DEAR MR.  
PRESIDENT: ON THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF  
INDIA, I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN CONVEYING TO YOU MY CON-  
GRATULATIONS AND THE BEST WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE  
UNITED STATES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT AS WE FACE THE  
CHALLENGES OF THE COMING YEAR, OUR MUTUAL DEVOTION TO THE  
CAUSE OF PEACE NOT ONLY IN SOUTH ASIA BUT IN ALL PARTS OF  
THE WORLD WILL LEAD TO EVEN CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR  
GOVERNMENTS. MAY THE FUTURE BRING TO YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY-  
MEN THE BLESSINGS OF INCREASED PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.  
WITH BEST WISHES. SINCERELY, GERALD FORD.

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO  
OBJECTION IF EMBASSY WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

RECEIVED

AUG 15 1974

CENTRA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

## SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: August 14, 1974

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

VIA: David N. Parker

MEETING: With the Ambassador of India, Triloki Nath Kaul<sup>x</sup>

DATE: August 17, 1974

PURPOSE: To greet the Indian Ambassador.

FORMAT: The Oval Office  
Ambassador Kaul  
Five minutes

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking points would be provided.

PRESS COVERAGE: Announcement in Mr. terHorst's daily briefing;  
photo opportunity.

STAFF: Secretary Kissinger

RECOMMEND: Secretary Kissinger

PREVIOUS  
PARTICIPATION: Ambassador Kaul called on you as Vice President  
earlier this year.

BACKGROUND: Our relations with India have greatly improved  
during the past few years, after undergoing a  
period of strain in 1971 when India and the US  
were in disagreement over the developments which  
resulted in the India-Pakistan war and the creation  
of Bangladesh. A brief meeting with Ambassador  
Kaul will give you an opportunity personally to  
affirm that the United States will continue its  
policy of seeking strengthened relations with India.

PRESS FOLLOW-UP: Short summary statement in Mr. terHorst's briefing.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1974

TO: DAVE PARKER  
1974 AUG 14 AM 10 55  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

The President has informally  
agreed to these "handshake"  
calls.

OK  
WSR 8-14

BB.  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

EXECUTIVE ①

C068

C066

C0115

PR7

VIA LDX

NSC-3411

FG11

August 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Change of Order President's Appointments with  
Ambassadors of Iran, India and Pakistan on August 21

To confirm our telephone notification, we wish to change the order in which the President receives the Ambassadors of Iran, India and Pakistan, as follows:

The Ambassador of Pakistan is to arrive at 12:30 PM, followed by the Ambassadors of Iran and India. Please advise the ambassadors accordingly and confirm this change. Each ambassador will have a 5-minute appointment.

*James W. Davis*  
Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

*Triloki Nath Kaul*  
*Ardeshir Zahedi*  
*Sahabzada Yaqub Khan*

RECEIVED  
AUG 21 1974  
CENTRAL FILE

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

EXECUTIVE

PP 10-5

CB 66

To: The Secretary of State

Date: August 19, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
- ☐ President's signature.
- ☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
- ☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☒ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- ☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 72 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.



REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: ☒ Telegram: Other:

To: The President  
From: Crown Princess Vijaya, New Delhi, India  
Date: 8/14/74  
Subject: Congratulatory message; refers to previous correspondence with President Nixon; states that her mother the Maharani Gurucharan Kaur of Nabha has claimed the President of India.

By direction of the President:

Roland L. Elliott  
Special Assistant  
to the President

cmf

RECEIVED

AUG 20 1974

GENERAL FILE

(White House File Copy)



Aug 22, 1974  
EXECUTIVE  
MEIR 66 INDIA 2+  
CO 66  
Department of State  
TELEGRAM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE 8914

PAGE 01 STATE 184822

60  
ORIGIN NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 CPR-02 NSC-07 PA-04

RSC-01 SS-20 PRS-01 /052 R

DRAFTED BY TEXT RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE:JET  
APPROVED BY NEA:LBLAINGEN  
NEA/INS:DHKUX  
S/CPR:SRCKWELL  
NSC:HAPPLEBAUM  
S/S-S(C) - MRS. DENHAM  
S/S: JPMOFFAT



\*\*\*\*\* 026268

O 222150Z AUG 74  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE-STATE 184822

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IN

SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM PRESIDENT FORD  
TO PRESIDENT-ELECT FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO  
PRESIDENT-ELECT AHMED FROM PRESIDENT FORD. QUOTE: I  
WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY HEARTIEST PERSONAL CONGRATULAT-  
IONS, AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, TO  
YOU UPON YOUR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHARE MY HOPE  
FOR GOOD FORTUNE AND SUCCESS FOR YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY  
DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING  
PROGRESS IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.  
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
46

RECEIVED  
NOV 8 1974  
CENTRAL



MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

DATE 8/21/74

EXECUTIVE

CO66

PR 7-1

FE6-11-1/Kissinger

LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

*Agenda*

*Henry Kissinger*

*Meeting with the Indian Ambassador,  
Triloki Nath Kaul*



CORRESPONDENCE FILED CENTRAL FILES - CONFIDENTIAL FILE

G.F.  
C066

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR, TRILOKI NATH KAUL

Wednesday, August 21, 1974

12:40 p.m. (5 minutes)

The Oval Office

From: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*I. PURPOSE

To reaffirm the continuity of US foreign policy under your leadership, including our interest in continuing to strengthen our relations with India.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background: US relations with India have greatly improved during the past 2-1/2 years, after reaching a low point during 1971 when India and the US were in disagreement over the developments that culminated in the December 1971 India-Pakistan war.

Since then, India has been engaged with Pakistan in a series of talks aimed at resolving their differences, and both countries have been gratified by US support for this process. The Indians have also been pleased by the US Government's current efforts to obtain Congressional approval for resumption of a modest US economic aid program (\$75 million for fiscal 1975) in India; direct US Government aid to India was suspended at the time of the 1971 war. Despite India's increasingly serious economic difficulties, there appears to be considerable Congressional opposition to a resumption of such aid, in part because of India's recent test of a nuclear explosive device, which many Congressmen see as a misuse by India of its own scarce resources. In fact, Congress included a requirement in the recently enacted IDA (International Development Association--the World Bank's soft-loan arm) replenishment bill that requires our representative in IDA to vote against IDA loans to India because of its nuclear test.



Finally, India also hopes we will continue our policy of annually rescheduling some of its dollar debt to the US Government. It has asked us to consider increasing the amount (\$29 million) we had originally planned to reschedule this year, and we have agreed to consider this request.

India and the US continue to differ on a number of issues, including our plans to expand our naval facilities on Diego Garcia island in the Indian Ocean; and our reluctance to continue providing services to the key Indian nuclear power-generating reactor at Tarapur, unless India satisfies our request for firm guarantees that material from this reactor will not be used in any nuclear explosion. The US also has long been somewhat concerned over India's very friendly and cooperative political-military relationship with the USSR, although India has emphasized that it remains nonaligned, independent in its actions, and interested in good relations with all countries -- even China, with which India's relations have been very cool since their 1962 war.

Recently, both we and the Indians have made a considerable effort to handle differences in a low-key manner, and to continue the improvement in our relations. Currently, we are discussing with them ways to strengthen our ties in such fields as trade, investment, science and technology, and cultural exchange; we are discussing the establishment of an Indo-US joint commission for these purposes. As you know, I hope to visit India and several neighboring countries in late October.

Ambassador Kaul is a 61-year-old career diplomat who has long been a senior member of India's foreign policy establishment. He called on you during your tenure as Vice President.

B. Participants: Ambassador Kaul and Secretary Kissinger.

C. Press Plan: Meeting to be announced. Picture session.

### III. TALKING POINTS

1. Mr. Ambassador, it is a pleasure to see you again.

2. I want to reaffirm to you personally what I have made clear publicly about US foreign policy--that my government intends to carry forward with existing United States policies and commitments.
3. We will continue our efforts on behalf of peace, both globally and in particular regions where it may be threatened. We will continue to support the process of resolving regional differences through negotiation. We are encouraged by the progress India and Pakistan have made toward normalizing their relations, and we hope these efforts will continue.
4. I want to emphasize that I intend to carry forward our policy of seeking continued improvement in US-Indian relations. I see every reason why the world's two largest democracies should enjoy cooperative and constructive relations.
5. (If Ambassador Kaul brings up India's economic needs.) You can be sure we will consider these problems sympathetically and do what we can within the limits of our resources.
6. Please convey my personal respects and best wishes to Prime Minister Gandhi, and my congratulations to your new President, Mr. Ahmed. (Former Agricultural Minister F. A. Ahmed was elected to India's largely ceremonial Presidency August 20.)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT  
FROM: ~~DAVID PARKER~~  
SUBJECT: Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Mrs. Nell Yates, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dr. David Hoopes.

