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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 18, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. GEORGE S. SPRINGSTEEN
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential ltr for dispatch
to Pres. Boumediene of Algiers.

REFERENCE: S/S 7417414

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 18, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

As Mr. Richard Parker takes up his duties as Chief of the United States Interests Section in Algiers, I want to reaffirm my hope that our two Governments will carry forward the very beneficial dialogue which began with Secretary of State Kissinger's visit to Algiers last December and your visit to Washington this past spring. I recall our meeting at that time and look forward to further opportunities to exchange views. I am confident that Mr. Parker's presence in Algeria will serve our relations well in continuing the dialogue on matters of mutual concern.

Among the many areas in which our two countries share a common interest is the achievement of a just peace in the Middle East. I know that you, Mr. President, attach great importance to this goal. I renew my assurances that it remains one of the highest priorities of the United States. I hope that Algeria and the United States, within the framework of a relationship based on mutual respect, can work together in the difficult task of negotiating a final peace settlement. Secretary Kissinger will continue his contacts with you on developments in this area. I want you to know that I welcome your counsel as we proceed with efforts to bring about a lasting peace.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Houari Boumediene
President of the National
Council of the Revolution
Algiers



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September 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

SUBJECT: Suggested Letter to President
Boumediene of Algeria

Mr. Richard Parker, the new chief of our Interests Section in Algiers will depart for his post shortly. This provides an occasion for you to send a short letter to President Boumediene.

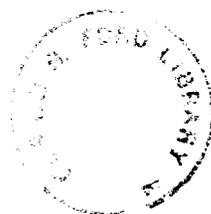
We have not had full diplomatic relations with Algeria since 1967, although the subject has recently been discussed seriously in connection with progress in the Middle East negotiations. The Algerians have not yet made a final decision and, given their strong support of the Palestinians, may wish to let the negotiations play out a bit longer. In the absence of full diplomatic ties, our Interests Section Chief assumes increased importance in carrying on the day-to-day contacts on the negotiations with this key Arab state. A short letter from you would emphasize the importance we attach to these contacts with Algeria, whose support will be valuable in the negotiating period ahead.

A suggested letter is at Tab A, introducing Mr. Richard Parker and reaffirming our interest in cooperating with Algeria in pursuit of a final peace settlement.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the letter to President Boumediene at Tab A. [Text cleared with Mr. Friedman.]

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 13, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR MILTON FRIEDMAN/PAUL THEIS
FROM: ROSEMARY NIEHUS
SUBJECT: Suggested Presidential Letter to
President Boumediene of Algeria

We are assigning a new Chief of Interests Section in Algiers, a slot which has assumed greater importance in view of the fact that we do not have full diplomatic relations with Algeria (another 1967 war casualty) but are trying to maintain high level contacts in the negotiating context. State is proposing that the President send our new man with a short introductory letter to President Boumediene. We will be recommending this through the Secretary but need your clearance on the attached suggested text.

I have little background to give you on exchanges between President Ford and President Boumediene. President Ford sent Boumediene one of the basic foreign policy messages on assuming office and we have only a informal reply from Boumediene because the formal piece of paper has not yet arrived (copies attached). The main point is that only in the last year have there been any real exchanges at the Presidential level, there is not the in depth personal relationship which we have with some other leaders and Boumediene is dealt with straightforwardly.

Is there any chance of receiving clearance this afternoon? State is pressing to have action on this by the time Parker leaves on Sunday. Many thanks.

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Dear Mr. President:

~~[On the occasion of Mr. Richard Parker's assignment]~~

As Mr. Richard Parker is assigned as Chief of the United States Interests Section in Algiers, I want to reaffirm my hope that our two Governments will carry forward the very beneficial dialogue which began with Secretary of State Kissinger's visit to Algiers last December and your visit to Washington

this past spring. I recall our ~~own meeting~~ ^{opportunity to meet at that time} with

~~_____~~ and look forward to an opportunity to ~~meet with you~~ ^{do so}

again. I am confident that Mr. Parker's presence in Algeria will serve our relations well, in continuing the dialogue on matters of mutual concern.

Pres. as Vice Pres. attended Nixon dinner to Documetize April 11, 1974.

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Gerald R. Ford

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Houari Boumediene

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September 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: ROSEMARY WEAHUS
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to President Boumediene
for Delivery by Interests Chief Parker

State (attached) has suggested that the new head of our Interests Section in Algiers, Richard Parker--who is leaving Washington Sunday evening--carry a letter of introduction from the President. The package at Tab I would seek the President's signature on a revised draft of the letter. This would not conflict with any separate communications you may plan with Boumediene on the peace negotiations.

There is probably some utility in sending Mr. Parker with a short Presidential letter. As with Mr. Eagleton, his contacts will be important in the day-to-day monitoring on the negotiating issue and a Presidential letter would be one small way of adding emphasis to our attention to a dialogue with Algeria.

