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August 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: THOMAS J. BARNES

SUBJECT: Contingency Messages on Mao Tse-tung's Death

State has sent a contingency plan (Tab C) to Secretary Kissinger for use at the time of Mao Tse-tung's death. Based on the precedent established in connection with Chou En-lai's death, State believes the President should send condolence messages to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, to Madame Mao (Chiang Ching), and to whomever is fulfilling the protocol functions of PRC Chief of State following Chu Te's death.

We have slightly amended the suggested texts that State drafted for the President's signature. The revised texts are at Tab A; the State originals form part of Tab C. We have also slightly edited the State proposed text of a separate White House statement on the Chairman's death. The revised text is at Tab B; the State original forms part of Tab C.

Official Delegation

It is probable but not certain that in the case of Mao's death the Chinese will adhere to their past practice of not inviting foreign governments to send delegations to the funeral. Should the Chinese indicate that they are prepared to receive an official U.S. delegation, the EA Bureau believes that Secretary Kissinger would be the most appropriate person to head it. The Bureau also recommends that the delegation include Senator Mansfield, Congressman Rhodes, and Ambassador Gates.

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Other possibilities for head of the delegation would be: David Bruce, the First Chief of our Liaison Office in Peking, and Ambassador Scranton.

Douglas Smith, of Robert Hartmann's office, has cleared the texts of the condolence messages and the White House statement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the text of the contingency messages at Tabs A and B.

APPROVE , DISAPPROVE _____

That you discuss with the President the question of a possible U.S. delegation to Mao's funeral indicating that you believe that we should not consider the Vice President on this occasion, but that the Secretary of State would be the most appropriate delegation head.

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

S/S

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To: The Secretary

From: EA - Robert H. Miller

Contingency Plans for Mao Tse-tung's Death

In view of the increasing likelihood that Chairman Mao Tse-tung's death may occur soon, you may wish to review the contingency plans we have prepared for that eventuality. Mao was 82 on December 26, 1975 and has been in frail health for some time. The PRC announced June 15 that Chairman Mao will no longer meet foreign visitors, providing further evidence that his health may be failing.

On Mao's death, we will need to move promptly on four matters:

-- the release of appropriate statements in the name of the President and the Secretary of State;

-- the despatch of condolence messages;

-- the selection of an official delegation if foreign governments are invited to send representatives to the funeral; and

-- the determination of the level of USG participation in Washington observances of Mao's death, such as signing the condolence book at the PRC Liaison Office.

US Government Statements

The proposed texts of appropriate statements (fully cleared at the working level) to be released by the White House and the Department of State are at Tabs 1 and 2.

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Condolence Messages

Based on the precedent established in connection with Chou En-lai's death, we believe the President should send condolence messages to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, to Madame Mao (Chiang Ching), and to whomever is fulfilling the protocol functions of PRC Chief of State following Chu Te's death. Suggested texts of these messages are at Tabs 3, 4, and 5. (In Chou's case, the President sent condolence messages to Chu Te, Mao Tse-tung, and Madame Chou. The President also included a brief expression of regret over Chou's death in his letter to Teng Hsiao-p'ing following his visit to the PRC in December 1975.)

In addition, you should send a condolence message to PRC Foreign Minister Ch'iao Kuan-hua. A proposed text is at Tab 6.

If the Chinese adhere to the practice followed in the case of Premier Chou, we can anticipate that these messages will be made public by the PRC and published in the PRC press.

Official Delegation to Mao's Funeral

This question may not arise, but we should be prepared for it if it does. The Chinese did not invite foreign governments to send delegations to the funerals of either Chou En-lai or Chu Te. In both cases they announced that this decision was "in accordance with China's customs and reformed protocol." It is probable but not certain that they will adhere to this practice in the case of Mao.

Should the Chinese indicate that they are prepared to receive an official US delegation, we should bear in mind the following considerations:

-- Regardless of formal titles, Mao has no real protocol equivalent in this country. Officially, he is simply Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the People's Republic of China. As such he is Commander in Chief of the armed forces and Chairman of the Party's Military Commission, but he holds no formal governmental position.

