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CREATOR'S NAME . . . . . Brent Scowcroft

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TITLE . . . . . Message of Congratulations from  
President to Juan Carlos

CREATION DATE . . . . . 11/21/1975

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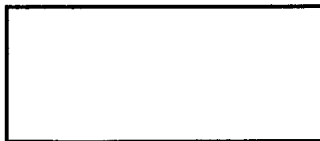
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November 21, 1975

FOR: Captain Jon Howe  
FROM: Brent Scowcroft *RCM/Sey*  
SUBJECT: President's Message of Congratulations to Ambassador Stabler

1. State Department has sent Embassy Madrid text of message of congratulations from President to Prince Juan Carlos. We have asked Ambassador Stabler to have message appropriately prepared for personal presentation by Vice President to Prince Juan Carlos at appropriate moment.

2. FYI Text of message is as follows:

"Your Majesty: The American people join me in extending congratulations and best wishes to you and your family as you commence your reign. The close ties of friendship and cooperation between Spain and the U. S. are important to both our peoples. My country owes a great deal to its Spanish heritage, a heritage that has kept its vitality in our culture today.

The profound wish of the people of the U. S. is that the Spanish people and the Spanish nation, as they enter a new era under your reign, will enjoy peace and prosperity under the conditions of freedom and justice that represent the common bonds among the Western community of nations. Be assured of the sympathy and support of my country in the years to come. Sincerely,  
signed Gerald R. Ford."



3. Warm regards, Brent.

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November 21, 1975



FOR: EMBASSY MADRID, Ambassador Stabler

FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE, Brent Scowcroft *RSC*

SUBJECT: Message of Congratulations from President to Juan Carlos

1. By separate message, the Department of State is sending you the text of a message of congratulations from the President to Prince Juan Carlos. It would be appreciated if you would have this message prepared for personal presentation by the Vice President to Prince Juan Carlos at the appropriate moment. Please correct President's name to read Gerald R. Ford.
2. For your information, the Vice President is carrying the signed original letters of condolence from the President to the Prince, Franco's widow and Arias.
3. Warm regards, Brent Scowcroft.

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RECEIVER'S NAME . . . . . Captain Jon Howe

TITLE . . . . . President's Message of Congratulations  
to Ambassador Stabler

CREATION DATE . . . . . 11/21/1975

VOLUME . . . . . 1 page

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REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL . . . . National security restriction

TYPE OF MATERIAL . . . . . Memorandum

CREATOR'S NAME . . . . . Mr. Clift

RECEIVER'S NAME . . . . . General Scowcroft

TITLE . . . . . President's Message of Congratulations  
to Prince Juan Carlos

CREATION DATE . . . . . 11/21/1975

VOLUME . . . . . 2 pages

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ACTION

November 21, 1975

Tab A  
Tab B  
signed  
& sent  
11-21-75

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: Mr. Clift 

SUBJECT: President's Message of Congratulations to Prince Juan Carlos

Acting on guidance other than my own, the Department of State has dispatched the telegram at Tab C to Embassy Madrid. It contains the text of a message of congratulations from the President to Prince Juan Carlos. Aside from the fact that there has been no editorial review at the White House, all considered, it's not a bad effort. However,


- 1) the President's name is wrong -- State has forgotten that he uses a middle initial
- 2) no thought has been given to the Vice President's role in this.

The message at Tab A for your approval to Ambassador Stabler   would request him to correct the President's name and prepare the message of congratulations for personal presentation by the Vice President to Prince Juan Carlos at the appropriate moment.


The message for your approval to Jon Howe at Tab B would advise him of the message and to be expecting that it will be ready for personal delivery by the Vice President following his arrival in Madrid.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That you approve the message to Stabler at Tab A.

APPROVE  DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) That you approve the message to Captain Howe at Tab B.

APPROVE  DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

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Classified by Brent Scowcroft



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BY dal NARA DATE 10/3/04

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The following background is germane. As of mid-morning November 21, State was not preparing such a message. NSC Secretariat inquired if one was needed. This staff called the Spanish desk pointing out that the Prince would take his oath within 24 hours, and we also asked Jeanne Davis to request State Secretariat to have a message LDXed to the White House for clearance as soon as possible. Al Adams on the Secretary of State's staff asked me to clear by telephone. I told him I preferred to have State LDX the message for clearance, as had earlier been requested by our Secretariat. I told him it was possible that the President might wish to see it (considering that he had acted on similar messages earlier in the day) and because we had work to do relating to the Vice President. I subsequently received the message for information. It would appear from the initials that Jerry Bremer signed off for you.





