THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1975

Your Majesty:

On behalf of the people of the United States of America, it gives me great pleasure to extend to you and to the Duke of Edinburgh a cordial invitation to make a State Visit to the United States on July 7 to 11, 1976, on the occasion of our 200th anniversary celebrations.

Your visit, I know, will serve to underscore the very close ties of friendship which unite our peoples. There could be no more fitting observance of this friendship on this important occasion than a visit by Your Majesty and we would be honored by your acceptance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II
London
MEMORANDUM

TO: Elizabeth II
FROM: Pres Ford
DATE: May 27, 1975
SUBJECT: Invitation for State Visit

ACTION REQUESTED:

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for JEANNE W. DAVIS
Staff Secretary

CLASSIFICATION
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Invitation to Queen Elizabeth for a State Visit in 1976

May 27, 1975

The British have informed us that our proposed dates of July 7 - 11, 1976, have been accepted by Buckingham Palace as convenient for a State Visit by Queen Elizabeth to the United States for the Bicentennial. For the Queen to accept officially, a formal invitation is required.

The letter for your signature at Tab A would formally extend an invitation to Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh to visit the United States from July 7 - 11, 1976. It would also state that the visit will serve to underscore the very close ties of friendship which unite our peoples.

Your letter has been cleared with Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.
MEMORANDUM
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

ACTION
May 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: Mr. Clift

SUBJECT: Invitation to Queen Elizabeth to Make State Visit

The British have informed us that our proposed dates of July 7 - 11, 1976, have been accepted by Buckingham Palace as convenient for a State Visit by Queen Elizabeth to the United States for the Bicentennial.

The memorandum for your signature to the President at Tab I would inform the President of the Queen's choice of these dates and would forward for his signature a letter formally extending an invitation to Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The President's letter has been cleared with Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Tab I added
5-27-75

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL
May 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Invitation to Queen Elizabeth

We have learned from the British Embassy that the dates July 7-11, 1976, have been suggested by Buckingham Palace as convenient for a State Visit by Her Majesty to the United States for the Bicentennial. A draft Letter of Invitation to Her Majesty is attached.

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment
Draft Letter of Invitation
Your Majesty:

In a little more than a year it will be two centuries since it became necessary for our people "to dissolve the political bonds" which connected them to yours and "to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them..." We celebrate this great event mindful that the liberty to which we gave expression in the Declaration of Independence was based on principles of human freedom which had been planted, nurtured, and brought to fruition in Britain, the land to which so many of our first citizens traced their origins.

United as we were by ties of kinship, as well as by a common devotion to these principles, it was surely inevitable that we should have evolved from the bitterest of opponents to the strongest of friends and allies. I can think of no more fitting observance of this friendship than a visit by Your Majesty on the occasion of our 200th birthday. On behalf of the people of the United States of America, I extend

Her Majesty

Queen Elizabeth II,

London.
to Your Majesty and to the Duke of Edinburgh a cordial invitation to join us on July 7 to 11, 1976, in celebration of our Bicentennial.

Respectfully yours,

Gerald R. Ford
TO: PRES

PRESIUS

SCOWCROFT

DAVIS

FROM: KISSINGER, H

COLBY, W

SCHLESINGER, J

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SUBJECT: Invitation to Queen Elizabeth for state visit to US on July 7 - 11 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Queen Elizabeth II Accepts State Visit Invitation

Under cover of a letter from the British Ambassador (Tab B), Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has sent you the letter at Tab A in which she accepts the invitation you extended to her and the Duke of Edinburgh to pay a State Visit to the United States during July 7 – 11, 1976.

The visit will be announced simultaneously at Buckingham Palace and the White House on Friday, June 27 at 10:00 am (EDT). This memorandum is to inform you of Queen Elizabeth II's acceptance.
MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: Mr. Clift

SUBJECT: Announcement of Queen Elizabeth II's State Visit

The information memorandum for your signature to the President at Tab I would forward Queen Elizabeth II's letter of June 19 to which she accepts the President's invitation to pay a State Visit to the United States during July 7 - 11, 1976.

The British would like to announce the visit on Friday, June 27, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. EDT simultaneously at Buckingham Palace and the White House (Embassy note at Tab III). The announcement and related Q's and A's at Tab II have been prepared for this purpose.

Finally, I would recommend that Jeane Davis forward a copy of Queen Elizabeth II's letter of acceptance to the Department of State for the information of Protocol and the European Bureau. The memorandum at Tab IV would do this.