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-- Mao is still identified in the minds of some Americans as a radical revolutionary who sent troops to fight us in Korea, has fomented revolution around the world, and is noted for his antagonism to our way of life. At the same time, by meeting personally with top US leaders, he has given his stamp of approval to the new turn in US-PRC relations. We would wish to remember him in this latter role without forgetting the former.

-- The funeral would probably not provide a good occasion for substantive talks with the Chinese on the future of our relations.

-- In selecting the senior representative to attend the funeral, we would wish to demonstrate the importance we attach to the US-PRC relationship, and to Mao's personal role in achieving the breakthrough, without doing so in such an ostentatious fashion as to set undesirable precedents, to unsettle US-Soviet relations, or to arouse domestic criticism.

Delegation Head

Attendance by the President would probably be undesirable in any perceivable circumstances.

Sending Vice President Rockefeller would symbolize the importance we attach to US-PRC relations, but his attendance at the funeral of Chiang Kai-shek in April 1975 would dramatize the "two Chinas" aspect of our concurrent relations with both Peking and Taipei. On the one hand, Ambassador Gates has strongly recommended that the Vice President head our delegation despite the Chiang Kai-shek precedent. On the other, there is the possibility that a few extreme supporters of the Republic of China in this country, including Members of Congress, could oppose the Vice President's attendance on the grounds that we should not treat Mao on the same level as our long-time friend and ally Chiang Kai-shek.

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You yourself have had more contact with Chairman Mao than any other US official. Your attendance at the funeral would be symbolically fitting for this reason and would demonstrate the importance we attach to our ties with the PRC. There is the possibility, however, that other delegations will be headed at a higher level in a strict protocol sense.

Problems of protocol and the anomalies introduced by the absence of full US-PRC diplomatic relations could be reduced by sending a prominent figure outside the Executive Branch as the President's personal representative. Preferably, this person should have some connection with China and, particularly, with the breakthrough in US-PRC relations.

Former President Nixon's selection for this purpose would presumably be acceptable to the Chinese but would obviously be unacceptable to Americans.

Former Secretary of State Rogers accompanied President Nixon to China in 1972, but the Chinese recognize that he was not a principal architect of the shift in our policy, and he did not accompany the President to his meeting with Chairman Mao.

Other Delegation Members

While the delegation should be small, we may wish to include several Congressional leaders to symbolize the broad bipartisan support in this country for our policy toward the PRC. A list of Members of Congress who have visited the PRC is at Tab 7. To provide appropriate balance, the best choices might be Senate Majority Leader Mansfield and House Minority Leader Rhodes.

The Chief of our Liaison Office in Peking should also be designated an official member of the delegation. One or both of our former Liaison Office Chiefs in Peking -David Bruce and George Bush - could also be included. We do not consider this necessary or desirable, however,

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since their inclusion could tend to undercut the position of Ambassador Gates in Peking. Moreover, it would not be appropriate to include the Director of Central Intelligence on a delegation of this sort.

Bureau Views

If a delegation is required, we feel that on balance you would be the most appropriate person to head it. The delegation might also include Senator Mansfield, Congressman Rhodes, and Ambassador Gates. On the other hand, should it quickly become evident that a substantial number of other delegations will be headed at the chief of state or head of government level, we would favor having Vice President Rockefeller head the delegation, provided that the risk of domestic political opposition to his selection is considered manageable. You could also appropriately be a member of the delegation under these circumstances.

Participation in Washington Observances

As in the case of Premier Chou, the PRC Liaison Office in Washington will probably open a condolence book for signature. You were the ranking person to sign the book for Premier Chou, and we believe you should also sign the book for Mao.

Other Actions

A circular telegram should be sent to field posts with instructions on how to observe the occasion. A draft is at Tab 8.

Attachments:

Tab 1 - Suggested White House Statement Tab 2 - Suggested Statement by the Secretary. Tab 3 - Suggested Message to Hua Kuo-feng Tab 4 - Suggested Message to Madame Mao Tse-tung Tab 5 - Suggested Message to Acting Chief of State Tab 6 - Suggested Message to Ch'iao Kuan-hua Tab 7 - Members of Congress who have visited PRC Tab 8 - Draft Circular Telegram

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Suggested White House Statement on Mao's Death

The People's Republic of China announced today the passing away of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Chairman Mao was a giant figure in modern Chinese history. He was a leader whose actions profoundly affected the development of his country and whose ideas were influential well beyond the borders of China.