Event: Receive individually for 5 minutes each the Ambassadors of Pakistan, India, and Iran.

Purpose: For introductory session along the lines of those held previously.

Date: Wednesday, August 21, 1974 Time: 12:30 p.m. Duration: 15 minutes

Location: The Oval Office

Press Coverage: Press Photo

cc: Mr. Hartmann  
Mr. Marsh

Mrs. Davis  
Dr. Hoopes  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. O'Donnell  
Mr. Rustand  
Mr. Wardell  
Mr. terHorst  
Mrs. Yates



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

## SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: August 14, 1974

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

VIA: David N. Parker

MEETING: With the Ambassador of India, Triloki Nath Kaul

DATE: August 17, 1974

PURPOSE: To greet the Indian Ambassador.

FORMAT: The Oval Office  
Ambassador Kaul  
Five minutes

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking points would be provided.

PRESS COVERAGE: Announcement in Mr. terHorst's daily briefing;  
photo opportunity.

STAFF: Secretary Kissinger

RECOMMEND: Secretary Kissinger

PREVIOUS  
PARTICIPATION: Ambassador Kaul called on you as Vice President  
earlier this year.

BACKGROUND: Our relations with India have greatly improved  
during the past few years, after undergoing a  
period of strain in 1971 when India and the US  
were in disagreement over the developments which  
resulted in the India-Pakistan war and the creation  
of Bangladesh. A brief meeting with Ambassador  
Kaul will give you an opportunity personally to  
affirm that the United States will continue its  
policy of seeking strengthened relations with India.

PRESS FOLLOW-UP: Short summary statement in Mr. terHorst's briefing.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

(4)

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

DATE 9/9/74

EXECUTIVE

CO 66  
PP 10-5  
PR 5-2  
FG 11

~~LETTER, MEMO, ETC.~~

TO: George Springsteen, Dept. of State

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis

SUBJECT: Presidential reply to congratulatory message  
from Prime Minister <sup>x</sup>Gandhi of India

*Indira*



CORRESPONDENCE FILED CENTRAL FILES - CONFIDENTIAL FILE

SPECIAL FILES

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

3698

September 9, 1974

C. F.

CO 66

PP 10-5

PR 5-2

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Congratulatory Message  
from Prime Minister Gandhi of India

Per my memorandum to you of September 5, 1974, forwarding  
Presidential replies to congratulatory messages (NSC 3333), the  
following is a specially-tailored reply for Prime Minister Gandhi  
of India:

"Your thoughtful and heartening message of August 9 on  
my assumption of office as President of the United States  
is deeply appreciated. I also want to thank you for your  
thoughtful comments, in your letter of August 19, regarding  
the relationship between our two countries and the democratic  
heritage we share. You may be assured that all the resources  
of the American Government will continue to be directed toward  
our common goal of a true and lasting peace for all mankind,  
and that we will carry forward our policy of seeking strengthened  
relations with India. With best wishes, Sincerely, "

This reply has taken into account not only Mrs. Gandhi's short con-  
gratulatory message of August 9, but also a longer letter delivered  
to the White House for the President of August 19. Copies of both  
messages are attached. State may wish to consider whether any further  
action need be taken.

  
Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

RECEIVED

SEP 11 1974

CENTRAL FILES

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION  
3608

September 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mrs. Davis

SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Congratulatory  
Message from Prime Minister Gandhi of  
India

I recommend something along the lines of the attached for State, pursuant to General Scowcroft's decision. Since the General's comment was ambivalent, the attached does not specifically ask State for further action.

Rosemary Niehuss



## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

CONFIDENTIALACTION  
September 5, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR

SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

ROSEMARY NIEHUS

SUBJECT:

Congratulatory Messages to the  
President from Prime Minister  
Gandhi--Action on Reply

The President has just approved language for replies to congratulatory messages on his assumption of office from world leaders. This has included a reply to Mrs. Gandhi for her short message of August 9 (both approved reply and incoming message at Tab A).

After Mrs. Gandhi received the President's message of August 10 reaffirming continuity of US foreign policy, she sent the President a second and longer letter (Tab B) reaffirming her interest in an improvement in US-Indian relations. This is a warm letter.

The second letter could become the basis for a further exchange by President Ford. However, the immediate bureaucratic issue is that the President's reply to Mrs. Gandhi's first message has now been approved and ready to be dispatched. I recommend revising it to include reference to the second letter so that some acknowledgement can be made now for both. When the new approved reply is forwarded to State, State could be asked to recommend further appropriate action on reply to Mrs. Gandhi's longer substantive letter.

In short, the approved Presidential reply (as at Tab A) could be revised as follows:

"Your thoughtful and heartening message of August 9 on my assumption of office as President of the United States is deeply appreciated. I also want to thank you for your thoughtful comments, in your letter of August 19, regarding the relationship between our two countries and the democratic heritage we share. You may be assured that all the resources of the American Government will continue to be directed toward our common goal of a true and lasting

CONFIDENTIALDECLASSIFIED  
BY 2010White House Guidelines, 2/24/83  
by KR JANA Dec 12/15/87



CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

peace for all mankind, and that we will carry forward our policy of seeking strengthened relations with India. With best wishes, Sincerely,

RECOMMENDATION: That the above revision to the President's reply to Mrs. Gandhi be approved, to take into account the more recent message, and that State be asked to make appropriate further recommendations on her longer letter.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER:

*But I am not  
sure a further  
reply is required.*

CONFIDENTIAL

Tailored for Prime Minister Gandhi of India

Your thoughtful and heartening message of August 9 on my assumption of office as President of the United States is deeply appreciated. You may be assured that all the resources of the American Government will continue to be directed toward our common goal of a true and lasting peace for all mankind, and that we will carry forward our policy of seeking strengthened relations with India.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

APPROVE

BR 7

DISAPPROVE

ORIGINAL IN PRESIDENTIAL  
HANDWRITING FILE



AMBASSADOR OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

20th August 1974

Dear Mr. President,

I am desired by my Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, to convey the following message from her to you:

New Delhi,  
19th August 1974

"Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 10th August 1974 which must have crossed my own message to you. I appreciate your courtesy and sharing your thoughts about the future policies of the U.S.A. and your commitment to building a strong relationship between our two countries. Indeed it has been my sincere effort ever since I became Prime Minister to improve relations with your great country. But unfortunately our policy and even our motives have so often been misunderstood in the past.

2. We admire the American heritage. The U.S. and India are functioning democracies which have a common interest in promoting world peace in which democratic institutions and values can flourish and men and women will have full opportunity to work for the fulfilment of their aspirations. We look forward to a continuing dialogue between our two Governments on matters of bilateral and international interests. Our two countries can and should work together to promote understanding cooperation and peace, especially in this part of the world.

3. As you say, there has indeed been considerable progress in our relations in recent months. We share the wishes of the United States Government under your leadership to continue this process. May I assure you, Mr. President, of our earnestness in desiring a more positive and constructive relationship between our two countries.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. Indira Gandhi."

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest esteem.

*T.N. Kaul*

(T.N. Kaul)  
Ambassador of India

Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States of America,  
WASHINGTON D.C.



20th August 1974

Dear Mr. President,

I am desired by my Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, to convey the following message from her to you:

New Delhi,  
19th August 1974

"Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 10th August 1974 which must have crossed my own message to you. I appreciate your courtesy and sharing your thoughts about the future policies of the U.S.A. and your commitment to building a strong relationship between our two countries. Indeed it has been my sincere effort ever since I became Prime Minister to improve relations with your great country. But unfortunately our policy and even our motives have so often been misunderstood in the past.

2. We admire the American heritage. The U.S. and India are functioning democracies which have a common interest in promoting world peace in which democratic institutions and values can flourish and men and women will have full opportunity to work for the fulfilment of their aspirations. We look forward to a continuing dialogue between our two Governments on matters of bilateral and international interests. Our two countries can and should work together to promote understanding cooperation and peace, especially in this part of the world.

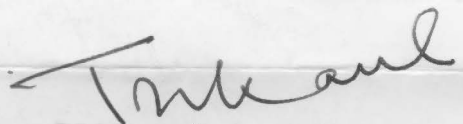
3. As you say, there has indeed been considerable progress in our relations in recent months. We share the wishes of the United States Government under your leadership to continue this process. May I assure you, Mr. President, of our earnestness in desiring a more positive and constructive relationship between our two countries.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. Indira Gandhi."

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest esteem.



(T.N. Kaul)  
Ambassador of India

Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States of America,  
WASHINGTON D.C.





AMBASSADOR OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

20th August 1974

Dear Mr. President,

I am desired by my Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, to convey the following message from her to you:

New Delhi,  
19th August 1974

"Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 10th August 1974 which must have crossed my own message to you. I appreciate your courtesy and sharing your thoughts about the future policies of the U.S.A. and your commitment to building a strong relationship between our two countries. Indeed it has been my sincere effort ever since I became Prime Minister to improve relations with your great country. But unfortunately our policy and even our motives have so often been misunderstood in the past.