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THE SECRETARY

EUR - MR. LAINGEN  
NSC - GEN. SCOWCROFT

S/S.-

IMMEDIATE MADRID

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, SP

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO JUAN CARLOS

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BL  
NSC  
S/S

PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRINCE JUAN CARLOS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

"YOUR MAJESTY: THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JOIN ME IN EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS YOU COMMENCE YOUR REIGN. THE CLOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE US ARE IMPORTANT TO BOTH OUR PEOPLES. MY COUNTRY OWES A GREAT DEAL TO ITS SPANISH HERITAGE, A HERITAGE THAT HAS KEPT ITS VITALITY IN OUR CULTURE TODAY.

THE PROFOUND WISH OF THE PEOPLE OF THE US IS THAT THE SPANISH PEOPLE AND THE SPANISH NATION, AS THEY ENTER A NEW ERA UNDER YOUR REIGN, WILL ENJOY PEACE AND PROSPERITY UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE THAT REPRESENT THE COMMON BONDS AMONG THE WESTERN COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. BE ASSURED OF THE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF MY COUNTRY IN THE YEARS TO COME. SINCERELY, SIGNED GERALD R. FORD"



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THE WHITE HOUSE HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS  
NO OBJECTIONS IF THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD DOES SO.44

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# NSC CORRESPONDENCE PROFILE

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SUBJECT: *Presidential msg to Prince Juan Carlos of Spain*

DISTRIBUTION/INITIAL ACTION ASGMT

INTERNAL ROUTING AND DISTRIBUTION			REC CY FOR	ACTION REQUIRED
	ACTION	INFO.		
ADVANCE CYS TO HAK/SCOWCROFT				MEMO FOR HAK .....
STAFF SECRETARY				MEMO FOR PRES .....
FAR EAST				REPLY FOR .....
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA				APPROPRIATE ACTION .....
MID EAST / NO. AFRICA / SO. ASIA				MEMO _____ TO _____ .....
EUROPE / CANADA			<i>X</i>	RECOMMENDATIONS .....
LATIN AMERICA				JOINT MEMO .....
UNITED NATIONS				REFER TO _____ FOR: _____ .....
ECONOMIC				ANY ACTION NECESSARY? .....
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PROGRAM ANALYSIS				DUE DATE: _____
NSC PLANNING				COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)
CONGRESSIONAL				
OCEANS POLICY				
INTELLIGENCE				

SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTIONS

DATE	FROM	TO	S	SUBSEQUENT ACTION REQUIRED (OR TAKEN):	CY TO
11-21		Script X		Decision	11-22
11/22		NSC/C		Scowcroft approved memo	
11/22				msg sent by int room	

NSC/S DISP INSTR

DISPATCH \_\_\_\_\_

CY RQMTS: SEE ABOVE PLUS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTIFY \_\_\_\_\_ & DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMORANDUM

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

8507

WASHINGTON

ADMINISTRATIVELY  
CONFIDENTIAL

INFORMATION  
January 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Brent Scowcroft 

SUBJECT: Correspondence from King Juan Carlos I of Spain

King Juan Carlos I of Spain has written thanking you (Tab A) for the congratulatory message you sent him on the occasion of his accession to the Spanish throne last November (Tab B). In his letter Juan Carlos states that one of the principal goals of his reign will be to ensure that Spain and the Spanish people enjoy "conditions of liberty and justice which are the common basis of western civilization". In doing so, he underscores the main theme of your earlier correspondence to him.

This memorandum is forwarded for your information. As the King is responding to your earlier message, no reply is necessary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

LS NO. 53482  
MSS/DT  
Spanish

Madrid, December 9, 1975

Mr. President:

I greatly appreciated the congratulations and good wishes which you addressed to me, in your own name and in that of the people of the United States of America, on the occasion of the inauguration of my reign. The Spanish heritage of your great nation, to which you referred in your message, is a source of pride for all Spaniards and yet a further reason for the United States of America and Spain to give special attention to the close ties of cooperation and friendship that happily exist between our two peoples.

