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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 10, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

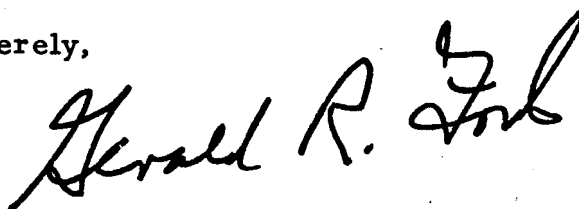
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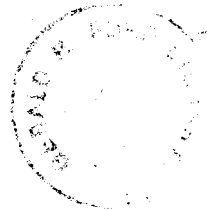
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Sincerely,



His Excellency
Ahmed Sekou Toure
President of The Republic of Guinea
Conakry



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SUBJECT: *Ltr to Pres from Toure re President
 Toure re Guinea Food Situation &
 also request US Economic assistance*

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SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTIONS

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Date: July 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GEORGE SPRINGSTEEN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NSC LOG# 7503578

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea

FROM: President Ford

DATE: July 10, 1975

SUBJECT: Pres ltr for dispatch via state pouch

ACTION REQUESTED:

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Staff Secretary

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

July 9, 1975

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER



SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Letters from the President of Guinea

The President of Guinea, Ahmed Sekou Toure, has written you on two recent occasions concerning US food assistance to his country. His first letter (Tab B) was handcarried to the United States by his Minister of Plans and Statistics, Alioune Drame, sent here as head of delegation to express gratitude for past assistance and to discuss future aid with State and AID officials. President Toure's second letter (Tab C) requests continued assistance.

US assistance to Guinea in fiscal 1975 amounted to about \$11 million, for US food commodities under Titles I and II of PL 480. For fiscal 1976, we are currently planning \$5 million in food aid. We will also begin a small (\$500,000) drought relief and rehabilitation program in 1976.

I believe it appropriate for you to acknowledge receipt of President Toure's communications, and I have attached a suggested text (Tab A). Since our new Ambassador to Guinea, William Harrop, has only recently arrived in Conakry, I suggest taking this occasion to commend him to President Toure. Paul Theis has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A to Guinea's President Toure.

Attachments:

- Tab A - Presidential reply for signature to President Toure
- Tab B - April 21 letter to the President from President of Guinea
- Tab C - Second letter from President Toure to the President, May 10.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 7, 1975

NOTE FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: Hal Horan *HH*

Brent, I have redone the letter to President Toure, taking into account your note about the fiscal year ending (para. 4).

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Hal -

The fiscal year
has now ended. (para
4).

Burt

Letter memo
7/7/75



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Re: 3578

June 16, 1975

Hal Horan:

The General has reviewed the attached and has asked that two points be added to the memo to the President:

1. A statement of what aid we provided Guinea in FY 1975 and what is tentatively planned for FY 1976.
2. Mention of the fact that we are sending out a new Ambassador.

End
[Handwritten signature]



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June 10, 1975
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FOR: Paul Theis *OK/AT*

FROM: Hal Horan *HH*
(x-5022)

SUBJECT: Resubmission for concurrence
of Presidential response to
letters from the President of
Guinea

Resubmitted for your clearance - a second time around - is the attached proposed Presidential response to President Sekou Toure of Guinea. This new draft responds to two recent letters received from Toure.

Also attached is the first draft, which you have seen.

Atts.



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SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT
OF GUINEA, AHMED SEKOU TOURE

Dear Mr. President:

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~~which you~~ ^{ing} describe the efforts ~~which~~ you and your country are
making to improve agricultural production. We wish you every
success as Guinea strives to achieve self-sufficiency in the pro-
duction of food.

We are mindful of the present food shortages you are experiencing
and are ^{pleased} ~~gratified~~ to be able to assist you where we can.

The United States Government is ^{honored} ~~pleased~~ to receive delegations
from Guinea as we seek to improve further the friendly relations
that exist between our two countries. We appreciate the kind words
with which Minister Drame recently described our bilateral relations.

Our fiscal year ends in a matter of weeks, and all commodities
for the 1975 Food For Peace program have already been committed.

We will, however, carefully examine your request for the 1976
program and will try to be as responsive as possible to your needs.



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Sincerely,

[Gerald R. Ford]

His Excellency

Ahmed Sekou Toure

President of The Republic of Guinea

Conakry.

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Tab I funded 7/9/75

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 10, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: Hal Horan *HH*

SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Letters from the
President of Guinea, Ahmed Sekou Toure

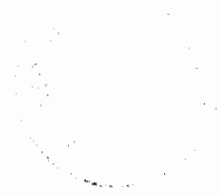
Attached at Tab I is a suggested memorandum for the President recommending that he acknowledge two recent communications from President Toure of Guinea concerning US food assistance to his country. Paul Theis has cleared the proposed text of a single response to the two letters.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward to the President the memorandum at Tab I.