There are also reasons for not sending such a letter. President Boumediene is not a man for idle correspondence and your messages and Parker's contacts will speak for themselves on progress in the negotiations. Further, the President has never formally received President Boumediene's reply to his August 9 message [Tab A attached] on assuming the Presidency, although our Interests Section informally received the text of a promised reply [Tab B]. Formal receipt of a reply, which contains congratulations to the President on assuming office, could be the basis for a Presidential acknowledgement and a peg for a word on Parker.

RECOMMENDATION: That you forward the package at Tab I to the President.

WJH Approve

_____ Disapprove; hold off until Boumediene's letter is formally received.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 10, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Suggested Text of Letter from
President Ford to President Boumediene
of Algeria

Mr. Richard B. Parker has been appointed as the new Head of the U.S. Interests Section in Algeria. As part of the sequence of fruitful exchanges of communications which has taken place between U.S. and Algerian leaders since the Secretary of State's first visit to Algeria in December 1973, the Department believes it would be useful to take advantage of Mr. Parker's arrival in Algiers to convey a personal message from President Ford to Boumediene. Enclosed is a suggested text for a Presidential message. Mr. Parker will depart for Algeria on September 15. The message should be available for Mr. Parker to hand carry to Algeria by c.o.b. September 13.

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Suggested Text of
Presidential Message

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Dear Mr. President:

On the occasion of the assignment to Algiers of Mr. Richard Parker as Chief of the United States Interests Section, I wish to convey to you my hope that we will be able to continue the very beneficial dialogue which began with Secretary Kissinger's visit to Algiers last December and which was furthered during your visit to Washington this past spring. I remember vividly our meeting at that time and hope we shall have the opportunity to resume that personal contact at an early date. I also have full confidence in Mr. Parker who will be available to convey to me any message you may wish to send.

In this shrinking and increasingly interdependent world, none of us can afford the luxury of going it alone. We all need each other's help. In particular, I hope we can count on your help in the important but difficult task of negotiating a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. Secretary Kissinger will keep you

His Excellency

Houari Boumediene,

President of the

National Council of the Revolution,

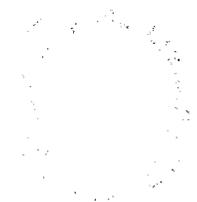
Algiers.



abreast of developments in this matter, and I hope you will feel free to give us your advice and counsel and that you will find it possible to support our efforts.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



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LETTER TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE

August 9, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

As I take up the office of President of the United States, I want to assure you and other friends of my firm dedication to the policies the United States has been pursuing in its international relations.

The principle of continuity in foreign policy, which has deep roots in the traditions, institutions and national interests of America, will be central to the conduct of the affairs of the United States under my Administration. That principle is all the stronger because the foreign policy of the United States is soundly based on the support of both our major political parties. I also want you to know that I am fully committed to honoring all obligations undertaken by the United States in its relations with your country and with all other nations of the world.

In particular, I want you to know of my strong commitment to continue to work for a just and durable peace in the Middle East. I know first hand of Secretary Kissinger's past endeavors to this end, and I am pleased that his talents will continue to be utilized to this



end during my Administration. The achievement of peace in the Middle East, to which I know you attach great importance, will remain one of the highest foreign policy objectives of the United States.

Finally, Mr. President, you have my assurance that the common interests and mutual respect, which have brought the United States and Algeria ever closer together in recent years, will receive my full attention and support.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald R. Ford



This is a translation of a text received informally by our Interests Section in Algiers. No formal letter received in Washington.

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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE

Mr. President:

I sincerely appreciated your gesture in sending me a message on the occasion of your accession to the presidency of the United States of America.

I devoted very special attention to the content of your message. I therefore noted with interest the intention you express therein of directing the foreign policy of the United States of America in your country's best tradition.

In the transitional phase through which the world is passing at the present time the handling of international problems should rest on solid moral principles. That is the real value of the policy of concerted action.

Assuredly, the prospects of international detente and cooperation are still jeopardized by the persisting tensions and conflicts afflicting certain areas of the world.

The search for solutions to those burning problems should in no case sacrifice substance to appearances; instead, to be lasting and sound, such solutions should be based on the fundamental exigencies of justice and law.



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In that regard, the priority that you propose to grant to the Middle East crisis responds to our concern, which we have had occasion to express to Dr. Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State. The lessons of the past and the present signs of deterioration can only emphasize the justification of our concern.

We hope that your efforts will facilitate, in this area as in others, the search for just and lasting solutions.

In wishing you success in your high office, I also wish to assure you of my own desire to endeavor to develop cooperation between Algeria and the United States of America within a framework of mutual respect.

Accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my high consideration.

Houari Boumediene



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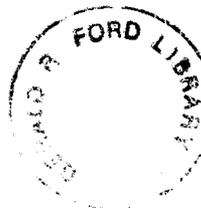
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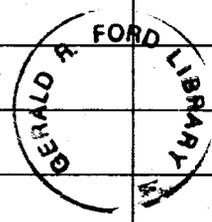
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