2. We admire the American heritage. The U.S. and India are functioning democracies which have a common interest in promoting world peace in which democratic institutions and values can flourish and men and women will have full opportunity to work for the fulfilment of their aspirations. We look forward to a continuing dialogue between our two Governments on matters of bilateral and international interests. Our two countries can and should work together to promote understanding cooperation and peace, especially in this part of the world.

3. As you say, there has indeed been considerable progress in our relations in recent months. We share the wishes of the United States Government under your leadership to continue this process. May I assure you, Mr. President, of our earnestness in desiring a more positive and constructive relationship between our two countries.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. Indira Gandhi."

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest esteem.

*T.N. Kaul*

(T.N. Kaul)  
Ambassador of India

Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States of America,  
WASHINGTON D.C.





AMBASSADOR OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

9th August 1974

Dear Mr. President,

I am directed by my Prime Minister to convey to you the following message on the happy occasion of your assumption of the highest office in the United States of America:

"As you assume the high office of the President of the United States of America, I have great pleasure in sending you my cordial greetings and warm felicitations. We look forward to the further strengthening of the friendly relations between our two countries.

Please accept my best wishes for your personal well being and for the prosperity of the people of the United States of America.

INDIRA GANDHI".

May I add my own heartiest congratulations and respectful wishes for your health and happiness and that of your family, and success in your new office.

With respectful regards,

Sincerely,

(T.N. Kaul)

Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States of America,  
The White House,  
WASHINGTON D.C.

LETTER ATTACHED  
TO 20<sup>TH</sup> AUG. 1974 LTR

*Letter delivered to Pres  
by Amb. Kaul  
12:40 p.m. 8/21/74*



New Delhi,  
May 1, 1973

Dear Mr. President,

It was good of you to have received Mr. L.K. Jha before his departure from Washington. He has given me a full account of your conversation with him as well as his more detailed discussions with Dr. Kissinger. I am encouraged by the promise which these talks hold of a new relationship between our two countries, based on a more sensitive understanding of each other's interests and objectives.

Ambassador Kaul, who carries this letter, will I hope be given the opportunity to take this dialogue forward. He is one of our most experienced diplomats who has enjoyed my confidence for many years. After retiring as Foreign Secretary, he is going to Washington because of the importance which my Government and I attach to better relations with the United States. Please do not hesitate to speak to him freely and in confidence. I have asked him to report to me direct.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sgd/-  
(Indira Gandhi)

His Excellency  
Mr. Richard M. Nixon,  
President of the United States of America,  
WASHINGTON.

## NSC CORRESPONDENCE PROFILE

DOC		RECD			LOG NBR		INITIAL ACTION O	
MO	DA	MO	DA	HR				
8	20	8	22	16	7403608		<i>[Signature]</i>	

SOURCE/CLASS/DESCRIPTION

TO: PRES

KISSINGER

SCOWCROFT

DAVIS

FROM: KISSINGER, J

COLBY, W

SCHLESINGER, J

ST EX SEC

REFERENCE:

S/S

OTHER

CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE

UNCLAS LOG IN/OUT

LOU NO FORN NODIS

C EYES ONLY EXDIS

S CODEWORD

TS SENSITIVE

SUBJECT:

DISTRIBUTION/INITIAL ACTION ASGMT

## INTERNAL ROUTING AND DISTRIBUTION

ACTION

INFO

REC  
CY  
FOR

## ACTION REQUIRED

ADVANCE CYS TO HAK/SCOWCROFT

STAFF SECRETARY

FAR EAST

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

MID EAST / NO. AFRICA / SO. ASIA

EUROPE / CANADA

LATIN AMERICA

UNITED NATIONS

ECONOMIC

SCIENTIFIC

PROGRAM ANALYSIS

NSC PLANNING

CONGRESSIONAL

OCEANS POLICY

INTELLIGENCE

MEMO FOR HAK

MEMO FOR PRES

REPLY FOR

APPROPRIATE ACTION

MEMO TO

RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT MEMO

REFER TO FOR

ANY ACTION NECESSARY?

CONCURRENCE

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)

SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTIONS

DATE

FROM

TO

S

SUBSEQUENT ACTION REQUIRED (OR TAKEN):

CY TO

9/5

HAK

X

Decision

(9/12)

9/9

NSC/5

script approved memo w/ comment

Nichols - Any Further action

9/9

Davis

S

memo to Springsteen (9/10)

Nichols ✓

9/9

Nichols

Davis

9/9

C

Davis gd memo to Springsteen

DISP INSTR

DISPATCH

CY RQMTS: SEE ABOVE PLUS:

NOTIFY &amp; DATE BY

SPECIAL DISPOSITION:

CROSS REF W/

RESPONSE CY ATTACHED: FOLDER:

MICROFILM &amp; FILE RQMTS:

M/F'D BY

SEP 11 1974

CRT ID: MST

OPEN

CLOSE

SA

SF

HR

NS

WH

EP

PA

DY



# Department of State

9/11/74

EXECUTIVE

PP10-5

C066

## TELEGRAM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE 1440

PAGE 01 STATE 199678

64

ORIGIN NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 CPR-02 NSC-07

PA-04 RSC-01 SS-20 PRS-01 /052 R

DRAFTED BY TEXT RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE  
APPROVED BY NEA:LBLAINGEN  
NEA/INS:DKUX  
S/S-S:DKINNEY  
S/S - WHLUERS  
DKINNEY



109011

0 112052Z SEP 74  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 199678

F.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IN

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE  
FROM PRIME MINISTER GANDHI OF INDIA

*Indira*

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO  
PRIME MINISTER GANDHI FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER: YOUR HEARTENING  
MESSAGE OF AUGUST 9 ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESI-  
DENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. I ALSO  
WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS, IN YOUR  
LETTER OF AUGUST 19, REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE DEMOCRATIC HERITAGE WE SHARE.  
YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN  
GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON  
GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND, AND  
THAT WE WILL CARRY FORWARD OUR POLICY OF SEEKING  
STRENGTHENED RELATIONS WITH INDIA. WITH BEST WISHES,  
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE



hhr  
*Department of State* **TELEGRAM**

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 199678

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO  
OBJECTION IF EMBASSY WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

BROUGHT FORWARD

EXECUTIVE

C066

Previously filed

9/13/74

Date

Name

Swaran Singh

Organization

Foreign Minister  
of India

EXECUTIVE

C066

New File Symbol

9/19/74

Date

Final Action

Agenda  
Pres. mtg. with  
Foreign Minister of India  
Swaran Singh

BROUGHT FORWARD

EXECUTIVE

CO 66

Previously filed

9/18/74

Date

Name

Schedule Proposal

Organization

Swaran Singh

Foreign Minister of  
India

EXECUTIVE

CO 66

New File Symbol

9/19/74

Date

Final Action

Agenda

Pres. Mtg. with  
Foreign Minister of India  
Swaran Singh



BBH

4

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

DATE 9/19/74

EXECUTIVE

CO66

PR7-1

FG6-11-1/Kissinger  
Henry

LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

*Agenda*

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: *Henry Kissinger*

SUBJECT: *Meeting with Indian Foreign  
Minister Swaran Singh*

*Kaul, J. N. (Amb.)*



CORRESPONDENCE FILED CENTRAL FILES - CONFIDENTIAL FILE



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

4136

C.F.  
CO66

SECRET/NOBIS

MEETING WITH INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH

Thursday, September 19  
5:30 p.m. (30 minutes)  
Oval Office

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

I. PURPOSE

This is the first Presidential meeting with an Indian minister since the Indo-Pak war of 1971. It is thus a highlight of the trend of the past 18 months towards the improvement of US-Indian relations. Your main objective is to reaffirm our commitment to and interest in the evolution of a durable relationship with India.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS:

A. Background: US-Indian relations reached a low point during and after the 1971 Indo-Pak war and no high-level Indian official has been received at the Presidential level since Prime Minister Gandhi's visit to Washington in November 1971, just prior to the war. Foreign Minister Singh, a veteran Indian politician, has been a supporter of improved relations with the US and will probably emphasize that interest as well as seek an appreciation of US views on how India fits into our overall foreign policy objectives. He will also be interested in describing India's food needs, its views on the South Asian situation and stress that India's nuclear intentions are peaceful.