Attachment

Tab I.



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

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REPUBLIC OF GUINEA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Conakry, April 21, 1975

Excellency and Dear Friend:

Since the launching of our Five-Year Plan (1973-1978), the efforts of our Party and our Government have been concentrated on agriculture with a view to encouraging modern farming methods through increasingly accelerated mechanization. The results obtained are very heartening and we believe that in the near future we shall be able to meet our people's needs.

However, it must be recognized that one of the paradoxes of our age lies in the food shortage which mankind is experiencing. For our part, we are aware of the immense efforts on the part of the United States Government, which has always assisted the Republic of Guinea to overcome its food problem.

We take pleasure in emphasizing on this occasion the valuable and abundant assistance given by the people and the Government of the United States to the Guinean people since its accession to full national sovereignty on October 2, 1958.

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

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Although the achievements of our people and our Government in the field of agriculture give us good reason to hope to be able to alleviate, in the near future, the great food shortage which we are currently facing, you will easily understand the full importance which the Republic of Guinea attaches to your country's valuable and inestimable assistance.

For this reason, we have decided to send our colleague Alioune Drame, our Minister of Plans and Statistics, and the delegation which he heads, to express our profound gratitude to you and to the American people, and to thank you in advance for whatever you may do for the success of our Delegation's mission.

Accept, Excellency and Dear Friend, the expression of our high consideration.

[Signature]

Ahmed Sékou Touré

[Republic of Guinea stamp]



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PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR HARROP

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR EAID GV US
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TOURE TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED TODAY "CONFIDENTIAL" NOTE FROM FOREIGN
MINISTRY DATED MAY 15

CONTAINING
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TOURE TO
PRESIDENT FORD, WITH REQUEST THAT LETTER BE TRANSMITTED TO
ADDRESSEE.

2. TEXT OF PRESIDENT TOURE'S LETTER, DATED MAY 10, 1975, IS
AS FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN QUOTE. EXCELLENCY, THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATION
CONDUCTED BY THE MINISTER OF PLAN THAT I COMMISSIONED TO YOUR
GOVERNMENT FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE
IN THE FRAMEWORK OF PL480, HAS JUST REPORTED TO ME ON ITS
MISSION.

I HAVE NOTED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THE GREAT UNDERSTANDING
THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE SHOWN REGARDING THE PROBLEMS
OF FOOD SUPPLIES WHICH PRESENTLY PREOCCUPY MY COUNTRY.
IN EFFECT, THE QUANTITIES OF RICE, OF FLOUR AND OF OIL
THAT YOU HAVE JUST ACCORDED US UNDER PL480 FOR THE YEAR 1975
CONSTITUTE FOR US A VERY CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE
SOLUTION OF FOOD PROBLEMS FOR OUR PEOPLE.

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RESULTS FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF 1976 WILL SCARCELY PERMIT US TO MEET EFFECTIVELY THE NEEDS IN FOOD FOR THE ENTIRE POPULATION. WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED, IN EFFECT, ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN THE HAZARDS OF NATURE, SUCH AS THE DROUGHT AND PLANT DISEASES.

THIS IS WHY I HAVE THE HONOR TO DRAW YOUR HIGH ATTENTION TO OUR URGENT NEED TO OBTAIN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MILK AND PEANUTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM SUBMITTED FOR THE YEAR 1975.

THIS IS ALSO WHY I WOULD HOPE THAT THE PROGRAM OF PL480 FOR THE YEAR 1976, ALREADY SUBMITTED, WILL BE EXAMINED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT WE CAN AVOID ANY INTERRUPTION IN THE REGULAR SUPPLY OF FOODSTUFFS TO THE POPULATION.

EXCELLENCY, MR. PRESIDENT, THIS IS AN OCCASION FOR ME TO RECALL THAT MY COUNTRY SINCE ITS ACCESSION TO NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, HAS BENEFITED FROM THE CONSTANT AID AND SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF ITS INDEPENDENCE AND ITS LIBERTY.

ONCE MORE, I WISH TO THANK YOUR GREAT COUNTRY FOR YOUR HIGH AND CONSTANT UNDERSTANDING SHOWN TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION. (SIGNED) AHMED SEKOU TOURE. UNQUOTE.

4. ABOVE CONSTITUTES INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER, ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED CARE OF AF/W. MACDONALD

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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June 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Letter to President from Guinean
President Sekou Toure

Our Embassy in Conakry has forwarded a second letter, dated May 10, 1975, to President Ford from Guinean President Sekou Toure. The letter expresses pleasure that a PL-480 program has been concluded for 1975, asks for a supplemental program, and also requests that a program for 1976 be given early consideration.