One of my greatest goals, to which I shall bend every effort, is that Spain, under my reign, may enjoy those conditions of liberty and justice which are the common basis of western civilization and the lasting and inalienable heritage of Spain's historic tradition.

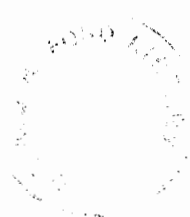
Allow me to reiterate my thanks for your message, Mr. President, and to extend to you my own best wishes for your personal well-being and for that of the noble people of the United States of America.

[Signed] Juan Carlos R.

His Excellency

Gerald R. Ford,

President of the United States of America.







Madrid, 9 de Diciembre de 1.975

*Señor Presidente :*

Agradezco vivamente las felicitaciones y buenos deseos que, en su nombre y en el del pueblo de los Estados Unidos de América, me ha dirigido con motivo del comienzo de mi Reinado. La herencia española de esa gran Nación a la que usted, Señor Presidente, alude en su mensaje, es motivo de orgullo para todos los españoles y una razón más para que los Estados Unidos de América y España presten especial atención a los estrechos lazos de cooperación y amistad que felizmente existe entre nuestros dos pueblos.

Es uno de mis más altos objetivos, y pondré a su servicio mis mejores esfuerzos, el que en España, bajo mi Reinado, imperen las condiciones de libertad y justicia, fundamento común de la civilización occidental y patrimonio permanente e irrenunciable de la tradición histórica española.

Le reitero, Señor Presidente, mi agradecimiento - por su mensaje y hago, por mi parte, los mejores votos por su bienestar personal así como por el noble pueblo de los Estados Unidos de América.

A SU EXCELENCIA GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA



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Text of Message

November 21, 1975

Your Majesty:

The American people join me in extending congratulations and best wishes to you and your family as you commence your reign. The close ties of friendship and cooperation between Spain and the U. S. are important to both our peoples. My country owes a great deal to its Spanish heritage, a heritage that has kept its vitality in our culture today.

The profound wish of the people of the U. S. is that the Spanish people and the Spanish nation, as they enter a new era under your reign, will enjoy peace and prosperity under the conditions of freedom and justice that represent the common bonds among the Western community of nations. Be assured of the sympathy and support of my country in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



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MEMORANDUM


NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ADMINISTRATIVELY  
CONFIDENTIAL

ACTION  
December 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: Mr. Clift 

SUBJECT: Correspondence from King Juan Carlos I of Spain

King Juan Carlos I of Spain has written thanking the President for his congratulatory message on the occasion of the King's accession to the Spanish throne. In his letter, the King states that one of the principal goals of his reign will be to ensure that Spain and the Spanish people enjoy "conditions of liberty and justice which are the common basis of western civilization". In doing so, the King underscores the main theme of the President's earlier correspondence to him.

The memorandum for your signature to the President at Tab I would forward for his information the text and brief summary of the King's letter. As the King is responding to earlier correspondence from the President, no reply would seem necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the information memorandum for the President at Tab I.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 29, 1975

UNCLASSIFIEDMEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Acknowledgement of President Ford's  
Message to King Juan Carlos of Spain

Transmitted herewith is the reply of King Juan Carlos to the President's congratulatory message on his accession to the Spanish throne. Since the King's message is an acknowledgement and expression of gratitude for the President's good wishes, we do not believe that a response is required.

*George S. Springsteen*  
George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary

## Attachment:

Letter from King Juan Carlos,  
with informal translation.UNCLASSIFIED

NSC CORRESPONDENCE PROFILE

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TO: PRES \_\_\_\_\_ FROM: KISSINGER, H \_\_\_\_\_ REFERENCE: 752534 CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE  
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SUBJECT: *Ask Str to Pres fm Juan Carlos Thanking Pres for congratulatory msg re accession to Spanish throne*

INTERNAL ROUTING AND DISTRIBUTION

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ADVANCE CYS TO HAK/SCOWCROFT		
STAFF SECRETARY		
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EUROPE / CANADA	*	
LATIN AMERICA		
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	ANY ACTION NECESSARY? _____
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COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)

*Carlos JUAN*

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<i>12/30</i>		<i>Script</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Pres for info (01/15)</i>	
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DISPATCH \_\_\_\_\_  
 CY RQMTS: SEE ABOVE PLUS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOTIFY \_\_\_\_\_ & DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_  
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