Relations between the US and India have steadily improved over the past year and a half. We have moved cautiously to assure that interest

SECRET/NOBIS



DECLASSIFIED

E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5

NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines

By *HK*, NARA, Date *2/99*

in better relations was reciprocal and to avoid arousing unrealistic Indian expectations about large-scale aid resumption. Our differences over the proposed expansion of US naval facilities at Diego Garcia have been handled in a restrained manner by the Indians and, while suspicions of US intentions linger, the Indians are beginning to accept that we are not trying to undermine their regional pre-eminence. They want better relations both to influence our South Asia policy and to balance somewhat their relationship with the Soviets. We also see improvement in relations as a means of offsetting Soviet influence in South Asia, though our strategic interests in the area itself are limited. Talks in New Delhi and the formation of a Joint Commission could provide the framework for a carefully expanded cooperative relationship for the longer term.

India's mid-May nuclear test has been a complicating factor. While our official response has been restrained, we are concerned that a number of other countries may follow the Indian example, thus undercutting global non-proliferation efforts. The Indians were stung by foreign criticism of their test and widespread skepticism of their professions of "peaceful" nuclear intentions. They were upset by the passage of the Long Amendment requiring the US to vote against all IDA loans to India but reassured when informed that we would not canvas against India in IDA (our vote alone would not be sufficient to reduce IDA loans). Our strategy will be to seek Indian cooperation in placing controls on its nuclear exports, in slowing the pace of its testing, in confirming the peaceful uses of its nuclear program through some form of safeguards and accountability, in at least postponing development of nuclear weapons and delivery systems and in toning down its criticism of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Progress in these areas is important both for our global non-proliferation policy and for any hope of discouraging Pakistani efforts to acquire a nuclear weapons capability. Nuclear matters will be an important agenda item during my visit. In the interim, we and the Indians have been discussing the supply of US enriched uranium to the Indian Tarapur nuclear power station near Bombay, to confirm that none of our material will be used in nuclear explosives. AEC Chairwoman Ray reached satisfactory agreement this week with her Indian counterpart [Dr. Sethna] on this problem.



On the economic side, our request for \$75 million in development lending for India (suspended since the 1971 war) was widely criticized on the Hill because of the nuclear test. However, with the adoption of the Long Amendment, Congress may now be less inclined to consider other restrictive legislation (although we would expect that critical sentiment would resume if India tests again.)

The Indian food situation is growing worse, against a backdrop of an increasingly gloomy economic picture. The Indians have bought almost 3 million tons of foodgrains, half from the US, but need more (perhaps up to 4 million tons) to avert serious shortages. They have been reluctant to ask our help publicly, having proudly proclaimed food self-sufficiency in 1971, but Ambassador Kaul has made clear privately that India would like food from us as part of our response to the UNGA Emergency Appeal. We have an on-going \$45 million voluntary agency program under Title II of PL 480.

India and Pakistan have made efforts to reduce their bilateral tensions, through slow implementation of the Simla Agreement of 1972 by which the sides agreed to a process of normalization. The Pakistanis had broken off negotiations following India's nuclear explosion but they resumed this month with some agreements last weekend on links in the communications, postal and travel fields. They have also promised further talks, including on the bigger issue of resuming diplomatic ties. We have encouraged this process as a genuinely regional effort important to South Asian stability. The Indians prefer the "bilateralism" it reflects, by contrast to earlier wars when outside powers were intimately involved in settlements.

At the same time, we have continued a policy of restrictive arms sales to India and Pakistan (only cash sales of non-lethal end-items and spares and ammunition for previously supplied US lethal equipment). India welcomes this but Pakistan naturally presses us hard to liberalize our policy. Our arms sales policy to Pakistan is a highly sensitive issue with the Indians. We are studying this issue but prefer to defer any decision on a possible change in policy until after my South Asian trip when we will be better able to weigh our options.



- B. Participants: Foreign Minister Singh, Indian Ambassador T. N. Kaul, Henry A. Kissinger
- C. Press: Short summary statement in Mr. Hushen's daily briefing; press photo session.

### III. TALKING POINTS

1. I am pleased to have this opportunity for a first personal meeting between us. I appreciated the warm messages of Prime Minister Gandhi on my assumption of office as President (copies attached; your reply has been sent). As the two largest democracies in the world, our nations have many common objectives and a shared purpose for cooperating towards the building of a more stable world.
2. I want to reaffirm our interest in the continued evolution of a mutually satisfying relationship with India for the longer-term future. We hope that we can forge a durable relationship based on mutual respect and understanding. We appreciate the important role which India has to play in world affairs.
3. I expect that Secretary Kissinger's visit to New Delhi will serve to strengthen the process of improving US-Indian relations on a wide range of issues in which we share a common interest.
4. As I indicated yesterday at the UN, our nation remains very interested in initiatives to improve the world food situation and we will do our part. We will try to be helpful to India within the limits of our resources.
5. The US has viewed with satisfaction the progress made by India and Pakistan, between themselves, towards more normal relations and a more stable South Asian region.
6. We hope that India and the US can work together constructively on nuclear non-proliferation issues which we consider of great importance to global stability.



- 7 [If Singh raises Diego Garcia]: The US interest in improving our facility at Diego Garcia is not in any way directed at South Asia.
8. [If he raises the question of our arms supply policy in South Asia]: We have no current plans to modify our policy but we do keep this issue under continuing review. Our main interest is in the continued strengthening of peace and stability in your region.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

4078

## SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: September 18, 1974

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

VIA: Warren S. Rustand

MEETING: With Indian Foreign Minister<sup>x</sup> Swaran<sup>x</sup> Singh

DATE: September 19, afternoon, preferred (5:15 p.m.)

PURPOSE: To receive the Foreign Minister while he is in the US for the annual United Nations General Assembly meetings

FORMAT: Oval Office call  
30 minutes

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking points will be provided.

PRESS: The meeting would be announced; there would be a photo session.

STAFF: Secretary Kissinger

RECOMMEND: Secretary Kissinger

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: You may have met Foreign Minister Singh on one of his many visits to Washington.

BACKGROUND: Relations between India and the US have improved over the past year and your meeting with Foreign Minister Singh would demonstrate our interest in this development. It would represent the first senior Indian contact at the Presidential level here in nearly three years (Prime Minister Gandhi visited Washington in November 1971 just prior to the Indo-Pak war) and would help set the stage for Secretary Kissinger's proposed visit to South Asia, including India, this fall.

PRESS FOLLOW-UP: Short summary statement in Mr. Hushen's daily briefing.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

SEP 19 1974  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE



EXECUTIVE (3)  
CO 66  
PR 7  
7417615  
4078

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 13, 1974

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Meeting with President:  
Indian Foreign Minister

In addition to the sessions already proposed with foreign leaders attending the UNGA session, the Department recommends that the President agree to see Indian Foreign Minister Swaran Singh September 19. x x

Indo-US relations have improved substantially during the past year and a meeting with Swaran Singh would underscore this fact. The last Presidential contact with the Indians, other than brief Ambassadorial calls, was nearly three years ago, in November 1971, when Mrs. Gandhi saw President Nixon just before the Indo-Pakistan War. The Secretary will be visiting India in late October for in-depth high-level discussions with the Prime Minister, as well as with the Foreign Minister and other Indian leaders.

  
George S. Springsdeen  
Executive Secretary





AMBASSADOR OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 28, 1974

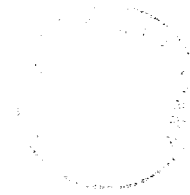
Dear Mr. President,

I am desired by my Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, to send you the attached closed cover containing the original signed letter dated 19th August 1974 from her to you. A copy of that letter was presented by me to you when I had the honour of calling on you.

With the assurances of my highest esteem,

(T.N. Kaul)  
Ambassador of India

Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States of America,  
The White House,  
Washington D.C.







PRIME MINISTER

New Delhi,  
August 19, 1974.

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 10th August 1974 which must have crossed my own message to you. I appreciate your courtesy in sharing your thoughts about the future policies of the United States of America and your commitment to building a strong relationship between our two countries. Indeed, it has been my sincere effort, ever since I became Prime Minister, to improve relations with your great country. But unfortunately our policy and even our motives have so often been misunderstood in the past.

We admire the American heritage. The United States and India are functioning democracies which have a common interest in promoting world peace in which democratic institutions and values can flourish, and men and women will have full opportunity to work for the fulfilment of their aspirations. We look forward to a continuing dialogue between our two Governments on matters of bilateral and international interest. Our two countries can and should work together to promote understanding, cooperation and peace, especially in this part of the world.

As you say, there has indeed been considerable progress in our relations in recent months. We share the wish of the United States Government under your leadership to continue this process. May I assure you, Mr. President, of our earnestness in desiring a more positive and constructive relationship between our two countries.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Indira Gandhi*  
(Indira Gandhi)

ORIGINAL RETIRED FOR PRESERVATION

His Excellency  
Mr. Gerald R. Ford



PRIME MINISTER

New Delhi,  
August 19, 1974.