By a memorandum, dated May 23, 1975, a reply was suggested to President Sekou Toure's letter of April 21, 1975. The reply to the April 21 letter is now pending release from the White House.

The attached letter of reply is suggested to replace the proposed letter of May 23, thereby serving to answer both the letter of April 21 and that of May 10 from President Toure.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George S. Springsteen".

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Suggested reply
2. Letter from President Toure, May 10
3. Translation of letter
4. Translation of April 21 letter from President Toure



We are mindful of the present food shortages you are experiencing and are grateful to be able to assist you where we can. 10

SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

I have read with interest your letters of April 21 and May 10 in which you describe the efforts which you and your country are making to improve agricultural production. We wish you every success as Guinea strives to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of food.

The United States was pleased to be able to continue its assistance to Guinea by providing agricultural commodities which will help Guinea to overcome its current food deficit situation. By fortunate circumstances we were able to make additional commodities available for the Guinean program prior to receipt of your first letter explaining the great food shortage now facing your country.

Our fiscal year ends in a matter of weeks, and all commodities for the 1975 Food For Peace program have already been committed. ~~Please be assured that we will,~~ however, carefully examine your request for the 1976 program and will try to be as responsive as possible ^{to your needs} ~~in meeting your~~ expressed needs.

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FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS, MY GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN A VAST PROGRAM OF PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS. BUT THE EXPECTED RESULTS FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF 1976 WILL SCARCELY PERMIT US TO MEET EFFECTIVELY THE NEEDS IN FOOD FOR THE ENTIRE POPULATION. WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED, IN EFFECT, ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN THE HAZARDS OF NATURE, SUCH AS THE DROUGHT AND PLANT DISEASES.

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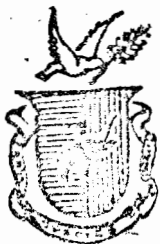
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RÉPUBLIQUE DE GUINÉE

Le Président

TRAVAIL - JUSTICE - SOLIDARITÉ

Conakry, le 10 Ma 1975

Excellence,

La Délégation Gouvernementale Guinéenne conduite par le Ministre du Plan que j'ai mandatée auprès de Votre Gouvernement pour l'examen du Programme d'aide dans le cadre du PL 480, vient de me faire le compte rendu de sa mission.

J'ai noté avec une grande satisfaction la grande compréhension que Vous-même et Votre Gouvernement avez

A SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR
GERALD FORD , PRESIDENT
DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE
WASHINGTON

.../...



manifestés à l'égard des problèmes alimentaires qui préoccupent actuellement mon pays.

En effet, les quantités de riz, de farine et d'huile que Vous venez de nous accorder dans le cadre du PL 480, au titre de l'année 1975 constituent pour nous un appoint très appréciable pour la solution des problèmes alimentaires de notre Peuple.

Depuis plus de deux ans, mon Gouvernement a entrepris un vaste programme de production de denrées alimentaires. Mais les résultats attendus d'ici la fin de l'année 1976 ne permettent guère de faire face efficacement aux besoins alimentaires de toute la population. Nous avons rencontré en effet d'énormes difficultés inhérentes aux aléas de la nature, telles que la sécheresse et des maladies végétales.

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C'est pourquoi, j'ai l'honneur d'attirer Votre haute attention sur la nécessité urgente pour nous d'obtenir une certaine quantité de lait et d'arachide dans le cadre du Programme Complémentaire déposé au titre de l'année 1975.

C'est pourquoi également que je souhaiterais que le Programme P.L. 480 pour l'Exercice 1976 déjà déposé soit examiné par Votre Gouvernement le plus tôt possible pour nous éviter toute rupture dans le ravitaillement régulier de la population en denrées alimentaires.

Excellences, Monsieur le Président, c'est l'occasion pour moi de rappeler que mon pays, depuis son accession à la souveraineté nationale a bénéficié de l'aide et de l'appui constants

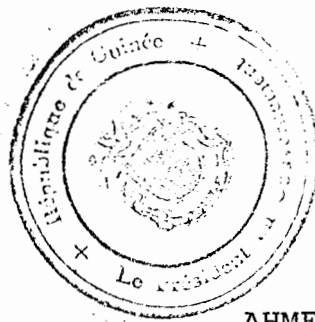
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des Etats-Unis, d'Amérique pour la consolidation de son Indépendance et de sa Liberté.

Une fois de plus, je tiens à remercier Votre grand pays pour cette haute et constante compréhension à l'égard de la République de Guinée.

Veuillez agréer, Excellence Monsieur le Président, l'assurance de ma haute considération.



