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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 4, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from President to the Indian Foreign Minister

The Department recommends that the attached letter (Tab 1) to the Indian Foreign Minister, signed by the President November 18 (received in the Department November 29), be revised.

The letter expresses thanks for a gift left by Chavan when he saw the President October 7 and also makes some positive remarks relating to the Joint Commission and possible U.S. economic assistance to India. The recent upsurge of criticism of the U.S. in India as well as uncertain Indian intentions vis a vis Bangladesh suggest that a Presidential letter at this time should be more cautious, especially with regard to any indication of future economic assistance. Accordingly, we recommend that the President simply thank Chavan for the gift and not make any comments of a substantive character. We have drafted a revised message (at Tab 2) along these lines. If approved, we recommend that it be transmitted telegraphically.

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- 1. Letter signed November 18.
- 2. Draft cable.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 18, 1975

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Minister of External Affairs of India

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Sincerely,



His Excellency Y. B. Chavan Minister of External Affairs of India New Delhi

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November 17, 1975

To: Roland L. Elliott

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Thanks,

Marge Wickiein

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His Excellency
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Minister of External Affairs of India
New Delhi

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Dear Mr. Minister:

Recalling our recent meeting in Washington, I want to thank you for your thoughtful presentation of the "Dancer." This fine example of India's artistry shall serve as a permanent reminder of your visit to our Capitol and you have my deep appreciation.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Jeanne Davis

FROM:

Marge Wicklein

The attached draft is submitted to you for approval or for whatever changes you deem necessary. Please verify the salutation and address and return it to me and I will run it by Roland Elliott for review prior to final typing.

Draft acknowledgment to:

His Excellency Y. B. Chavan Minister of External Affairs of India New Delhi muze

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Dear Mr. Minister:

I was pleased to welcome you to the White House during your visit to the United States, and I want to thank you for the painting entitled "Dancer" that you presented at that time. This work which is a reproduction of the original in the Ajanta Caves reflects the rich cultural heritage and artistic craftsmanship of the Indian people and will herve as a lasting reminder of our meeting.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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His Excellency
Y. B. Chavan
Minister of External Affairs of India
New Delhi

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 8, 1975

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December 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MARGE WICKLEIN

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for JEANNE W. DAVIS

FROM:

ROBERT B. OAKLEY

SUBJECT:

Revised Presidential Letter to Indian Foreign Minister Chavan

As discussed with you, State, in the attached memo, recommends against the signed Presidential letter to the Indian Foreign Minister. I concur in their recommendation that the letter be revised. At Tab A is a new suggested text which we understand you will prepare on green for the President's signature.

We recommend this be done as quickly as possible. (State only received the original green letter this week so there has been alot of delay.)

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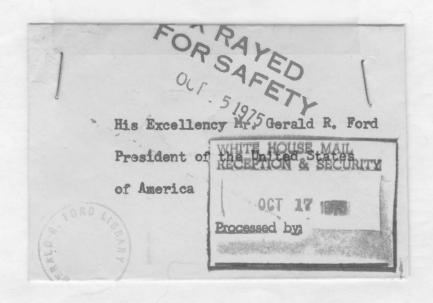
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October 6, 1975

MEETING WITH Y.B. CHAVAN, FOREIGN MINISTER OF INDIA [Addressed as Mr. Minister]

Monday, October 6 4 p.m. (30 minutes, no translation) The Oval Office

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

I. PURPOSE

To lend impetus to our long-term objective of developing more constructive relations with India as well as reinforcing with India our basic policy supporting normalization of relationships among the countries of the Sub-Continent. This is your first meeting with a high-ranking Indian official in over a year (you met with then-Foreign Minister Swaran Singh last September).

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

A. Background: Chavan has come to Washington to attend a U.S.-Indian Joint Commission meeting, rescheduled after the Indians cancelled the meeting last spring in reaction to our lifting of the South Asian arms embargo. Mrs. Gandhi hopes that U.S. policy will continue to recognize India's pre-emient position in South Asia, and that our great power interests and arms supply policy for the area will not adversely affect Indian interests.

The Indians asked for this meeting. Their initiative must be seen against developments over the past year--since we agreed last fall to begin a serious dialogue of improving our relationship. Chavan will be preoccupied with (1) the U.S. reaction to India's imposition of a state of emergency; (2) your possible travel to India; (3) U.S. arms to Pakistan; and (4) obtaining additional economic assistance.