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 10th August 1974 which must have crossed my own message to you. I appreciate your courtesy in sharing your thoughts about the future policies of the United States of America and your commitment to building a strong relationship between our two countries. Indeed, it has been my sincere effort, ever since I became Prime Minister, to improve relations with your great country. But unfortunately our policy and even our motives have so often been misunderstood in the past.

We admire the American heritage. The United States and India are functioning democracies which have a common interest in promoting world peace in which democratic institutions and values can flourish, and men and women will have full opportunity to work for the fulfilment of their aspirations. We look forward to a continuing dialogue between our two Governments on matters of bilateral and international interest. Our two countries can and should work together to promote understanding, cooperation and peace, especially in this part of the world.

As you say, there has indeed been considerable progress in our relations in recent months. We share the wish of the United States Government under your leadership to continue this process. May I assure you, Mr. President, of our earnestness in desiring a more positive and constructive relationship between our two countries.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Indira Gandhi*  
(Indira Gandhi)

His Excellency  
Mr. Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States of America,  
Washington.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 14, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT  
FROM: WARREN RUSTAND *WSR*  
SUBJECT: Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Mrs. Nell Yates, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dr. David Hoopes.

Event: Foreign Minister Singh of India

Date: Thursday, September 19, 1974 Time: 5:15 p.m. Duration:

Location: The Oval Office

Participants: Foreign Minister Singh, Secretary Kissinger

Press Coverage: Press Photo

cc: Mr. Hartmann  
Mr. Marsh  
Dr. Hoopes  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. O'Donnell  
Mr. Hushen  
Mr. Wardell  
Mrs. Yates  
Mrs. Davis





AMBASSADOR OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

9th August 1974

Dear Mr. President,

I am directed by my Prime Minister to convey to you the following message on the happy occasion of your assumption of the highest office in the United States of America:

"As you assume the high office of the President of the United States of America, I have great pleasure in sending you my cordial greetings and warm felicitations. We look forward to the further strengthening of the friendly relations between our two countries.

Please accept my best wishes for your personal well being and for the prosperity of the people of the United States of America.

INDIRA GANDHI".

May I add my own heartiest congratulations and respectful wishes for your health and happiness and that of your family, and success in your new office.

With respectful regards,

Sincerely,

(T.N. Kaul)



Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States of America,  
The White House,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DOC		RECD			LOG NBR	INITIAL ACTION O
MO	DA	MO	DA	HR		
9	13	9	14	9	7404078	Horan

INSTR	DISP	INSTR
INSTR	DISP	INSTR

SUBJECT: State Comm Pres mtg w/ Indian Women  
Singh on Sept 19 at UNGA

INTERNAL ROUTING AND DISTRIBUTION			REC CY FOR	ACTION REQUIRED	
	ACTION	INFO			
ADVANCE CYS TO HAK/SCOWCROFT				MEMO FOR HAK	( )
STAFF SECRETARY <i>Fava</i>		<i>X</i>		MEMO FOR PRES	( )
FAR EAST				REPLY FOR	( )
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA				APPROPRIATE ACTION	( )
MID EAST / NO. AFRICA / SO. ASIA	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>		MEMO TO	( )
EUROPE / CANADA				RECOMMENDATIONS	( )
LATIN AMERICA				JOINT MEMO	( )
UNITED NATIONS	<i>X</i>			REFER TO FOR:	( )
ECONOMIC				ANY ACTION NECESSARY?	( )
SCIENTIFIC				CONCURRENCE:	( )
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				DUE DATE:	<i>9/16</i>
NSC PLANNING				<u>COMMENTS:</u> (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)	
CONGRESSIONAL					
OCEANS POLICY					
INTELLIGENCE					

[illegible]

DISPATCH \_\_\_\_\_  
CY RQMTS: SEE ABOVE PLUS: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTIFY \_\_\_\_\_ & DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIAL DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CROSS REF W/ 7403907  
SUSPENSE CY ATTACHED: X FOLDER: \_\_\_\_\_

MICROFILM &amp; FILE RGMTS:

M/F'D BY

CRT ID: 1974 SA SF

OPEN HP NS

CLOSE 24 ( WH ) EF

PA DY

September 19, 1974

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President has asked that I extend to you his cordial invitation to attend and observe the Conference on Inflation, which will be held September 27 (8:45 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.) and 28 (9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.) at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

This Conference is the culmination of several weeks of preparatory meetings. We recognize that inflation is a worldwide problem, and that any effective action to counteract it will require consultation and cooperation among all nations. The President hopes that, in identifying the international as well as the domestic aspects of the problem, the Conference on Inflation will further such a cooperative approach.

Please advise the Office of International Conferences, U.S. Department of State (tel. 632-1209 or 632-2510) of your plans to attend or to send a representative, so that the necessary arrangements can be made. You will then be advised concerning advance registration procedures. There will be a \$10 registration fee, which will cover the cost of the Friday luncheon at the Conference site. In view of the interest this important Conference has attracted among our friends abroad, we are delighted to be able to include observers from the diplomatic missions and international organizations, and hope you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

L. William Seidman  
Executive Director  
The Conference on Inflation

His Excellency  
Triloki Nath Kaul  
Ambassador of India  
2107 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.  
Washington, D.C. 20008

LWS





Department of State

9/20/74

EXECUTIVE

PP10-5

C066

TELEGRAM

(2)

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE 5417

PAGE 01 STATE 208682

10  
ORIGIN NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-20 NSC-07 CPR-02 PA-04 RSC-01

USIA-15 PRS-01 /067 R

DRAFTED BY TEXT RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE  
APPROVED BY ,NEA:LBLAINGEN  
NEA/INS:DKUX  
S/S:WHLUERS

R 202347Z SEP 74  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 208682

E.O. 11652: N/A (DECONTROL UPON DELIVERY)  
TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, IN  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE  
FROM FORMER INDIAN PRESIDENT V.V. GIRI

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO  
FORMER PRESIDENT OF INDIA V.V. GIRI FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. GIRI: YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND  
HEARTENING MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.  
YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE  
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED  
TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE  
FOR ALL MANKIND. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. FYI. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AUGUST 9 MESSAGE TO  
PRESIDENT FORD FROM FORMER PRESIDENT GIRI: QUOTE: I  
HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN SENDING YOUR EXCELLENCY THE WARM  
FELICITATIONS AND GREETINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE  
OF INDIA AS WELL AS MY OWN ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR  
ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE

CLIFT \_\_\_\_\_  
COOPER \_\_\_\_\_  
ELLIOTT \_\_\_\_\_  
FROEBE \_\_\_\_\_  
HOFAN \_\_\_\_\_  
KE \_\_\_\_\_  
LEHMAN \_\_\_\_\_  
LUDAL \_\_\_\_\_  
LOW \_\_\_\_\_  
OBER \_\_\_\_\_  
RATLIFF \_\_\_\_\_  
SMYSER \_\_\_\_\_  
SOLOMON \_\_\_\_\_  
STEARNS \_\_\_\_\_

098667

RECEIVED

OCT 11 1974

CENTRAL FILE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

gah

Received Sept. 29 1974  
EXECUTIVE  
ME/CO 66  
CO 66



AMBASSADOR OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

27th September 1974

Dear Mr. President,

I am directed by my President, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, to convey the following message from him to you:

"Please accept my sincere thanks for the kind message of greetings sent on my election as the President of India.

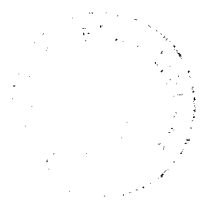
I share Your Excellency's confidence that in the years to come, relations between our two countries will continue to progress in the mutual benefit of our two peoples.

Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed".

With the assurances of my highest esteem,

(T.N. Kaul)  
Ambassador of India

Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States of America,  
The White House,  
WASHINGTON D.C.



RECEIVED  
OCT 2 1974  
CENTRAL FILES





Department of State

TELEGRAM

EXECUTIVE

PP10-5

CO66

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE 1864

PAGE 01 STATE 214233

47  
ORIGIN NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 EA-11 ISO-00 CPR-02 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 SS-20  
USIA-15 PRS-01 /078 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/INS:ROLORTON:MMK  
APPROVED BY NEA:BLAINGEN  
EA/PRCM:JTAYLOR  
NEA/INS:DKUX  
S/S: WHLUERS  
WHITE HOUSE - MR. OAKLEY

R 272320Z SEP 74  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
INFO USLO PEKING

051458

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 214233

E.O. 11652:IN/A

TAGS: SCUL

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO DALAI LAMA

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED PASS TEXT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM  
PRESIDENT FORD TO HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA:

2. QUOTE: I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL  
MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON MY ASSUMPTION OF THE  
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I INTEND TO  
CONTINUE THE WORK TOWARD BUILDING A LASTING STRUCTURE  
OF PEACE FOR THE WORLD. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.  
UNQUOTE.