A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and curves.

AHMED SEKOU TOURE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

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President of the United States of America,
Washington.

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For this reason, we have decided to send our colleague Alioune Drame, our Minister of Plans and Statistics, and the delegation which he heads, to express our profound gratitude to you and to the American people, and to thank you in advance for whatever you may do for the success of our Delegation's mission.

Accept, Excellency and Dear Friend, the expression of our high consideration.

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Ahmed Sékou Touré

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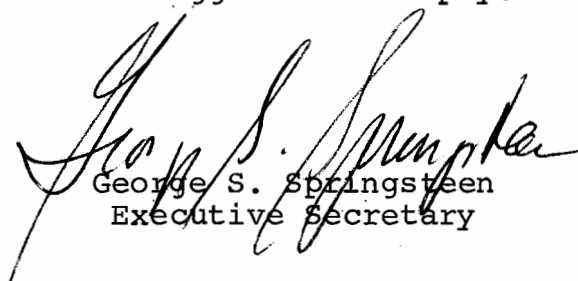
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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to President from Guinean
President Sekou Toure

The Guinean Embassy delivered to the Department on April 24 the attached letter to President Ford from Guinean President Sekou Toure. The letter explains current Guinean efforts to increase food production. It also discusses Guinea's present food deficit and requests US assistance. The letter introduces Alioune Drame, Guinea's Minister of Plans and Statistics, who arrived here April 24 to discuss Guinea's food situation with State and AID officials.

The attached letter is suggested in reply.



George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Suggested reply
2. Letter from President Toure, April 21
3. Translation of letter

SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

I ^{greatly appreciate} have read with interest your letter of April 21 [in which you] describe ^{me} the efforts which you and your country are making to improve agricultural production. We wish you every success as Guinea strives to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of food.

~~The United States was pleased to be able to continue its assistance to Guinea by providing agricultural commodities which will help Guinea to overcome its current food deficit situation. By fortunate circumstances we were able to make additional commodities available for the Guinean program prior to receipt of your letter explaining the great food shortage now facing your country.~~
We are mindful of the present food shortages you are experiencing and are gratified to be able to assist you when we can.

~~The United States~~ ^{now} Government is pleased to receive delegations from Guinea as we seek to improve further the friendly relations which exist between our two countries. ^{and} We appreciate the kind words

His Excellency
Ahmed Sekou Toure,
President of The Republic
of Guinea.

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Minister Drame employed in describing the bilateral relations between Guinea and the United States.

May I take this opportunity to commend to you our new Ambassador to Guinea, William C. Harrop, who has just arrived in Conakry to assume his new duties. Mr. Harrop is a distinguished career diplomat in whom I place the highest personal confidence.

Sincerely

Gerald R. Ford

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REPUBLIC OF GUINEA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Conakry, April 21, 1975

Excellency and Dear Friend:

Since the launching of our Five-Year Plan (1973-1978), the efforts of our Party and our Government have been concentrated on agriculture with a view to encouraging modern farming methods through increasingly accelerated mechanization. The results obtained are very heartening and we believe that in the near future we shall be able to meet our people's needs.

However, it must be recognized that one of the paradoxes of our age lies in the food shortage which mankind is experiencing. For our part, we are aware of the immense efforts on the part of the United States Government, which has always assisted the Republic of Guinea to overcome its food problems.

We take pleasure in emphasizing on this occasion the valuable and abundant assistance given by the people and the Government of the United States to the Guinean people since its accession to full national sovereignty on October 2, 1958.

His Excellency
Gerald Ford,
President of the United States of America,
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Accept, Excellency and Dear Friend, the expression of our high consideration.

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EXCELLENCE ET CHER AMI,

Depuis le lancement de notre Plan Quinquenal (1973-1978), les efforts de notre Parti et de notre Gouvernement sont essentiellement orientés vers l'agriculture en vue d'impulser des méthodes modernes de culture par une mécanisation de plus en plus poussée. Les résultats obtenus sont très encourageants et nous pensons pouvoir, dans un proche avenir, subvenir aux besoins de nos populations.

Il faut, cependant, reconnaître que l'un des paradoxes de notre époque réside dans la crise alimentaire que l'humanité traverse. Nous n'ignorons pas quant à nous les immenses efforts déployés par le Gouvernement des Etats-Unis qui a toujours aidé la République de Guinée à surmonter ses difficultés dans le domaine alimentaire.

Il nous plaît de souligner à cette occasion l'aide précieuse et qualitative faite par le Peuple et le Gouvernement des Etats-Unis au Peuple Guinéen depuis son accession à la pleine souveraineté nationale, le 2 OCTOBRE 1958.