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Subject to GDS of E.O. 11652 Automatically Downgraded at Two Year Intervals and Declassified on December 31, 1985 Since Mrs. Gandhi invoked the emergency provisions of the Indian Constitution June 26, she has been in complete control. Most opposition leaders are in jail and the press is censored. Her call for discipline and greater efforts to get the economy going have so far struck a responsive chord among numerous segments in Indian society. Good summer rains and a sharp drop in inflation point to a much improved short-term economic outlook, but the longer-term prognosis remains poor.

Two developments would appear to have heightened Indian interest in better relations with the U.S.: (a) The declaration of emergency in India cast a negative glow over its "democratic" image; a positive U.S. attitude thus becomes more important to offset both domestic and international criticism. (b) The coup in Bangladesh and the potential for an increase in pro-Pakistani and pro-Chinese influence there introduced a new element of fluidity in the South Asian situation which the Indians view as potentially disadvantageous to their interests and "pre-eminent role". A more positive relationship with the U.S. would help neutralize these negative factors.

1. U.S. Global and South Asia Policies

The Indians fear that our good relations with China and renewed arms relationship with Pakistan damage their interests. The slowdown by Pakistan in the Simla process of reconciliation with Pakistan and the August coup in Bangladesh have increased their anxieties.

India's concerns are exaggerated. We are willing to live with the reality of India's pre-eminent position on the Sub-Continent. We are not trying to undercut India's military predominance on the Sub-Continent. We have humanitarian not political interests in Bangladesh and no intention of supporting any third country efforts to use Bangladesh to disrupt India's sphere of influence. On the other hand, we wish India to be conciliatory toward Pakistan and not overreact toward Bangladesh.

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2. The Indian Emergency

Mrs. Gandhi is hyper-sensitive to foreign criticism of her departure from the democratic path. The Indians have reacted sharply to U.S. disapproval of the imposition of emergency powers. Chavan will try to justify the emergency, emphasizing that Mrs. Gandhi has acted within the letter of the Indian Constitution and that since Parliament has approved the emergency, India is still democratic. We have emphasized that we are not interfering in any way in their internal affairs.

3. Non-aligned Issues

A charter member of the non-aligned, India has in the past usually yielded to the more radical elements. However, of late the Indians have become increasingly responsive to reasonable proposals. For the most part, India supported U.S. position at the UNGA Special Session. India also supported us against the non-aligned radicals on the Puerto Rico and Israeli suspension issues.

4. Bilateral Economic Issues

As a result of raising costs of fuel, fertilizer and food imports, India's economic prospects look grim. With unaccustomed frankness, they have asked for a resumption of economic aid and for a high level of PL-480 wheat (2 million tons).

We have programmed \$76 million for economic assistance in FY 76 but plan to wait until Congress completes the legislative process before starting aid talks with the Indians. On the food side, we are not certain at this point how much PL-480 wheat can be offered. Originally we had programmed 500,000 tons of Title I wheat as well as 250,000 tons of Title II commodities.

5. Indian Nuclear Policies

The Indian nuclear test was a serious setback to global non-proliferation efforts, but has had relatively little strategic significance. We have no hard evidence the Indians are at present engaged in developing nuclear weapons.

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The Indians have been resentful of foreign criticism of their nuclear test, but generally appreciate the restraint which the USG has shown. We have geen quietly urging them to adopt responsive policies against the export of sensitive nuclear equipment and technology as part of our broader non-proliferation efforts.

6. Joint Commission

The Indo-U.S. Joint Commission was established during my visit to New Delhi in October 1974. While some modest work has been accomplished, the importance of the Commission lies in the fact that it provides a tangible sign of our mutual interest in trying to develop a more productive long-term relationship, particularly in the private business sector.

- B. <u>Participants</u>: Foreign Minister Chavan, Foreign Secretary Kewal Singh, Henry A. Kissinger and Brent Scowcroft.
- C. <u>Press Arrangements</u>: Press photo session at the beginning of the meeting; short summary statement for the press following the meeting.

