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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1975

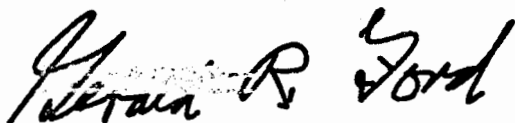
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Sincerely,



His Holiness
Pope Paul VI
Vatican City



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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"Italy" is incorrect
to use in the
address. End with
"Vatican City"



W. G. Wenham

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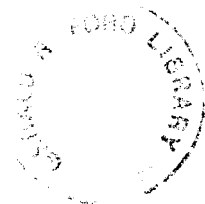
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Date: May 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GEORGE SPRINGSTEEN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NSC LOG# 7502038

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: Pope

FROM: President

DATE: May 8, 1975

SUBJECT:

ACTION REQUESTED:

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Charlotte Stephens
for JEANNE W. DAVIS
Staff Secretary

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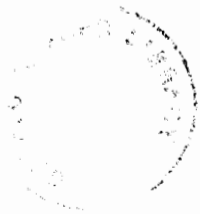
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Pope's letter had to be resigned
because of error in address.
Pls send the new letter to S/S
for dispatch and file the other that
was signed in Central Files/

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His Holiness
Pope Paul VI
Vatican City, Italy



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *K*
SUBJECT: Papal Message on the Vietnamese Refugee Situation

Pope Paul has sent a message to you (at Tab B) through Ambassador Lodge expressing concern over the plight of the Vietnamese refugees and requesting that every effort be made to assist the refugees.

At Tab A for your approval is a reply to Pope Paul which would express your concern for the plight of the Vietnamese refugees, outline our assistance efforts to date, indicate that we are working to enlist the support of other nations in aiding these displaced people, and request that he consider issuing a general appeal for assistance in resettling and rehabilitating the refugees.

Your message has been coordinated with Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to Pope Paul at Tab A.

APPROVE *MCJ*

DISAPPROVE _____

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Message From The Pope To The President

The condition of the refugees in Vietnam is approaching catastrophe and if something is not done within 24 hours a catastrophe is certain. There are 600,000 refugees in Da Nang and their evacuation is urgently necessary. I plead to you, Mr. President, to make every effort to save these miserable people.

March 28, 1975





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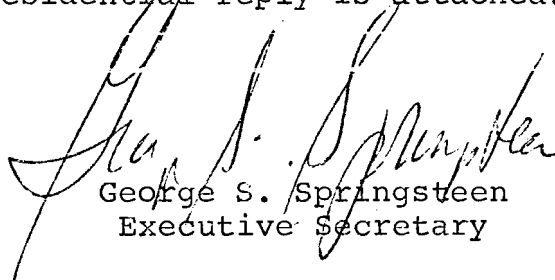
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April 2, 1975

CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Papal Message to the President
on Vietnam

On March 28 Pope Paul VI sent a message to the President expressing his concern with the Vietnamese refugees in DaNang and pleading with the President to make every effort to evacuate these people. The Pope's verbal message was delivered to Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, the President's Special Envoy to the Vatican.

A suggested Presidential reply is attached.



George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Suggested reply.
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By WJ, NARA, Date 3/10/04

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PINT, VS, VT
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE POPE

FOR ILLING

1. ILLING REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE TO THE VATICAN:

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR HOLINESS: AMBASSADOR HENRY CABOT
LODGE CONVEYED TO ME YOUR GRAVE CONCERN FOR THE VIETNAMESE
REFUGEES IN DA NANG. I FULLY SHARE YOUR DEEP CONCERN AND
ASSURE YOU THAT OUR EFFORTS CONTINUE TO ASSIST REFUGEES
THROUGHOUT VIETNAM.

AT THE TIME OF YOUR MESSAGE, I HAD ORDERED AN AIR AND SEA
EVACUATION OF DA NANG USING ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO US.
I HAVE ALSO APPEALED TO OTHER NATIONS, AS WELL AS TO UNITED
NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, TO ASSIST IN THIS
EFFORT. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY
CONCEIVABLE EFFORT TO EVACUATE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE
FROM THREATENED AREAS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. WE HAVE BEEN
GRATIFIED THAT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN
THIS EFFORT.

IN THIS REGARD, I APPEAL TO YOU TO ASK ALL PARTIES
CONCERNED IN VIETNAM TO PERMIT THE SAFE EVACUATION OF

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REFUGEES FROM ANY AREA WHERE IT IS NECESSARY. AN ASSURANCE OF SAFE EVACUATION WILL HELP TO ALLEVIATE THE HUMAN SUFFERING AND ASSIST IN TRANSPORTING THE REFUGEES TO SAFE AREAS. SINCERELY, GERALD FORD. END TEXT. 44



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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE POPE TO THE PRESIDENT

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2. BEGIN MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT: THE CONDITION OF THE REFUGEES IN VIETNAM IS APPROACHING CATASTROPHY AND IF SOMETHING IS NOT DONE WITHIN 24 HOURS A CATASTROPHY IS CERTAIN. THERE ARE 600,000 REFUGEES IN DANANG AND THEIR EVACUATION IS URGENTLY NECESSARY. I PLEAD TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SAVE THESE MISERABLE PEOPLE. END OF MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT.
3. BENELLI RANKS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE POPE AND THE SECY OF STATE AS NUMBER THREE MAN AND HE WAS UNQUESTIONABLY PERSONALLY INSTRUCTED BY THE POPE TO GIVE ME THE ABOVE MESSAGE FOR DELIVERY TO THE PRESIDENT.
4. I DREW ON DEPARTMENT'S 0169165 AND TOLD HIM HE TOO HAD HEARD THAT THERE ARE 600,000 REFUGEES IN DANANG. I ASSURED HIM THAT THE U.S. FULLY SHARED POPE'S CONCERN OVER THE REFUGEES AND WERE EXPLORING ON URGENT BASIS EVERY WAY OF ALLEVIATING THE HUMAN SUFFERING AND TRANSPORTING THE REFUGEES TO SAFER AREAS.
5. I ASSURED HIM I WOULD DELIVER HIS MESSAGE. BEAUDRY

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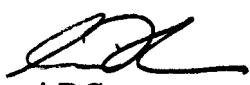
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MEMO FOR BUD McFARLANE

Bud

Attached is the Birthday message to

Pope Paul VI which we have already cleared.



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FOR AMBASSADOR LODGE'S OFFICE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, VT

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO POPE PAUL VI

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO POPE PAUL ON
SEPTEMBER 24:

QUOTE: YOUR HOLINESS: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,
I WISH TO CONVEY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION
OF YOUR SEVENTY-NINTH BIRTHDAY. YOUR UNFAILING EFFORTS
ON BEHALF OF WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE ARE AN INSPIRATION
TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
UNQUOTE.

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