3. TEXT OF DALAI LAMA'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD:  
QUOTE: PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON  
YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND MY PRAYERS FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH AND  
SUCCESS IN THE TREMENDOUS TASK THAT LIES AHEAD. SIGNED,

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE



# Department of State **TELEGRAM**

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 214233

THE DALAI LAMA UNQUOTE KISSINGER



LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

14  
EXECUTIVE

PP5-1

C066

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 15, 1974

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Mrs. Ford and I want you to know of our gratitude for your thoughtful expression of concern at this time of illness. The spirit of friendship which your message conveys is indeed a source of comfort that we deeply appreciate.

With our warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Gerard R. Ford*

His Excellency  
Triloki Nath Kaul  
Ambassador of India  
2700 Macomb Street, NW.  
Washington, D. C. 20008

*Ret well to FL*

*11-274/230*

*60-H*

*sent 10/22*



October 17, 1974

TUT1

PR16-1

FG164

ED6

C066

FG35

Dear Senator:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your and your colleagues' October 11 letter to the President expressing the hope that funds will be made available so that the ATS-F Prime satellite can be launched to replace the ATS-6, which will be moved to India at the end of this school year.

I have noted your strong interest in the continuation of the Health, Education and Telecommunications project which has been provided by the ATS-6, and I shall see that your letter is called to the early attention of the President. I also will be pleased to share a copy of your letter with his budgetary advisors, and I am sure that every consideration will be given to your request that the ATS-F Prime not be mothballed.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Tom C. Korologos  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Mike Gravel  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

bcc: Director Roy Ash w/inc. for further DIRECT reply  
Glenn Schleede w/inc. - FYI

TCK:EF:mlg

Thirteen (13) ltr are attached  
green copies used for name file



RECEIVED

OCT 20 1974

*gah*

# PRESS

EXECUTIVE (2)  
CO 66  
FG 11

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE



October 27, 1974

No. 444

EXCHANGE OF TOASTS  
BETWEEN  
HIS EXCELLENCY Y.B. CHAVAN  
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF INDIA  
AND THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
AT A DINNER HOSTED BY MR. CHAVAN  
NEW DELHI, INDIA  
OCTOBER 27, 1974



Minister Chavan

On behalf of the Government of India, I have great pleasure to extend a warm and cordial welcome to you and Mrs. Kissinger. I enjoyed meeting you in Washington a few weeks ago, and I am indeed happy that you were able to pay us an official visit and provide an opportunity to exchange views on important international problems and matters of bilateral interest.

India and the United States of America are both democratic countries with well established traditions of representative government, social responsibility and individual freedom. We have admired this creative genius of the American people and their contribution to human progress. We are confident that our two countries can work together to create a better world in which men and women can realize their potential both as individuals and useful citizens and contribute to the development of society and welfare of mankind. It is also a unique feature of our relations that, in spite of occasional differences, we have been able to maintain dialogue and contact at all times and at all levels. This provides a good basis for our working together in the future also to promote mutual understanding, international peace and progress.

Mr. Secretary, since your last visit to New Delhi, far-reaching changes have taken place in this region. Out of the agony of the Subcontinent, a new nation was born, underlining an historical truth that popular aspirations cannot be long suppressed. On the basis of the realities of the situation, we have been trying to build a new structure of peace, friendship and cooperation in this region. We note that your own country shares this view and has supported the Simla process of bilateral and peaceful normalization and reconciliation without external interference. It need hardly be stressed that peace is particularly essential to us and other countries of the region to meet the challenge of economic and social growth. We are fully conscious of our responsibilities and of the need to build friendship and cooperation with our neighbours. We have achieved this objective in our relations with most of our neighbours and hope to do the same with the remaining one or two governments.

CONFIDENTIAL

**For further information contact:**

-2-

Indo-American relations have improved in the last year or two. Although it would be idle to pretend that there are no differences between us, we both recognize the need for building up a mature and constructive relationship on the basis of equality, mutual respect and mutual benefit. There is potential for strengthening our relations and we look forward to our discussions with you on ways and means of furthering Indo-American understanding. In today's world, no country can remain isolated or become totally self sufficient in all its requirements. We are interested in promoting cooperation between India and America in various fields including trade, science, technology, education and culture. I am confident that our discussions will enable us not only to remove past misunderstandings but also generate momentum for a better, more mature and realistic relationship in the months and years ahead.

Mr. Secretary, you are not a newcomer to India. However, since this is Mrs. Kissinger's first visit to our country, may I wish her a cordial welcome and a most pleasant stay here. In drawing up your program, we have taken particular care to ensure that you, Mrs. Kissinger, have some opportunity to see a bit of India. We hope you will come again and see more of our country. And we hope you, Mr. Secretary, would also come with her.

Secretary Kissinger

Mr. Foreign Minister, Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am delighted to have been able to accept the invitation to visit your great country in order to renew longstanding friendships, to remove old misunderstandings, and to build a new and mature relationship. This trip has been prepared over a considerable period of time by your distinguished predecessor, and by the two indefatigable ambassadors that represent our two countries. As for our Ambassador, I would like to point out to you that those of his dispatches that appear in the New York Times are only the tip of the iceberg of what I have to contend with. And indeed what saves me from more exposure in the New York Times is the limitation of space which is inevitably imposed by a daily newspaper. But suffice it to say that our Ambassador to New Dehli never lets me forget for a moment how important our relationship is, and he has worked with great dedication sharing my own conviction, and President Ford's conviction, of the importance that we attach to close ties with India. As for your Ambassador, my friend Tikki Kaul, he checks on me periodically, but I would like to request of you, Mr. Foreign Minister, that you change his instructions so that he needs to call on me only twice a week to make sure that I am not tilting the wrong way. I would like to pay tribute to his friendship and to his dedication.

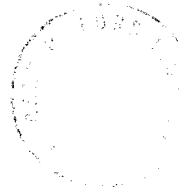
In the United States in recent years, just as has India, we have had to make many adjustments to new conditions. We are interested in building a worldwide structure of peace in which all the nations feel they have a sense of participation, and a structure of peace which transcends the antagonisms of the period of the Cold War and tries to draw on the dedication of all parts of the world. In this structure of peace, the structure of peace in the Subcontinent to which the Foreign Minister has referred plays, of course, a crucial role. The United States strongly supports the Simla process. The United States feels that the development of peace in the Subcontinent, free of outside interference, on the basis of equality and negotiation, is an essential precondition to peace in the world. And our relationship prospers to the precise extent that this process has taken root and has continued. The Foreign Minister pointed out India's desire to extend cooperative relationships with the United States in many fields. We reciprocate this feeling, and in the work

-3-

which we will do here, in the institutions which we plan to create, we see but the beginning of further cooperative ventures to the joint benefit of both of our nations, of the peoples of the Subcontinent, and all of the people in the world.

I look forward very much to my talks here with the Prime Minister, with the Foreign Minister, and with his colleagues. I want you to know that I come here with good will to contribute to the building of a strong relationship between two great democracies sharing many similar ideals, two democracies, which, whatever their occasional differences on particular issues, have a common interest in a peaceful world, in a developing world, and in a cooperative world. It is with this attitude that my colleagues and I will conduct our talks, it is in this spirit that I would like to propose a toast to the Foreign Minister and to friendship between the Indian and American people.

\* \* \* \*



*gah*

①  
EXECUTIVE

CO 66

*Kaul, T. N.*

4561

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

TO NSC/S

11/4/74

The attached pro forma message from the new President of India and transmittal note can be closed out. Action taken in that President Ford sent a congratulatory message to new Indian President. State concurs.

*RM*  
Rosemary Niehuss







561  
AMBASSADOR OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

30th September 1974

Dear Mr. President,

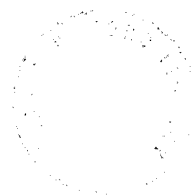
I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from the President of India on the occasion of his assumption of office.

With respectful regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.N. Kaul', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

(T.N. Kaul)



Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States of America,  
The White House,  
WASHINGTON D.C.