Jack Marsh concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

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

2. That you approve the announcement text and Q's and A's at Tab II for Mrs. Vanderheyde's further action with Ron Nessen.

APPROVE APPROVE AS REVISED

3. That Jeane Davis sign the memorandum to State at Tab IV forwarding a copy of Queen Elizabeth II's letter.

ADClift: gw: 6/25/75
WHITE HOUSE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

STATE VISIT OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Friday, June 27, 1975
10:00 a.m. (EDT)

The President has invited Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh to pay a State Visit to the United States from July 7 - 11, 1976, during the Bicentennial Year, and the invitation has been accepted with pleasure.

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Q: When did Queen Elizabeth last visit the United States?
A: Her Majesty's last visit was in 1957 -- October 16-21, 1957. She visited as Princess Elizabeth in October 31 - November 2, 1961.

Q: When did she become Queen?
A: February 6, 1952.

Q: Is there anything further that you can announce with regard to foreign participation in the Bicentennial?
A: No, I do not have anything further on the subject of the Bicentennial today either with regard to announcements or planning.

Q: What about the itinerary for the Queen's State Visit?
A: The details of the visit have not yet been developed, other than the fact that there will, of course, be a welcoming ceremony, talks and a State Dinner at the White House.
MEMORANDUM FOR
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Queen Elizabeth II's State Visit

The attached copy of a letter from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the President is forwarded for the information of the Department of State. A simultaneous announcement of the visit will be made by Buckingham Palace and the White House on Friday, June 27, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. EDT.

Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary
Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 27th May inviting me and my husband to pay a State Visit to the United States from 7th to 11th July, 1976, on the occasion of your country's Bicentennial celebrations. We were delighted to receive this kind invitation which we gladly accept.

We look forward with pleasure to meeting you and Mrs. Ford and, with happy memories of previous visits to the United States, welcome the opportunity to see more of your country and the American people. I am confident that our visit will help to strengthen the ties of friendship between our two countries.

With cordial good wishes.

[Signature]

The Honourable Gerald R. Ford,
President of the United States of America.
BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The President
The White House

25 June 1975

Dear Mr. President,

At the command of Her Majesty, The Queen I have great pleasure in forwarding Her Majesty's reply in regard to Her State Visit to the United States in July 1976.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Ramsbotham
(Peter Ramsbotham)
I am sending down with this letter The Queen's reply to the President's invitation with a covering letter from Sir Peter Ramsbotham to the President.

As I told you on the telephone, Buckingham Palace would like to make an announcement as soon as possible after delivery. Perhaps Friday the 27th at 10.00 am in Washington and 3.00 pm in London (local time) would be a good time? The suggested terms for the announcement by Buckingham Palace are:

"The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have accepted the invitation of the President to pay a State Visit to the United States from 7 to 11 July, 1976, during the American Bi-centennial Year."

I will be grateful if you could let me know whether the time and the date suggested are agreeable to the White House.
**ISC CORRESPONDENCE PROFILE**

**SUBJECT:** Access to the Queen for Queen Elizabeth II during next to US on July 16

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Thank you for your kind remarks about our forthcoming visit to the United States. The Duke of Edinburgh and I are grateful for the arrangements which are being made to enable us to participate in the American bicentennial in such an agreeable way.
We look forward with the greatest pleasure to our visit and to meeting you and Mrs. Ford on our arrival in Washington on 7 July, 1976.

[Signature]

Buckingham Palace,

5 April, 1976.

To

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford,

President of the United States of America.
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

INFORMATION
May 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT
SUBJECT: Correspondence from Queen Elizabeth II

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Inasmuch as the Queen is responding to your letter, no further reply on your part is necessary.
TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT

Robert D. Linder
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Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Buckingham Palace,
5 April, 1976.

To

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford,
President of the United States of America.
Queen Elizabeth II has sent the President a letter (at Tab A) in response to his letter conveyed by Ambassador Armstrong when she presented her credentials at Buckingham Palace on March 17. The memorandum for your signature to the President at Tab I would forward the Queen's letter, together with a brief summary.

Inasmuch as the Queen is responding to the President's earlier letter, no reply would seem necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Brent Scowcroft

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Ask Mrs. F to see if Queen Elizabeth II
Britain re credentials presented by Ambassador & strengthened US-UK relations