Americans will remember that it was under Chairman Mao that China moved together with the United States to end a generation of hostility and to launch a new and more positive era in relations between our two countries. We are confident that the trend of improved relations between the People's Republic of China and the United States, which Chairman Mao helped create, and to which he imparted authoritative direction, will continue.

The United States offers its condolences to the Government and people of the People's Republic of China.

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Suggested Statement by the Secretary on Mao's Death

The death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung marks the passing of one of the major figures of our time.

It was my privilege to meet with Chairman Mao over a period of nearly four years, during which the United States and the People's Republic of China established a new and more positive relationship based on the principles of the Shanghai Communique. From these conversations, I came to know Chairman Mao as a man of broad vision with a deep concern for the future of his country and its place in the world. The creation of a durable relationship between our two countries based on mutual understanding and a perception of common interests will stand as a lasting tribute to Chairman Mao's foresight and boldness of purpose.

I extend my deep sympathy to the Government and people of the People's Republic of China on this sad occasion.

His Excellency Hua Kuo-feng Premier of the State Council Peking

Dear Mr. Chairmann

Please accept my personal condolences, and those of the Government and people of the United States, on the occasion of the passing of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Few men in any era are destined to leave a deep imprint on the course of development of a great country and fewer still to achieve historic greatness. Chairman Mao was one of these rare men. His leadership has been a decisive element in the shaping of the Chinese nation over the past several decades. He was truly a major figure of our times.

I was privileged to meet Chairman Mao during my visit to Peking in December 1975. Our discussion furthered the development of US-China relations along the lines that he had earlier envisaged. Let me affirm now, as I did then, the determination of the United States to complete the normalization of our relations on the basis of the Shanghai Communique. This would be a fitting tribute to his vision, and of benefit to the peoples of our two countries.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

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Madame Mao Tse-tung Peking People's Republic of China

Dear Madame Mao:

Mrs. Ford joins me in extending to you our deepest sympathy on the death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Chairman Mao had a profound impact on his era. During my visit to Peking in December 1975, I was privileged to hold wide-ranging discussions with him. Our talks confirmed that we shared a common belief in the importance of strengthening the relations between our two countries. Chairman Mao will be remembered in this country for his leading role in restoring the traditional ties of friendship between the American and Chinese peoples.

Please accept my personal condolences.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



(Contingency Message to be sent, on an optional basis, to whomever is fulfilling the protocol functions of PRC Chief of State)

Dear Mr. ____:

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We shall always remember Chairman Mao as a leader who had the vision to recognize that strengthened ties between our two countries would serve the interests of both our peoples, and the courage to translate this vision into practical steps that should be of longterm benefit to the evolution of a more secure world.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency Ch'iao Kuan-hua Minister of Foreign Affairs Peking

Dear Mr. Minister:

Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Chairman Mao was a towering figure on the world scene. During the meetings which I was privileged to have with him, I was deeply impressed by his wideranging intellect and profound commitment to his country. Under his leadership, China joined the United States in shaping a new and durable relationship. We are determined to continue on this course, which will stand as a monument to his foresight.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Kissinger

CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

APRIL, 1972 -- to Present

(CODEL Leaders underlined)

April, 1972

Senator Mike Mansfield Senator Hugh Scott

June, 1972

Rep. Hale Boggs Rep. Gerald Ford

July, 1973

Sen. Warren Magnuson Sen. Robert Griffin Sen. John Sparkman Sen. Gale Mcgee Rep. Thomas Morgan Rep. John McFall Rep. William Maillard Rep. Jerry Pettis

July, 1974

Sen. Henry Jackson

September, 1974

Sen. William Fulbright Sen. Hiram Fong Sen. Hubert Humphrey Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen Rep. Clement Zablocki Rep. William Broomfield Rep. Barbara Jordan

December, 1974

Senator Mike Mansfield (second visit)



Congressional Delegations to PRC (cont'd)

March, 1975

Rep. Carl Albert Rep. John Rhodes

August, 1975

Sen. Charles Percy Sen. Jacob Javits Sen. Claiborn Pell Sen. Adlai Stevenson III Rep. Margaret Heckler Rep. Paul Findley Rep. Paul McCloskey