Bien que les efforts fournis par notre Peuple et notre Gouvernement dans le domaine de l'agriculture nous donnent d'immenses raisons d'espérer pouvoir pallier, dans un

A S.E. MONSIEUR
GERALD FORD, PRESIDENT DES
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proche avenir au grand déficit alimentaire auquel nous faisons présentement face, Vous comprendrez aisément, Excellence et Cher Ami, toute l'importance que la République de Guinée attache à l'aide précieuse et inestimable de Votre Pays.

C'est pourquoi, nous avons décidé de dépêcher auprès de Votre Excellence notre Ministre du Plan et de la Statistique, notre Frère ALIOUNE DRAME et la délégation qu'il conduit pour exprimer à Vous-Même et au Peuple Américain Ami toute l'expression de notre profonde gratitude et pour remercier d'avance, Votre Excellence, de tout ce qu'Elle voudra faire pour la réussite, de la Mission de notre Délégation.

Veillez croire, Excellence et Cher Ami, à l'expression de notre haute considération.-



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "AS TOURE", written in a cursive style.

AHMED SEKOU TOURE

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 28, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: Hal Horan *HH*

SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Letter from the
President of Guinea, Ahmed Sekou Toure

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Attached at Tab I is a suggested memorandum for the President recommending that he acknowledge ~~a~~ recent communications from President Toure of Guinea ~~expressing appreciation for~~ US food assistance to his country. Paul Theis has cleared the proposed text of ~~the~~ response *to the two letters*

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RECOMMENDATION

That you forward to the President the memorandum at Tab I.

Attachment

Tab I.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

I greatly appreciate your letter of April 21 describing the efforts which you and your country are making to improve agricultural production. We wish you every success as Guinea strives to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of food.

We are mindful of the present food shortages you are experiencing and are gratified to be able to assist you where we can.

My Government is pleased to receive delegations from Guinea as we seek to improve further the friendly relations which exist between our two countries. We also appreciate the kind words with which Minister Drame described the bilateral relations between Guinea and the United States.

May I take this opportunity to commend to you our new Ambassador to Guinea, William C. Harrop, who has just arrived in Conakry to assume his new duties. Mr. Harrop is a distinguished career diplomat in whom I place the highest personal confidence.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Ahmed Sekou Toure
President of The Republic of Guinea
Conakry





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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

I have read with interest your letters of April 21 and May 10 describing the efforts you and your country are making to improve agricultural production. We wish you every success as Guinea strives to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of food.

We are mindful of the present food shortages you are experiencing and are pleased to be able to assist you where we can.

The United States Government is honored to receive delegations from Guinea as we seek to improve further the friendly relations that exist between our two countries. We appreciate the kind words with which Minister Drame recently described our bilateral relations.

~~Our fiscal year ends in a matter of weeks, and all commodities for the 1975 Food For Peace program have already been committed.~~ We will, however, carefully examine your request for the 1976 program and will try to be as responsive as possible to your needs.

May I take this opportunity to commend to you our new Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, William C. Harrop, who has just arrived in

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Conakry to assume his new duties. Mr. Harrop is a distinguished career diplomat in whom I place the highest personal confidence.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Ahmed Sekou Toure
President of The Republic of Guinea
Conakry



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Letters from the President of Guinea

The President of Guinea, Ahmed Sekou Toure, has written you on two recent occasions concerning US food assistance to his country. His first letter (Tab B) was handcarried to the United States by his Minister of Plans and Statistics, Alioune Drame, sent here as head of delegation to express gratitude for past assistance and to discuss future aid with State and AID officials. President Toure's second letter (Tab C) requests continued assistance.

I believe it appropriate for you to acknowledge receipt of President Toure's communications, and I have attached a suggested text (Tab A). Paul Theis has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A to Guinea's President Toure.

Attachments

- Tab A - Presidential reply, for signature, to President Toure.
- Tab B - President Toure's letter to the President of April 21.
- Tab C - President Toure's letter to the President of May 10.

Handwritten note:
 US assistance to Guinea in fiscal '75 amounted to about \$11 million, for US food commodities under Title I and II of PL 480. In fiscal '76 we are currently planning \$5 million in food aid. We will also begin a

Handwritten notes:
 has only recently arrived in Country
 I suggest taking the opportunity to commend him to President Toure.
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small (\$500,000) drought relief and rehabilitation
Program in 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Drought Relief and Rehabilitation Program in 1976

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from the State Department dated 1/15/76.

The attached memorandum from the State Department dated 1/15/76, regarding the proposed \$500,000 drought relief and rehabilitation program in 1976, is being reviewed by the relevant agencies. It is noted that the program is being reviewed by the relevant agencies. It is noted that the program is being reviewed by the relevant agencies.

