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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
REFERRAL

Date: 10/22/76
NSC log # 7605740

MEMORANDUM FOR:

C. Arthur Borg
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: President Jomo Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya
From: President Ford
Date: October 20, 1976
Subject: Reply to President Kenyatta letter to President Ford of 9/28/76

ACTION REQUESTED:

<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 type="checkbox"/> Dispatch	<input type="checkbox"/> Translation
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendations/Comments	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Handling
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DUE DATE:

COMMENTS:

for Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 28. You may be assured that the United States supports you and your government in your continuing efforts to maintain stability and progress. As Secretary of State Kissinger has told you during your recent meetings, we consider your country both an anchor of hope for stability and an example worthy of emulation.

We look forward to continued excellent relations in all fields. The United States is interested in further development of our economic and commercial ties. We support your objectives in economic development and other areas through our AID program, and we look forward to continued and expanded discussion on international issues. I am also pleased that we have been able to assist you in your efforts to upgrade your defense capability and thereby ease somewhat the burdens imposed by your difficult decision in this regard -- a decision the necessity of which we fully understand.

We are pursuing arrangements to fulfill your request for a fly past on Jamhuri Day, December 12. We will be communicating further with you on this matter shortly.

I was sorry to learn that you will not be able to come to the United States this November, but I appreciate your desire to do so and very much hope that such a visit will be possible in the near future. Although I have come to know you and your country better through



the reports of Secretary Kissinger, I regret that I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting you personally. I hope that this will be rectified at an early date.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency
Jomo Kenyatta
President of the Republic of Kenya
Nairobi



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

URGENT NOTE

It has been suggested that Ambassa-
dor Marshall hand carry this
letter back to Nairobi. Inasmuch
as Ambassador Marshall is
leaving Washington, D.C. late
this afternoon, it will be necessary
to have the signed letter returned
to Ambassador Smith's office
(room 393 OEOB) NO LATER THAN
4:30 for onward delivery to Ambassa-
dor Marshall.

October 20



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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Brent Scowcroft 
SUBJECT: Proposed Reply to President Jomo
Kenyatta of Kenya

Ambassador Anthony Marshall has hand carried a letter to you from President Jomo Kenyatta. The letter warmly thanks you for the strong demonstrations of friendship the United States has manifested toward Kenya in the past few months. He refers to Secretary Kissinger's visits in May and September, to the credits we have approved for Kenya to purchase a squadron of F-5s and to the possibility of our providing a "fly past" of U.S. aircraft on Kenya's National Day, December 12.

On the last point, both Secretaries Kissinger and Rumsfeld have expressed support for doubling the number of planes for the fly past and the Pentagon is currently looking into the practicability of accomplishing this.

Finally, President Kenyatta expresses his appreciation for your invitation to him to visit the United States. He hopes to do so "someday."

I have attached a suggested text at Tab A. Doug Smith of Robert Hartmann's office has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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for 10/20/76*

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10/20/76

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: Robert S. Smith
SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence: Proposed Reply to President Kenyatta of Kenya

Attached at Tab A is a proposed letter for President Ford to send to President Kenyatta in reply to the Kenya President's letter of September 28 (Tab B).

Per our telephone conversation, I have made no reference in President Ford's response to the number of planes for the proposed "fly past." I have, however, referred to it in the memo from you to President Ford - in case the matter is brought to his attention at a later time.

May I remind you that we hope to get the letter signed and turned over to Ambassador Marshall to hand carry back to Nairobi. Ambassador Marshall leaves here on Wednesday, October 20, in the early afternoon.

Doug Smith of Robert Hartmann's office has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 15, 1976

MEMO TO: DOUG SMITH
FROM: ROBERT S. SMITH
SUBJECT: Presidential Message in Reply
to Letter from President Kenyatta

||| Brent Scowcroft is hopeful that this can be cleared and signed by the President in time for Ambassador Marshall to hand carry it back to Nairobi when he leaves Washington Wednesday afternoon, October 20. Your cooperation would be most appreciated.

10/19/76 10:30 a.m. house call for little a.s.a.p.
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Attachment



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Suggested Letter

Dear Mr. President:

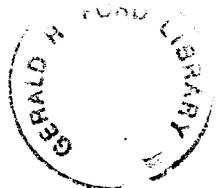
Thank you very much for your letter of September 28. You may be assured that the United States supports you and your government in your continuing efforts to maintain stability and progress. As Secretary of State Kissinger has told you during your recent meetings, we consider your country both an anchor of hope for stability and an example worthy of emulation.

We look forward to continued excellent relations in all fields. The United States is interested in further developing economic and commercial associations. We ~~will~~ support your objectives in economic development and other areas through our AID program, and we look forward to continued and expanded discussion on international issues. Finally, I am also pleased that we have been able to assist you in your efforts to upgrade your defense capability and thereby ease somewhat the burdens imposed by your difficult decision in this regard -- a decision the necessity of which we fully understand.

We are pursuing arrangements to fulfill your request for a fly past on Jamhuri Day, December 12th. ~~At the~~

~~request of your Foreign Minister to Secretary Kissinger~~

His Excellency
Jomo Kenyatta,
President of the Republic of Kenya,
Nairobi.