August, 1975

Rep. John Anderson Sen. Robert Byrd Sen. Sam Nunn Sen. James Pearson Rep. John Slack Rep. John Derwinski

December, 1975

Rep. Margaret Heckler Rep. Patsy Mink Rep. Gladys Spellman Rep. Bella Abzug Rep. Corinne Boggs Rep. Yvonne Burke Rep. Cardiss Collins Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman Rep. Patricia Schroeder Rep. Millicent Fenwick Rep. Helen Meyner



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April, 1976

Rep. Mel Price Rep. Bob Wilson Rep. Samuel Stratton Rep. Richard Ichord Rep. William Randall Rep. William Dickinson Rep. Lester Wolff Rep. J. Herbert Burke Rep. G. William Whitehurst

July, 1976

Sen. Hugh Scott

DRAFT CABLE

To: All Diplomatic and Consular Posts

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: Guidance for US Involvement in Commemorative Activities on the Death of PRC Chairman Mao Tse-tung

 The PRC has announced the death of Chinese Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung. This message provides guidance for participation by US officials in commemorative activities organized by PRC missions at third-country posts.

2. If a condolence book is opened and the US post is either specifically invited to sign or is included in a circular note or other general invitation, the chief of mission, charge, or principal officer should sign for USG. Individual US officials may also sign, at the discretion of the chief of mission.

3. A number of posts reported that they were omitted from general invitations to sign condolence books on occasion of Chou En-lai's death. In those cases where posts nevertheless persisted in efforts to sign, Department is unaware of any Chinese rebuff. Accordingly, posts

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which do not initially receive such invitations are authorized to use their own discretion in probing Chinese intentions and in deciding, if situation still ambiguous, whether or not to sign.

4. Regardless of official condolence posture, if personal relations warrant the chief of mission may seek an appropriate opportunity to convey his personal condolences to his PRC counterpart.

5. Posts may also participate in other forms of observance (we are not aware of any such official activities in case of Chou, but cannot rule it out in Mao's case) at an appropriate level if invited to attend. In the majority of cases, even if such observances take place, US representatives will probably not be invited.

 Department would appreciate brief reports on PRC handling of funeral observances, particularly any unusual aspects.

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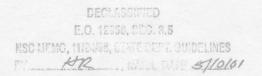
FROM: JAY TAYLOR

SUBJECT: Contingency Messages on Mao Tse-tung's Death

The attached Presidential letters and White House statement are forwarded for your clearance.

Please call 3044 when cleared.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 7, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR JACK MARSH

FROM:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT:

Hanoi's Attack on the President

There is no question that Hanoi's personal attack on the President goes substantially beyond what we usually see. Ordinarily, Hanoi attacks some aspect of the President's policy rather than his personal character. The harsh tone is also inconsistent with other more authoritative commentaries which Hanoi has disseminated recently. For example, its reaction to the President's July 24 remarks at the MIA Convention was more measured than this diatribe. Ordinarily the sharper attack could be expected to follow the President's taking a tough line on the MIA problem.

The best explanation I can think of is that this commentary was meant for internal consumption in Vietnam. It seems obvious that the information the article uses came from some "research" which an American commentator compiled. We believe Hanoi regularly receives all such material, and probably jumped on this item as a "good foreign source" on which to base an attack on the President. Moreover, it is in the Vietnamese language and it was a wire item. The words which Hanoi really wants us to hear are sent in English over its international radio service.

Since there is no clear evidence that Hanoi meant to pick a fight with us directly by publishing this item, I recommend that we not make an issue of it now. Rather we should save it for use as a rationale for being tough with Hanoi when critics suggest we are not being sufficiently forthcoming to the Vietnamese.



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WASHINGTON

August 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

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JACK MARSH

Brent, I would appreciate your thoughts on the attached. Many thanks.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RUSS ROURKE

FROM:

Russ, you may have already seen this transcript of a diatribe against the President by Hanoi. This was released on July 22, 1976, before the League of Families speech. It represents an unusually harsh attack against the President and unlike the normal run where the President's policies are attacked. It was also in Vietnamese and so intended primarily for consumption within Vietnam.