III. TALKING POINTS:

- 1. I welcome this opportunity to review U.S.-Indian relations. We seek good relations with India and we are pleased that you are here to assist in this process and to attend the Joint Commission meeting. We hope your visit will be a productive one.
- 2. On the U.S. side, our policy remains unchanged:
 - --Our objective is the peace and stability of South Asia. The nations of the area should be at liberty to pursue their own interests and solve their own problems free from outside interference.
 - --We recognize the current power relationships in the area, including the pre-eminent role played by India. We do not intend to upset these relationships. We seek good relations with India as well as with all of the states in the area.
 - --Our <u>arms sales policy</u> in South Asia has been clearly defined to reflect our interest in South Asian stability. The nature of the arms sales we will make to Pakistan will reflect this. Our own interests lie in the stability of the region.

- --Our policies of detente with <u>China and the Soviet Union</u> are paralleled by our desire to see the nations of South Asia tackle their problems without great power interference.
- --We recognize the importance of the Simla process as the best means of promoting stability in the area. We strongly encourage your efforts to work with Pakistan as well as with Bangladesh. This is a process which we encourage with all three states.
- 3. With respect to Bangladesh, the U.S. was saddened by the violent change of government and the death of Mujib Rahman. We want good relations with the new Government and hope it will continue to have very good relations with India. India, as the major power, has important responsibilities for regional stability. We want to work with your Government to ensure that regional stability is not upset by such developments as the change in government in Dacca or tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- 4. We are prepared to do our best in providing <u>economic</u> assistance including food and development loans. For Congressional reasons it is preferable to defer the start of aid talks until after the FY 76 aid bill passes.
- 5. India and the U.S. have much to gain in tackling together international problems, especially those troubling the Third World. We appreciate India's role in non-aligned councils and we would like to work more closely with India on these matters.
- 6. One other area of concern is the problem of <u>nuclear</u>
 <u>proliferation</u>. We have been working very seriously on
 this, both with the suppliers and the consumers. We
 hope we can work closely with India in the regional context.
- 7. As you know, we have been heavily engaged in assisting the parties toward a just and peaceful resolution of the Middle East situation. We appreciate the support you personally have expressed for the success of the new accord. We are determined to make further progress.

8. Please convey my regrads to Prime Minister Gandhi. I look forward to a personal meeting with her. My schedule for the remainder of the year is full but I appreciate her kind invitation to visit India, as soon as my schedule permits.

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Indo-U.S. Joint Commission Schedule for October 6-7, 1975 Meeting

Monday, October 6

- 11:00 a.m. Plenary Session of the Joint Commission chaired by the Secretary and Foreign Minister, Deputy Secretary's Conference Room, 7th Floor.
- 11:30 a.m. Secretary and Foreign Minister retire to the Secretary's office for bilateral talks.

Plenary Session of Joint Commission continues with Under Secretary Robinson and Educational and Cultural Subcommission Co-Chairman G. Parthasarathi in chair.

- 12:30 p.m. Foreign Minister lunches at the National Press Club.
- 3:00 p.m. Minister calls on Secretary Butz at the Department of Agriculture.
- 4:00 p.m. Minister calls on President Ford at the White House.
- 5:00 p.m. Minister calls on Secretary Simon at the Treasury. (Tentative)

Under Secretary Robinson and G. Parthasarathi meet for final review of Agreed Minute and Communique.

8:30 p.m. Minister hosts dinner in honor of the Secretary. Place: Indian Ambassador's Residence, 2700 Macomb Street, N.W.

Tuesday, October 7

- 9:30 a.m. Minister meets with House International Relations Committee, Room 2200, Rayburn House Office Building.
- 12:45 p.m. Secretary and Minister sign Agreed Minute in Public Ceremony, Outer lobby, 7th Floor.
- 1:00 p.m. Secretary hosts lunch for Minister, Jefferson Room, 8th Floor.

- 3:30 p.m. Minister meets with Senate Foreign Relations Committee over coffee, Room S-116, the Capitol.
- 6:00 p.m. Ambassador Kaul hosts reception for the American delegation at his residence, 2700 Macomb Street, N.W.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

WARREN RUSTANDUGE

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 by 4:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

Meeting:

Indian Foreign Minister Chavan

Date:

Monday, Oct. 6

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Duration:

30 minutes

1975

Location:

The Oval Office

Press Coverage:

Purpose: Chavan will be in Washington to attend first meeting of the INDO-U.S. Joint Commission.

cc:

Mr. Hartmann

Mr. Marsh

Mr. Cheney

Dr. Connor

Mrs. Davis

Dr. Hoopes

Mr. Jones

Mr. Nessen

Mr. O'Donnell

Mrs. Yates



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Date: 12/23/75

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL NICHOLSON

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THROUGH:

NANCY GEMMELL

FROM:

Jeanne W. Dav

SUBJECT:

Proposed Foreign Travel of Administration Official

(X) The NSC Staff and the Department of State concur in the proposed foreign travel of Russell. W. Peterson, provided he stays in close touch with the State Department regarding his South Asian stops, and particularly Bangladesh given the recent troubles there.