Department of State

~~we are considering increasing the fly past from six to twelve planes.~~ We will be communicating further with you on this matter ^{shortly} ~~very soon~~ ~~through~~

I was sorry to learn that you will not be able to visit the United States this November, but I ~~most~~ sincerely appreciate your desire to do so and very much hope that the occasion will come about. Although I have come to know you and your country better through the reports of Secretary Kissinger, I regret that I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting you personally. I hope that this will be rectified at ^{an early} ~~some future~~ date.

~~Please accept my personal best wishes.~~

← Sincerely,

← Gerald R. Ford

as edited
[Signature]
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 14, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Draft Reply to Letter from President Kenyatta

Forwarded herewith is a draft of a letter from President Ford to President Kenyatta of Kenya, in response to the latter's letter of September 28 (previously forwarded under Department of State Transmittal Form #7621322, October 13, 1976).

FOR [Signature]
C. Arthur Borg
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5
State Dept. Guidelines
By tda, NARA, Date 3/6/04

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S/S# 7621322

Date 10/13/76

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Brent Scowcroft
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: The President FROM: President Kenyatta of Kenya
DATE: September 28, 1976 SUBJECT: Letter

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: _____ NSC # _____

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS ~~SENT DIRECTLY~~ HAND CARRIED BY AMBASSADOR MARSHALL
x TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- Other

REMARKS:

We are drafting a suggested reply for the President which will be sent to the White House very shortly.

Arthur S. Bridges
for C. Arthur Borg
Executive Secretary



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STATE HOUSE

P. O. BOX 40530

NAIROBI, KENYA

28th September, 1976.

Dear Mr. President,

In these past few months the United States has demonstrated a real friendship for Kenya that will be long remembered, and never forgotten by me and my people.

I have enjoyed and valued the talk I had with my friend, Dr. Kissinger, in May and again last week, here in Kenya. We have discussed not only the philosophical concepts but the practical aspects of maintaining stability in this part of the world. A strong, growing Kenya, in spirit as well as economic development, will - I hope - provide the framework for leadership and stability in the area.

Reluctantly, we have asked and you have given us credits to purchase a squadron of F-5s. We do not wish to build an aggressive force, but only to defend ourselves and be allowed to continue our Nation-building.

When your Secretary of State and I talked last week we discussed the possibility of the United States providing a six plane fly past on Jamhuri Day, December 12th, at our official ceremony. I would very much appreciate this if it is at all possible. It would further show where our friendship lies and discourage those who might want to make trouble.

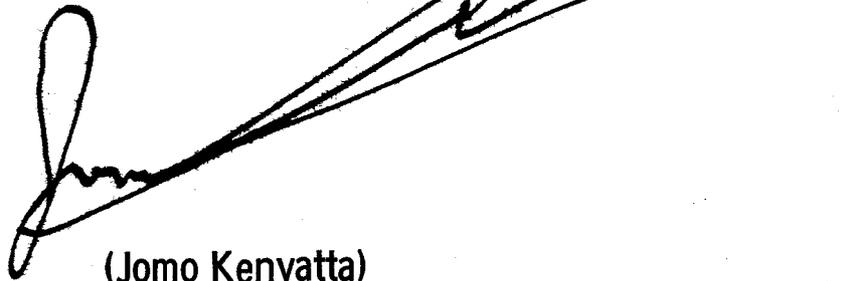
I appreciate enormously the invitation you have extended to me through Dr. Kissinger, to visit the United States. I have discussed the matter with your Ambassador and expressed to him my strong wish to visit the United States - someday.

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I look forward to the continued excellent relations between the Government and the people of our two countries, and wishing you personally every success in your forthcoming elections.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jomo Kenyatta', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the left of the typed name and extends across the page.

(Jomo Kenyatta)
President
Republic of Kenya

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



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His Excellency
Jomo Kenyatta
President of the Republic of Kenya
Nairobi

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

His Excellency
Jomo Kenyatta,
President of the Republic of Kenya,
Nairobi.



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



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SUBJECT: *Und ltr to Pres from Kenyatta of Kenya re US-Kenya Relations*

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ACTION REQUIRED

- MEMO FOR SCOWCROFT
- MEMO FOR PRES
- REPLY FOR
- APPROPRIATE ACTION
- MEMO TO
- RECOMMENDATIONS
- JOINT MEMO
- REFER TO FOR:
- ANY ACTION NECESSARY?
- CONCURRENCE
- DUE DATE:

COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)

*Quietly to Hand-Carried
 Draft for Thomson*

LEONARD

DATE FROM TO STATUS SUBSEQUENT ACTION REQUIRED (OR TAKEN) DUE CY TO

10/14				✓	Awaiting draft reply	10/20	
10/15					Rec'd state drafts 7621447		
10/15		Smith	5		Mem for Pres	10/20	
10/20		Smith	X		Pres decision	10/20	
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DISPATCH ✓ ORIG LTR GIVEN TO NOTIFY

SPECIAL DISPOSITION: *SMITH'S OFF & STATE
 Will pick up in A.M.*

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