Attachment (transcript - "Ford's True Nature")



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

August 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: THOMAS J. BARNES

SUBJECT: Memorandum to Jack Marsh on Hanoi's Attack on the President

I have prepared a memorandum for you to send to Jack Marsh (Tab A) commenting on Hanoi's recent diatribe against the President.

ASIA & PACIFIC ANNEX

were deeply touched at hearing Prime Minister Pol Pot saying: "The friendship and solidarity between the Kampuchea and Vietnam revolutions, between Kampuchea and Vietnam constitute a problem of both strategy and sacred feelings. Should that friendship and solidarity go well the revolution in our two countries would develop finely. There's no other way".

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The Vietnamese press and television delegation on visit to the Democratic Kampuchea shall keep forever the nice and profound recollections and shall do its utmost to contribute even a small part to keeping the two countries, as the first secretary of the Vietnam Workers Party said: "Already bound to each other in the struggle for national liberation, to be forever attached to each other in the national reconstruction and protection, for the sake of the independence and prosperity of our respective country and for the revolutionary interests of the people in southeast Asia and the world over." [sentence as received]

VIETNAM

VNA DESCRIBES FORD AS CORRUPT, REACTIONARY POLITICIAN

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[VNA document: "Ford's True Nature"]

[Text] In reality, what is Ford? Following are some features on him:

--Ford started his political career by jumping into the U.S. House of Representatives with the assistance of the Western family, one of the wealthiest and most influential families in Michigan and having relations with the well-to-do uppercrust families in the United States.

--Ford has the past of a reactionary. In a letter addressed to his friends in 1971, he considered the liberals in the Democratic Party as dangerous elements with regard to the U.S. way of life and philosophy.

--Ford assisted Nixon in selecting ultrarightist judges such as Carswell and Hainesworth to the Supreme Court.

--He is well-known racist in the United States,

--He is an advocate of increasing the Pentagon's inherently huge national defense budget.

--He is a defender of corruption in the United States. As confirmed by sources from Washington, Ford took large payoffs at his office in Washington from an employee of the General Electric Co. who asked him as the House minority leader to help Thomas O. Paine, director of the monopolist company, win the post of NASA deputy director. A few days after Paine was appointed to hold this post, the General Electric Co. signed a contract with NASA worth \$50 million to carry out a satellite project. This contract was approved by the Faderal Government.

--Ford has close relations with the major financial companies in the United States. On 22 January 1968, he was appointed director of the old Kent Bank and Trust Company in Frand Rapids, a hig bank of [words indistinct] which sent him to run in the congressional elections. This Mank possesses assets worth \$500 million. In the United States, the marks have big intirests in all problems related to the laws concerning banks and finance. Thus it is not surprising that many Federal projects have been carried out inrough the Kent Bank.