() Other

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

DATE 12/23/75

LEFTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO: N5C/5

SUBJECT: Messages to Mrs. Gandhi and Prime Minister Bhutto

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 23, 1975

FOR NSC/S

We recently received a xeroxed comeback copy on the attached package indicating that General Scowcroft made a decision (page 2) of our memo that no messages should go to either Mrs. Gandi (10g 6803) or to Prime Minister Bhutto (log 5743 Addon#3).

However, the original package was never returned to us so it must still be across the street. When you find the original package, you can close these actions out.

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ACTION October 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

ROBERT B. OAKLEY

SUBJECT:

Presidential Message to Mrs. Gandhi

As a follow-on to the President's recent meeting with Indian Foreign Minister Chavan, State has suggested that the President send a brief message to Mrs. Gandhi. Tab I suggests this to the President.

To put this proposed message in perspective, however, I want to note that you have decided that the proposed reply by the President to Prime Minister Bhutto's message of August 17 (Tab II) is not necessary, in view of his recent meeting with Aziz Ahmed. The President received an earlier message from Bhutto on June 13, as did you, and you replied covering both of these. The Pakistanis understood this and Bhutto even remarked to Ambassador Byroade that he regretted sending his two messages of June 13 (an outgrowth of your talks in Ankara in May with Aziz Ahmed). The Pakistanis, however, have not said the same about Bhutto's August 17 message and you indicated, in a message to Bhutto, that the President would be replying when you discussed his message following your return from the Middle East.

We need not be totally "even-handed" with the Pakistanis and the Indians. On the one hand, the President's meeting with Aziz Ahmed more or less took care of Bhutto's letter of August 17 and they have not asked about a formal written reply from the President. On the other hand, it would be realistic to assume that the Indians will make known the fact that the President has written to Mrs. Gandhi in a period in which the Indians are playing up "support" for the emergency. This could raise questions in the Pakistani mind since Bhutto has written the President twice without a reply.

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Subject to GDS of E.O. 11652 Automatically Downgraded at Two Year Intervals and Declassified on December 31, 1981. There are several options for dealing with this potential problem:

- 1. Going ahead with the message to Mrs. Gandhi (Tab I) regardless of the Pak reaction and forgetting any written Presidential reply to Bhutto's August 17 message.
- 2. Messages to both Bhutto and Gandhi.
- 3. Forget a message to Mrs. Gandhi as well as a message to Bhutto.
- 4. Send the message to Mrs. Gandhi now (Tab I) but you send a message to Bhutto reporting on your trip to China and telling him the President will write after his China trip.

RECOMMENDATION: That you indicate your preference for the following:

APPROVE OPTION (1) Go ahead with the message for Mrs. Gandhi (forward memo at Tab I to President) but no reply to Bhutto.

APPROVE OPTION (2) Send messages to both Bhutto and Gandhi (forward memo at Tab I).

APPROVE OPTION (3) No messages to either Gandhi or Bhutto.

APPROVE OPTION (4) Send message to Mrs. Gandhi (forward memo at Tab I) but draft message telling Bhutto that the President will reply after his China trip.



THE WHITE HOUSE

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CONFIDENTIAL (GDS)

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT:

Message to Prime Minister

Gandhi of India

You will recall your recent meeting with Indian Foreign Minister Chavan, who was in Washington for the meeting of the Indo-US Joint Commission. The fact that the Indians went through with this Joint Commission meeting—having postponed it earlier this year—was one further signal of the Indian interest in moving forward with a dialogue with the US. I believe that it is in our interest to maintain the momentum of the Chavan visit and there will be progress in the work of the Commission.