राष्ट्रपति भवन नई दिल्ली-110004  
RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN NEW DELHI-110004  
INDIA

## संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका के महामान्य राष्ट्रपति

श्रेष्ठ और शुभ मित्र,

मैं आप महामान्य को यह सूचित करने में अपने को गौरवान्वित समझता हूँ कि भारत के संविधान के अनुसार निर्वाचित होकर मैंने 24 अगस्त 1974 को भारत के राष्ट्रपति का पद ग्रहण किया है।

मैं आप महामान्य को विश्वास दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि मेरी यह हार्दिक आकांक्षा है कि हमारे दोनों देशों के बीच वर्तमान मैत्री एवं सौहार्दपूर्ण संबंध बने रहें और सुदृढ़ हों। मुझे इसका भरोसा है कि भारत की जनता ने जो दायित्व मेरे ऊपर डाला है, उसे निभाने में आप महामान्य का सहयोग और सद्भाव मुझको प्राप्त होता रहेगा।

आपके देश में भारत के राजनयिक प्रतिनिधि को यह पत्र आपके पास पहुंचाने का काम सौंपा गया है। वे अपने वर्तमान पद पर कार्य करते रहेंगे। मुझे आशा है कि आप महामान्य की सरकार, पहले की ही भांति, उन्हें समस्त आवश्यक सुविधायें देती रहेगी जिससे वे अपना कार्य-संपादन कर सकें।

इस अवसर पर मैं आपके राष्ट्र की समृद्धि तथा आप महामान्य की व्यक्तिगत प्रसन्नता के लिए अपनी हार्दिक शुभकामनायें व्यक्त करता हूँ।



फखरुद्दीन अहमद  
भारत का राष्ट्रपति

स्वर्ण सिंह  
विदेश मंत्री

नई दिल्ली

2 भाद्र 1896 (शक)

24 अगस्त 1974



राष्ट्रपति भवन नई दिल्ली-110004  
RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN NEW DELHI-110004  
INDIA

To

His Excellency the President of the United States of America.

GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have assumed the office of President of India on the 24th August, 1974 by virtue of my election to it in accordance with the Constitution of India.

I wish to assure Your Excellency that it is my earnest desire to maintain and strengthen the existing relations of friendship and concord between our two countries. I trust that I may continue to count upon Your Excellency's co-operation and goodwill in the performance of the duties entrusted to me by the people of India.

The diplomatic representative of India to your country, who has been entrusted with the duty of transmitting this communication, will continue to function in his present capacity. I entertain the hope that Your Excellency's Government will, as before, extend to him all necessary facilities for the performance of his mission.

I avail myself of the opportunity to convey my best wishes for the prosperity of your nation and for Your Excellency's personal happiness.

FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED  
*President of India*

SWARAN SINGH  
*Minister for External Affairs*

New Delhi,  
2nd Bhadra, 1896 (Saka).  
24th August, 1974.



## NSC CORRESPONDENCE PROFILE

DOC		RECD		LOG NBR		INITIAL ACTION NO	
MO	DA	MO	DA	HR			
9	30	10	3	14	1740	4561	<i>Cakley</i>

SOURCE/CLASS/DESCRIPTION

TO: PRES

FROM: KISSINGER, H

S/S

REFERENCE:

CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE

KISSINGER

COLBY, W

OTHER

UNCLAS

LOG IN/OUT

SCOWCROFT

SCHLESINGER, J

LOU

NO FORN

DAVIS

ST EX SEC

C

EYES ONLY EXDIS

S

CODEWORD

TS

SENSITIVE

SUBJECT

*Guid ltr to Pres from F. A. Fitzmaurice  
John re his assumption to office*

DISTRIBUTION/INITIAL ACTION ASGMT

## INTERNAL ROUTING AND DISTRIBUTION

ACTION

INFO

REC  
CY  
FOR

## ACTION REQUIRED

ADVANCE CYS TO HAK/SCOWCROFT

STAFF SECRETARY

FAR EAST

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

MID EAST / NO. AFRICA / SO. ASIA

EUROPE / CANADA

LATIN AMERICA

UNITED NATIONS

ECONOMIC

SCIENTIFIC

PROGRAM ANALYSIS

NSC PLANNING

CONGRESSIONAL

OCEANS POLICY

INTELLIGENCE

MEMO FOR HAK

MEMO FOR PRES

REPLY FOR

APPROPRIATE ACTION

MEMO TO

RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT MEMO

REFER TO FOR:

ANY ACTION NECESSARY?

CONCURRENCE

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)

*Index: T.A. Paul*

SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTIONS

DATE

FROM

TO

S

SUBSEQUENT ACTION REQUIRED (OR TAKEN):

CY TO

*11/5/74 Nichols NSC/SC Close out per note. Rosemary*

NSC/S DISP INSTR

DISPATCH

CY RQMTS: SEE ABOVE PLUS:

NOTIFY &amp; DATE

BY

SPECIAL DISPOSITION:

CROSS REF W/

SUSPENSE CY ATTACHED:

FOLDER:

MICROFILM &amp; FILE RQMTS:

M/F'D BY

CRT ID:

OPEN

CLOSE

SA

SF

HP

NS

WH

EP

PA

DY

(NBC-74-21)  
533-147



17

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

EXECUTIVE

DATE 12/31/74

HE 5-1

CO 66

FG 17

CM 28

RS 3

TA 4/28

ND 4-2

PR 5-2

~~LETTER, MEMO, ETC.~~

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROY ASH

SUBJECT: Medicinal Opiate Requirements



CORRESPONDENCE FILED CENTRAL FILES - CONFIDENTIAL FILE

SPECIAL FILES

EXECUTIVE

GTZ  
CO 66

January 22, 1975

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I want to thank you for the generous shipment of tea which you so kindly sent during the Holidays. Mrs. Ford and I were most pleased to be remembered with a sample of this special product of India and the hand-carved chest which held your gift is a fine example of the artistry of your fellow countrymen. Your thoughtfulness added greatly to our celebration.

With warm best wishes for the year ahead.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

2107 Massachusetts Avenue,  
Washington, D. C. 20008

His Excellency

Triloki Nath Kaul

Ambassador of India

2107 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.

Washington, D. C. 20008

RECEIVED

JAN 23 1975

CENTRAL FILE

GRF/mfw/mh/NSC/RLE/mw

GIFT





Department of State

TELEGRAM

January 25, 1975

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5030

PAGE 01 STATE 018363

43

ORIGIN NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 NSC-05 PA-01 CPR-01 SSO-00 NSCE-00  
PRS-01 USIE-00 RSC-01 /034 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/INS:JNACH  
APPROVED BY NEA:LBLAINGEN  
NEA/INS:OKUX  
S/S-MRS DENHAM  
S/S-MR. MOFFAT  
WHITE HOUSE:MR. OAKLEY  
DESIRED DISTRIBUTION  
PA

0 251724Z JAN 75  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

040403



LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 018363

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDEV, IN

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD FOR PRESIDENT AHMED

REF: NEW DELHI 1040

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED PASS TEXT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM  
PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT AHMED:

2. QUOTE: I AM SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE SERIOUS LOSS  
OF LIFE AND DAMAGE TO VILLAGES IN INDIA'S HIMALAYAN  
REGION RESULTING FROM THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE AND CONTINUING  
TERRORS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JOIN ME IN THIS  
EXPRESSION OF SINCERE SYMPATHY TO YOU AND TO THE INDIAN  
PEOPLE. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY OUR  
CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES. SINCERELY,

FEB 22 1975

CENTRAL FILES

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

10-T earthquake



*Department of State* **TELEGRAM**

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 018383

GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL



11a C6

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

EXECUTIVE

DATE 1/27/75

CO 66  
PR 7-1  
CO 115  
FO 2/CO 66  
Diego Garcia  
Bhutto, Zulfikar Ali  
(Prime Minister)

~~LETTER, MEMO, ETC.~~ BRIEFING PAPER

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Meeting with Daniel P. Moynihan, Former US  
Ambassador to India, 1/27/75



CORRESPONDENCE FILED CENTRAL FILES - CONFIDENTIAL FILE

SPECIAL FILES

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

11b  
C. F.  
CO 66

~~SECRET/EXDIS~~

MEETING WITH DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN  
FORMER US AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

Monday, January 27, 1975  
11:30 a.m. (30 minutes)  
The Oval Office

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HB*

I. PURPOSE

This will be an opportunity for you to personally thank Ambassador Moynihan for his excellent service as the US Ambassador to India since early 1973 and to receive his personal views on India and the US-Indian relationship.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

A. Background: US relations with India have improved substantially over the last year and one half, from an all-time low following the Indo/Pak war in 1971 to the current reasonably satisfactory level. My discussions in New Delhi in October marked a turning point in this process. Foreign Minister Chavan will come to Washington in March on a visit which will include a meeting of the Joint Commission. Prime Minister Gandhi has also invited you to visit India this year. [You have also been invited to Pakistan.]

The basis for a durable and more mature relationship, however, remains tentative. Given the potential for serious policy differences, we will do well to maintain the current satisfactory plateau. India's nuclear test has made it even more important to maintain a good relationship, in the hope of influencing it to play a responsible nuclear

~~SECRET/EXDIS~~

DECLASSIFIED  
E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5  
NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines  
By *lit*, NARA, Date *9/99*

role and to cooperate in a multilateral system of nuclear export controls. Our policy has been to acknowledge India as the pre-eminent power on the subcontinent while encouraging it to show restraint toward its neighbors. Our objective is to move the Indians somewhat away from the Soviets while promoting greater regional stability.