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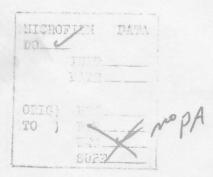
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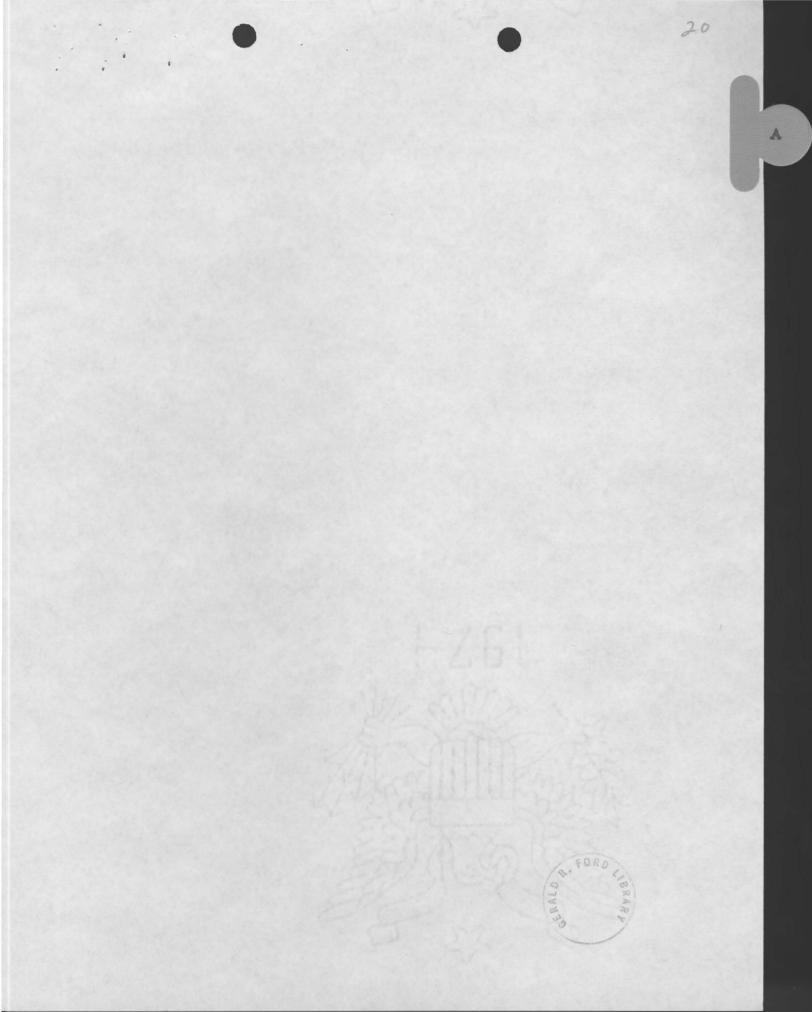
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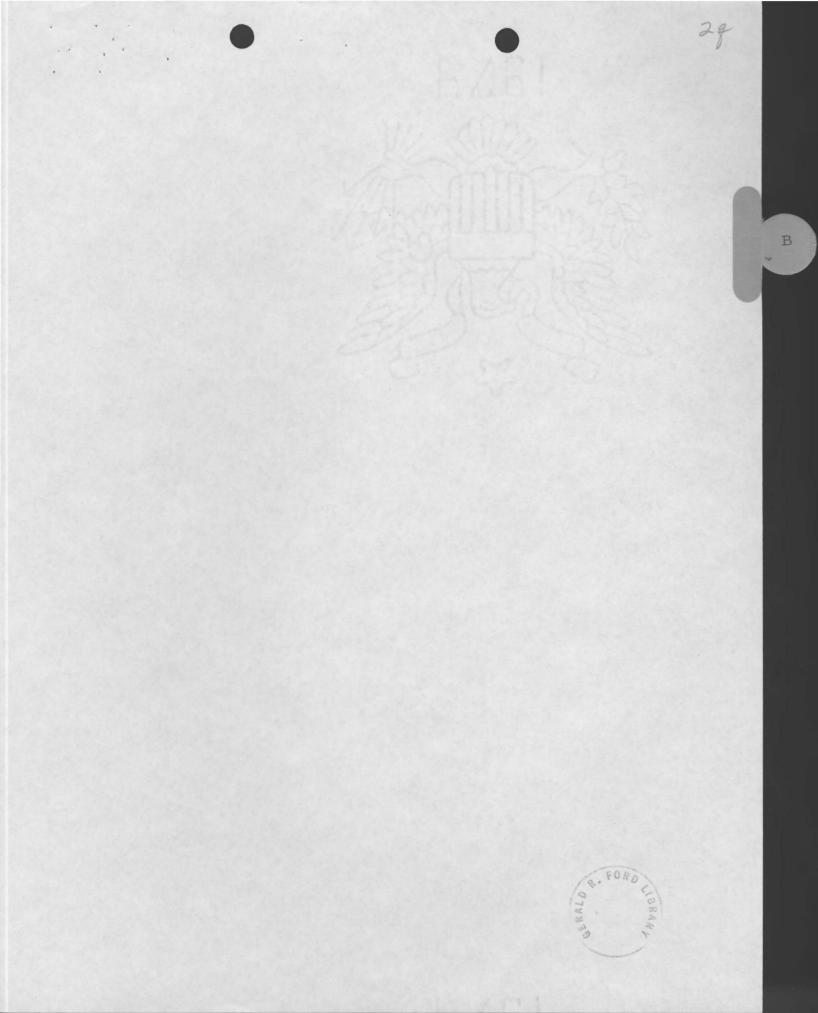
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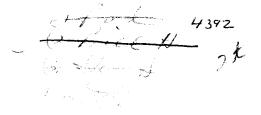
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