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Very truly yours,
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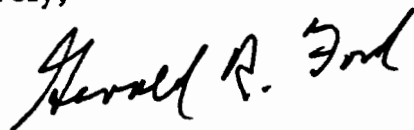
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Dear Mr. President:

I very much appreciate your letter extending warm wishes for the success of our Bicentennial and expressing the gratitude of the people of Guinea to the American people for United States food assistance, which was brought to Washington by Minister Drame.

The recent visit of the USS Capodanno to Conakry as a part of our Bicentennial activities provided a special opportunity to emphasize the U.S. desire to improve our mutually beneficial relations.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Ahmed Sekou Toure,
President of the Republic of Guinea,
Conakry.



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August 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Brent Scowcroft *B*
SUBJECT: Proposed Reply to Republic of
Guinea President Ahmed Sekou
Toure

On April 27 Guinea's Minister of Plans, Alioune Drame, delivered to the Department of State a letter addressed to you from the President of Guinea expressing gratitude for U.S. food assistance and extending Bicentennial best wishes (Tab B). The letter also served as an introduction for Minister Drame who was in Washington for the purpose of discussing Guinea's food situation.

At the time of the letter's receipt, the State Department was engaged in a sensitive and protracted effort to use the leverage of food aid to help weaken Guinean ties with the Soviet Union. State delayed a reply, planning to use this channel as a vehicle for such an initiative. Unfortunately, these efforts were not successful. Accordingly, State now proposes a pro-forma response.

The proposed reply (Tab A) acknowledges the Guinean President's expression of appreciation and Bicentennial greetings. Robert Hartmann has cleared the text of the proposed letter. Milt Mitler also approves.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to President Toure at Tab A.

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REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

The President

Excellency and Dear Friend:

In introducing to you Comrade Alioune Drame, Minister of Planning and Statistics, we express to you our great satisfaction at the excellent relations of friendship and cooperation which our two Governments have succeeded in establishing between the peoples of the United States of America and the Republic of Guinea.

This is also an opportunity for us to express our sincere appreciation for the aid given by the people of the United States to the people of Guinea since our country's accession to independence. We express to you all our gratitude for it and hope that our relations will constantly continue to grow stronger.

Furthermore, we know that the people of the United States are engaged in solemn and fervent celebration of the Bicentennial of your country's independence. We convey to it as well as to Your Excellency our warm wishes for its success.

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

Despite your work schedule, which we know to be very heavy, we hope that Your Excellency will do Comrade Alioune Drame the honor of receiving him. He will then be able to express to you on our behalf the wishes for vigorous health that we convey to Your Excellency, for prosperity, and for continued progress by the people of the United States.

Accept, Excellency and Dear Friend, the assurances of our very high consideration.

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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA IN THE UNITED STATES
2112 LEROY PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008

Washington, April 23, 1976

The Embassy of the Republic of Guinea at Washington presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to bring to its attention the contents of the message of April 22, 1976 of His Excellency Moussa Diakite, Member of the National Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the State Party, Minister of the Interior Domain and Justice, and Chairman of the State Committee for Cooperation with the Countries of America.

Quote:

To: The Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea at Washington, D.C.

We have the honor to inform you that today, April 22, 1976, we signed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the Agreement on PL 480, Fiscal Year 1976, concluded between the United States Government and the Republic of Guinea. The Guinean Government has also decided to send a team to Washington to negotiate with the United States Government the additional supply of foodstuffs under Titles I and II. This Delegation, which will be led by Mr. Alioune Drame, Member of the State Committee and Minister of Planning and Statistics, and will include Messrs.

Habib Bah, Daouda Kourouma, and Mountaga Keita, respectively Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea at Washington, Director General, ALIMAG, and AID Division Director at the State Committee, will depart Conakry on Friday, April 23 via Sabena flight No. SN 547 for Washington where it is scheduled to arrive on Sunday, April 25, 1976.

We request you to advise the American Government authorities and to arrange the meeting for the successful accomplishment of the talks and the mission.

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(s) Moussa Diakite

The Embassy of the Republic of Guinea would appreciate whatever steps the Department of State may take to facilitate the Delegation's work and help make its mission a success.

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EXCELLENCE ET CHER AMI,

En introduisant auprès de Votre Excellence le Camarade ALIOUNE DRAME, Ministre du Plan et de la Statistique, nous Vous exprimons notre grande satisfaction quant aux excellentes relations d'amitié et de coopération que nos deux Gouvernements sont parvenus à nouer entre les Peuples des Etats-Unis d'Amérique et de la République de Guinée.

C'est également pour nous l'occasion d'exprimer notre appréciation sincère pour l'aide apportée par le Peuple Américain au Peuple Guinéen, depuis l'accession de notre pays à l'indépendance. Nous Vous en exprimons toute notre reconnaissance et souhaitons que ces relations aillent se renforçant sans cesse.