Bilaterally, the major current issue in Indian eyes remains our South Asian arms supply policy. In anticipation of your meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Bhutto next week (February 5), this policy is being reviewed, weighing the disadvantages of lifting the embargo in terms of US-Indian relations against the advantages of doing so in terms of the US-Pakistani relationship and our interest in keeping Pakistan on its present political course. Ambassador Moynihan strongly believes that a change in the arms policy at this time would not be in the US interest. He is also concerned about plans for improving US facilities on Diego Garcia.

On the economic side, relations have improved, especially since Ambassador Moynihan negotiated a settlement of our massive rupee holdings (signed February 1974). The Indians are interested in large-scale food assistance and in debt rescheduling but have not yet used \$50 million in development lending approved by Congress. We plan for a substantial PL 480 package (perhaps 750,000 tons). India is currently our largest commercial buyer of wheat and has purchased substantial amounts of fertilizer.

B. Participants: Ambassador Moynihan

C. Press Arrangements: The meeting will be announced; White House photo session at the beginning of the meeting.

### III. TALKING POINTS

1. I want to express my appreciation and respect for the way in which you have handled our relations with India over the past two years.





2. I would be interested in your assessment of Indian leadership and of what measures might be productive in building a more durable and mature relationship between India and the United States.
3. What are your views on the U.S. arms supply policy in the subcontinent? Our current policy is intolerable to the Paks and represents an anomaly, particularly in view of India's arms industry and access to Soviet weapons. Is there a way, in your judgment, in which we can respond to Pakistan's interest without threatening the Simla process and ruining our relationship with India?
4. I would also be interested on how you would expect India's relations with the Soviet Union and with the PRC to develop.
5. On economic issues, we believe that there is potential for a growing relationship based on private investments. We are willing to help with food aid to the extent possible and believe we will be able to fund as much as 750,000 tons of grain during this fiscal year.
6. We will miss you. I hope that I can call on you for your wise counsel in the months and years ahead.



(8)

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

EXECUTIVE

DATE 2/20/75

FO 3-2

FG 20

PR 5-2

*CM20-3*

CO 66

~~FG 11~~

AG 7

FG 16

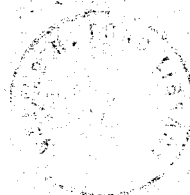
Harding, Ralph (former Rep.)

~~LETTER, MEMO, ETC.~~

TO: MIKE DUVAL

FROM: JERRY JONES

SUBJECT: Dehydrated Potatoes



CORRESPONDENCE FILED CENTRAL FILES - CONFIDENTIAL FILE

SPECIAL FILES



AMBASSADOR OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 11, 1975

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to convey the following message from the President of India, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, addressed to you:

"New Delhi  
March 4, 1975


Dear Mr. President,

The people of India join me in thanking Your Excellency and the people of the United States of America for the warm message of felicitations on the occasion of our Republic Day. I share with Your Excellency the hope that the friendship and cooperation existing between our two countries will be further developed and consolidated in the years to come.

2. Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your personal health and happiness and for the prosperity of the people of the United States of America.

FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED"

With the assurances of my highest esteem,

  
(T.N. Kaul)

Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,  
President of the United States of America

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

EXECUTIVE

DATE 3/11/75

ME 3-3/CO 115

CO 115

CO 66

~~ND 20~~

ND 20-1/CO 115

FO 3-2

TA 3

~~LETTER, MEMO, ETC.~~

CABLE

TO: AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

FROM: SECSTATE

SUBJECT: Message from President Ford to Prime Minister  
Zulfikar Ali Bhutto re decision of U.S. to lift  
embargo on arms supplies to Pakistan and India

CORRESPONDENCE FILED CENTRAL FILES - CONFIDENTIAL FILE

SPECIAL FILES

BM  
MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR WARREN RUSTAND

THROUGH: SALLY QUENNEVILLE  
FROM: Jeanne W. Davis  
SUBJECT: Proposed Foreign Travel  
of Administration Official

To confirm our telephone conversation, the NSC Staff and the Department of State concur in the proposed travel of Mr. W. J. Usery, Jr., Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to New Delhi, India, Frankfurt, Germany, Tokyo, Japan and Hong Kong during the period of March 17 through March 28, 1975.

1554

EXECUTIVE

F08

C066

C053-2

C075

C063

FG127

B/B

EXECUTIVE

F08

C066

C053-2

C075

C063

FG127

6

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

HONORABLE W. J. USERY, JR.  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL MEDIATION AND  
CONCILIATION SERVICE

Per my office call of March 17, this memorandum will serve as confirmation for the official record that we did receive your foreign travel itinerary for your trip to visit New Delhi, India; Frankfurt, Germany; Tokyo, Japan; and Hong Kong during the period of March 17-28, 1975.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a most successful trip.

Warren S. Rustand  
Appointments Secretary  
to the President

EXECUTIVE

C066

To Kising  
3.20.75  
RR

1975 MAR 20 PM 5 13

WHITE HOUSE  
MAIL ROOM

WHB003 WAA030(0708)(1-076131G078)PD 03/19/75 0706

ICS IPMIIHA IISS

SUSPECTED DUPLICATE

IISS FM WUI 19 0706

PMS WASHINGTON DC

UWE8860 LNL184 OMU847X NLA029 NDS517/18

UWWA HL INND 040

NEW DELHI 40 18 1800

LT

H E PRESIDENT FORD THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC USA

UNITED STATES PRESTIGE LESS THAN DIRT HERE THEREFORE MY REQUEST MUST

BE SETTLED IN NEXT FEW DAYS DOT

HSHTC PRINCESS VIJAYA RK OF NABHA ONE SIXTY THREE

JORBAGH VERY NEWDELHI

COL LT

RECEIVED

MAR 21 1975

CENTRAL FILES

RETR MSG

NNN

NNNN





(21) +

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

EXECUTIVE

DATE 3/24/75

~~LETTER, MEMO, ETC.~~

TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Determination No. 75-11,  
Determination under Section 502(b) of  
the Trade Act of 1974

FO 3-2  
FG 31  
FG 11  
CO 3  
CO 9  
CO 174  
CO 19  
CO 30  
CO 37  
CO 42  
CO 159  
CO 46  
CO 48  
CO 66  
CO 103  
CO 115  
CO 141  
CO 146  
CO 147  
CO 36  
CO 31  
TA

CORRESPONDENCE FILED CENTRAL FILES - CONFIDENTIAL FILE

SPECIAL FILES

BB

10

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

DATE

5/1/75

LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO:

Brent Scowcroft

FROM:

Jerry Jones

SUBJECT:

Sec. Simon's Report to the President  
on 3 week Trip

EXECUTIVE

F08

FG12

FG6-6

C050

C0158

C066

C031

C0120

IT2

ST51-1

ST11

CORRESPONDENCE FILED CENTRAL FILES - CONFIDENTIAL FILE

EXECUTIVE

TR  
CO 66  
CO 115

Central Files

File: President's Proposed trip  
to India and Pakistan

May 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: JIM SHUMAN

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED TRIP TO  
INDIA AND PAKISTAN

In planning the proposed trip to the subcontinent, you might want to consider having President Ford visit one of the works of the Indus Waters Project in Pakistan. Aside from my personal enthusiasm for this mammoth river development scheme, it is noteworthy for several reasons:

+An outstanding example of international co-operation.  
The treaty which led to its construction has survived two wars and the deep hatred between India and Pakistan. And money for the project came from the World Bank, ten developed nations and India. The United States contributed more than \$500 million and U.S. contractors and technical expertise were used extensively.

+A successful economic aid project. Indus is little known to the general public, but it is the best example of aid money well spent, for it literally saved West Pakistan from extinction.

+Model for others. Plans are already underway to develop several other international river basins - Mekong, Zambesi, Ganges, Tigris and Euphrates - using the Indus as the model.

RECEIVED

MAY 7 1975

CENTRAL FILES

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503  
May 7, 1975

3184 (3)  
EXECUTIVE

TAI  
C0115  
C566  
FG6-16

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

To: Legislative Liaison Officer  
National Security Council  
Arms Control and Disarmament Agency  
Department of Defense  
Agency for International Development

Subject: S.Con.Res. 21 expressing the sense of the Congress  
that the U.S. embargo against the shipment of arms  
to Pakistan and India should be reinstituted  
without delay.

The Office of Management and Budget would appreciate  
receiving the views of your agency on the above subject  
before advising on its relationship to the program of the  
President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

\*xx\* To permit expeditious handling, it is requested  
that your reply be made within 30 days.

( ) Special circumstances require priority treatment  
and accordingly your views are requested by

Questions should be referred to Bob Mantel  
(103 x3920 ) or to George R. Gilbert (103 x4710 ),  
the legislative analyst in this office.

James F. C. Hyde, Jr. for  
Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference

Enclosures