I believe that the Chavan visit would be an appropriate occasion for a message from you to Prime Minister Gandhi. This would be an opportunity to lend further impetus to the dialogue on our bilateral relationship and would follow-up your talks with the Foreign Minister. A proposed letter to Mrs. Gandhi is at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the letter to Mrs. Gandhi at Tab A. (Text coordinated with Mr. Theis' office.)



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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.4 (b) White House Guide Lines, Feb. 24, 1983

By ______ NARS, Date 2 28 84

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Dear Madame Prime Minister:

I would like you to know how much I enjoyed meeting with Minister Chavan during his visit to Washington. We had a constructive exchange of views on matters of mutual interest to our countries. I believe his presence here and the friendly and comprehensive discussions which I and my colleagues had with him and other members of your Government will contribute to the further development of relations between India and the United States based on mutual respect. In that framework, our dialogue should enhance our mutual understanding of our respective points of view.

While I appreciate that our Governments may differ from time to time on specific issues, I believe our basic interests and concerns are compatible on the fundamental issues. Above all, we share a common interest in the peace, stability and economic progress of your nation and your region. Our policies will lend maximum encouragement to these objectives. On bilateral issues, it is my hope that cooperation between our countries in the economic, science and cultural areas will be strengthened through the work of the Joint Commission which is of value in planning these mutually beneficial activities on

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a continuing basis. We have a sincere interest in working with you to build a stable and productive relationship for the long term.

As I told Minister Chavan, I do look forward to visiting India and meeting with you at a mutually convenient time when our schedules permit.

With best wishes,

Since rely,

Her Excellency Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

5743 Add-on #3

SECRET/NODIS (GDS)

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

ROBERT B. OAKLEY (M

SUBJECT:

Presidential Reply to Letter of August 17 from Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan

You will recall Prime Minister Bhutto's messages to the President and you of June 13 following your meeting with Aziz Ahmed in Ankara [Tab II]. You replied to both of these via a message to Bhutto and oral instructions to Ambassador Byroade, which Byroade noted, effectively closed out the June 13 messages [Tab III]. In your message to Bhutto, you also acknowledged his new letter to the President of August 17, indicating that the President would respond after you had a chance to discuss it with him following your return from the Middle East.

The President has now seen Aziz Ahmed but he still owes Bhutto a reply to the August 17 letter. At Tab I is a memo transmitting that letter and proposing a reply. The suggested reply has been developed from a State draft and coordinated here, revised to reflect the fact of the Presidential meeting last week.

RECOMMENDATION: That you forward the memo at Tab I to the President seeking his signature on a letter of reply to Bhutto.

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APPROVE AS AMENDED

Concurrence in Presidential reply: Messrs. Solomon, Clift

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL Oct. 20, 1975 FOR JACK MURPHY We have done a new action memo to Scowcroft which

now covers both a proposed new letter to Mrs. Gandhi as well as the old package to Bhutto. Bob Oakley took a copy to Peking. Scowcroft has the original. Either way, we hope to get a final resolution to both messages.

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our schedules permit. In the interim, I hope that the dialogue
between our senter countries will continue in a constructive
way.

With best wishes,

Sincerely



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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR PRIME MINISTER GANDHI

L. EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRIME MINISTER GANDHI. BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER: I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING WITH YOUR MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. MR. CHAVAN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON HOR GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POINTS OF VIEW AND TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT. THE TALKS WHICH MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAD WITH MR. CHAVAN WERE FRIENDLY THOUGH WE MAY DIFFER FROM TIME TO AND COMPREHENSIVE. TIME ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE LEARNED TO DISCUSS OUR DIFFERENCES IN A MATURE SPIRIT AND THAT THERE ARE NO BASIC CONFLICTS OF NATIONAL INTEREST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. ABOVE ALL, WE SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IN PEACE, STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC - SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED Y* BY THE JOINT COMMISSION, WHICH HAS PROVEN OF VALUE IN INSULATING THESE LONG-TERM AND MUTUALLY



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 9, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Message to Prime Minister Gandhi on the Chavan Visit

The Department of State recommends that the President send a message to Mrs. Gandhi as a follow-up to the recently concluded visit to Washington of Foreign Minister Y.B. Chavan. A suggested text is attached.

George S. Springsteen Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Suggested Text

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

QUOTE: I WAS GRIEVED TO LEARN OF THE TRAGIC MINE DISASTER IN BIHAR. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF INDIA ON THIS SAD OCCASION. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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