Par ailleurs, nous savons que le Peuple Américain s'apprête à fêter solennellement dans la ferveur le Bicentenaire de la proclamation de l'indépendance de Votre pays. Nous lui formulons, ainsi qu'à l'endroit de Votre Excellence, nos vifs souhaits de réussite.

Malgré Votre programme de travail, que nous savons très chargé, nous espérons que Votre Excellence fera honneur au camarade ALIOUNE DRAME en le recevant. Il aura alors à Vous exprimer de notre part, les vœux de vigoureuse santé que nous formulons à l'endroit de Votre Excellence, de prospérité et de progrès continu pour le Peuple Américain ami.

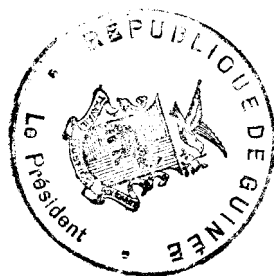
A SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR GERALD FORD,
PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE

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Nous Vous prions, Excellence et Cher Ami,
d'accepter les assurances de notre très haute considération.-



AHMED SEKOU TOURE

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July 23

TO GENERAL SCOWCROFT

I have again blasted State (S/S) for the delay in informing us of the Sekou Toure letter and they have pled mea culpa.

Buck Borg has confirmed to all State bureaus, in response to our earlier complaints, the necessity for sending copies of letters to the President from foreign leaders immediately to the White House, with recommendations as to response to follow, if necessary.


Jeanne Davis

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July 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: Roger Harrison
SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence: Proposed
Reply to Letter from President Ahmed
Sekou Toure of the Republic of Guinea

The attached self-explanatory memorandum to the President forwards a reply to the letter from the President of Guinea delivered to the Department of State on April 27 (Tab B). President Toure's letter expresses satisfaction over friendly U. S. -Guinean relations, thanks the United States for food assistance, and extends best wishes on the occasion of the Bicentennial. The letter also served to introduce Minister of Plans, Alioune Drame, who visited Washington for the purpose of discussing Guinea's food situation.

State delayed a response to the Toure letter while pursuing a strategy of using the possibility of additional food aid as leverage to induce Guinea to loosen ties with the Soviets. This strategy was based on the relationship of the letter with the visit of Minister Drame, who was here to negotiate the food assistance increase. State did not inform us that the letter had been received.

Robert Hartmann has cleared the text of the proposed letter (Tab A).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward to the President the memo at Tab 1.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: BOB LINDER

FROM: TRUDY FRY

The attached is sent to you for review before it is forwarded to the President.

I plan to run it by Milt Mitler.



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 22, 1976

TO: JEANNE W. DAVIS

FROM: ROGER HARRISON

SUBJECT: Delay in Responding to President
of Guinea

State has given me more detail on the reason for the delay in responding to President Toure. According to State, the letter and the visit of Minister of Plans, Drame, were both related to the sensitive negotiations which State had undertaken to persuade Toure to turn away from the Soviets for food aid. Accordingly, State feels that the action was legitimate, and that Toure, who knew what was afoot, will not be insulted by the delay in responding.

Of course, there is still no explanation offered -- or possible -- as to why State did not forward the letter to us initially, along with an explanation of why the response was being delayed.



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Roger Harrison

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 President an explana-
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 7, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Letter to President Ford from Republic
of Guinea President Sekou Toure

Guinea's Minister of Plans Alioune Drame delivered to the Department on April 27 the attached letter to President Ford from Guinean President Sekou Toure. The letter expresses satisfaction over friendly US-Guinean relations, thanks the US for food assistance, and extends best wishes on the Bicentennial. The letter introduces Minister Drame, who visited Washington to discuss Guinea's food situation.

The suggested reply acknowledges the Guinean President's expression of appreciation, and his Bicentennial greetings. We do not wish to do more than acknowledge President Toure's letter. The object of the Drame mission was to secure additional PL-480 commodities from the US, in excess of amounts specified in an agreement signed in Conakry on April 21. We do not believe a positive reply to the request for additional aid is appropriate at this time. We also wish to discourage the dispatch of special missions to Washington to seek aid additional to that agreed upon in negotiations between our Embassy and the Government of Guinea in Conakry.

We delayed replying to Toure's letter during an attempt to use the possibility of additional food aid as leverage to induce Guinea to loosen its military

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cooperation with the Soviet Union. The resumption of military reconnaissance flights by Soviet aircraft from Conakry's airport makes it clear this strategy has been unsuccessful.

for *Frank V. Ortiz*
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Letter from President Toure, undated.
3. Translation of letter.

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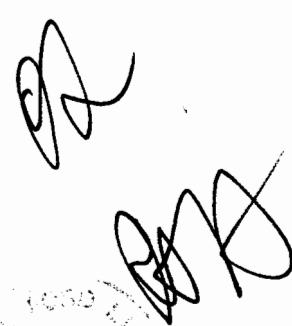
July 15, 1976

TO: DOUG SMITH

FROM: ROGER HARRISON

SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to
Letter from President
Ahmed Sekou Toure of
Guinea

For your clearance.

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SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept my gratitude and that of the American people for the kind words of appreciation for United States food assistance expressed in your letter brought to Washington by Minister Drame.

I appreciate your warm wishes for the success of our Bicentennial. The recent visit of the USS Capodanno to Conakry as a part of our Bicentennial activities provided a special opportunity to emphasize the U.S. desire to improve our mutually beneficial relations.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency
Ahmed Sekou Toure,
President of the
Republic of Guinea,
Conakry.

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Dear Mr. President:

I very much appreciate your letter brought to Washington by Minister Drame, extending warm wishes for the success of our Bicentennial and expressing the gratitude of the people of Guinea to the American people for United States food assistance, *which was*

The United States is hopeful that the mutually beneficial relations between our two countries will continue to improve, and I trust the recent visit of the USS Capadanno to Conakry as a part of our Bicentennial activities provided a special opportunity to emphasize this desire.

Sincerely,



SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept my thanks, on behalf of the American people, for the kind words of appreciation for United States food assistance expressed in your letter brought to Washington by Minister Drame.

We appreciate your warm wishes for the success of our Bicentennial. The recent visit of the USS Capodanno to Conakry as a part of our Bicentennial activities provided a special opportunity to emphasize the U.S. desire to improve our mutually beneficial relations.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency
Ahmed Sekou Toure,
President of the
Republic of Guinea.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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TO: DOUG SMITH /

FROM: ROGER ~~HARRISON~~ *W*

SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Letter from
President Sekou Toure of Guinea

For your clearance.

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SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

~~Please ~~accept my~~ ~~gratitude~~ and that of the American~~

~~people~~ for the kind words of appreciation for United States food assistance expressed in your letter brought to Washington by Minister Drame ~~are much appreciated.~~

I appreciate ^{also} your ~~warm~~ wishes for the success of our Bicentennial. ^{As we enter our third century of independence} ~~The period ahead~~ ^{the future} will doubtless provide an opportunity for further strengthening of the friendly and mutually beneficial relations existing between our two countries.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

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His Excellency
Ahmed Sekou Toure,
President of the
Republic of Guinea,
Conakry.



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SUBJECT: *Call etc to Pres from Pres Sec State
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 Ford assistance & extending Bicentennial*

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FAR EAST/PRC						RECOMMENDATIONS _____
INTELLIGENCE						JOINT MEMO _____
LATIN AMERICA						REFER TO _____ FOR: _____
MID EAST/NO. AFRICA						ANY ACTION NECESSARY? _____
NSC PLANNING						CONCURRENCE _____
PROGRAM ANALYSIS						DUE DATE: <u>7-15</u>
SCIENTIFIC						COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)
SUB-SAH/AFRICA/UN	<u>+</u>				<u>X</u>	

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SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTIONS

DATE	FROM	TO	STATUS	SUBSEQUENT ACTION REQUIRED (OR TAKEN):	DUE	CY TO
7/23		<i>Just</i>	<u>X</u>	<i>Pres for revision</i>	7/28	
8/5		<i>NSC/S</i>	<u>+</u>	<i>Pres sgd ltr to Ford</i>		
8/6		<i>Davis</i>	<u>S</u>	<i>revised pres to dispatch</i>	8/17	
8/6		<i>STATE</i>	<u>C</u>	<i>for dispatch</i>		
8/2		<i>Pres</i>	<u>P</u>	<i>Sgn ltr to Toure</i>		

NSC/S DISP INSTR

DISPATCH + *VIA STATE* _____ NOTIFY _____
 SPECIAL DISPOSITION: _____
 SPECIAL INDEXING: _____
 SUSPENSE CY ATTACHED X

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
REFERRAL

Date: 6 Aug 1976
NSC log # 3940

MEMORANDUM FOR:

C. Arthur Borg
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: Presidential 'green' ltr

To: Ahmed Sekou Toure

From:

Date: 6 August 1976

Subject:

ACTION REQUESTED:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Draft reply for: | <input type="checkbox"/> President's Signature |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> White House Staff |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct reply | <input type="checkbox"/> Furnish info copy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dispatch | <input type="checkbox"/> Translation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendations/Comments | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Handling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Information |

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS:

for Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary



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