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TO PRESIDENT FORD ON HIS ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE
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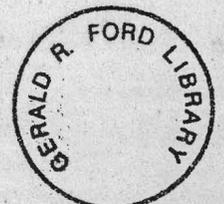
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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL.

ORIGIN TEXT: YOUR MAJESTY: YOUR GRACIOUS MESSAGE ON
ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL
RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO
BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING
PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND, INCLUDING A JUST AND DURABLE
SETTLEMENT OF THOSE ISSUES WHICH CONFRONT THE PEOPLES OF
THE MIDDLE EAST. AS WE WORK TOWARDS THESE OBJECTIVES, WE
LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN SAUDI
ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE SERVICE OF THE LONG-
LASTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH HAVE PREVAILLED UNDER
YOUR MAJESTY'S WISE LEADERSHIP.

WITH MY BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD, END TEXT.

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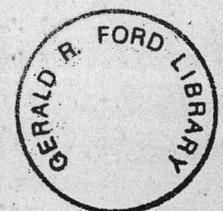
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September 5, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Responses to Congratulatory Messages
from Foreign Leaders on Assumption of
Office (S/S 7414766)

Attached are the three approved standard Presidential responses (Tab A) for acknowledging congratulatory messages. Special tailored messages are also attached (Tab B) for the following Heads of State/Government:

- 1 Lon Nol of Cambodia
- 41 Emperor of Japan
- 11 President Thieu of Vietnam
- 138 King and Prime Minister of Laos
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- 26 President Tolbert of Liberia
- 96 General Gowon of Nigeria
- 141 President Sadat of Egypt → 150
- ~~69 President and Prime Minister of Israel~~
- 149 Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan
- 8 Shah of Iran
- 93 King Faisal of Saudi Arabia
- 112 President Asad of Syria

If the circumstances of our relations with a given country indicate that a response should not be sent, or that the standard reply would be inappropriate, you are requested to prepare alternate language for clearance here and/or recommend other action.



You should take no action now on the following leaders as individualized replies are still being cleared and will be forwarded separately:

- Prime Minister Gandhi of India
- King Hassan of Morocco (S/S 7415768 is still under consideration)
- Prime Minister Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka

At Tab C is an up-to-date listing of the congratulatory messages which have been received.

Would you also prepare suggested draft letters -- drawing from the standard texts -- for the foreign representatives in Washington who sent separate congratulatory messages to the President. Your suggested reply could also take into account any other messages which have been sent during the interim.

We would also appreciate your preparing an album for the President of all the incoming and outgoing messages.

Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary



Tailored for King Faisal of Saudi Arabia

Your Majesty's gracious message on my assumption of office as President of the United States is very deeply appreciated. You may be assured that all the resources of the American Government will continue to be directed toward our common goal of a true and lasting peace for all mankind, including a just and durable settlement of those issues which confront the peoples of the Middle East. As we work towards these objectives, we look forward to continued close cooperation between Saudi Arabia and the United States in the spirit of the longstanding friendly relations which have prevailed under Your Majesty's wise leadership.

With my best wishes.

Sincerely,





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SUBJECT: KING FAISAL SENDS BEST WISHES TO PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

1. DURING CHARGE'S CALL ON ACTING DEPUTY FONMIN AMBASSADOR IBRAHIM SULTAN AUGUST 11, SULTAN PRESENTED HIM WITH STATEMENT OF BEST WISHES FROM KING FAISAL TO PRESIDENT FORD.

2. STATEMENT, WHICH UNSIGNED AND UNDATED, BEING POUCHED NEA/ARP, EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

"HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IN SENDING YOUR EXCELLENCY MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, I WISH THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY MAY CONTINUE THE EFFORTS MADE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF YOUR PREDECESSOR, PRESIDENT NIXON, TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I HOPE THAT DURING YOUR PRESIDENCY, PEACE AND STABILITY WILL PREVAIL OVER ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD SO THAT ITS PEOPLE MIGHT BE BLESSED WITH WELL BEING AND HAPPINESS.

I PRAY THAT ALMIGHTY GOD WILL CONFIRM YOUR STEPS ON THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND STRENGTHEN

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YOU WITH HIS SUPPORT AND GRACE.
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Executive Secretary

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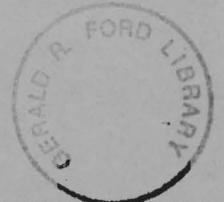
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1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO KING FAISAL. IF HE IS NOT AVAILABLE, DELIVER
TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

AS ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS AS PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, I AM WRITING TO YOU AND SOME OTHER
FRIENDS WITH WHOM WE SHARE A MAJOR INTEREST IN WORLD
DEVELOPMENTS. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU OF THE HIGH IMPORTANCE
I ATTACH TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES,
AND OF MY DEDICATION TO A CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE
FOREIGN POLICY BY THE UNITED STATES.



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THE PRINCIPLE OF CONTINUITY IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY HAS DEEP ROOTS. I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I AM FIRMLY COMMITTED TO HONORING THE OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND WITH ALL OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD, IN PARTICULAR,

I WANT TO AFFIRM EVERYTHING SAID TO YOU ON THIS SUBJECT BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER.

YOUR MAJESTY, I KNOW YOUR OWN DEEP FEELINGS ON THE NEED TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I SHALL VALUE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR COUNSEL AS WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORT TO HELP THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION MOVE FORWARD TOWARDS SUCH A PEACE. I ASSURE YOU THAT THIS EFFORT WILL PROCEED WITH THE MAXIMUM VIGOR OF WHICH WE ARE CAPABLE. IT IS MY INTENTION THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO BUILD SUBSTANTIALLY ON THE STEPS TAKEN OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL REMAIN AMONG THE HIGHEST FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES. ON OUR SIDE, THE EFFORT WILL PROCEED WITH THE FULL SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER. I KNOW THE EFFORT CANNOT SUCCEED WITHOUT THE CONCERTED SUPPORT OF MEN OF GOODWILL IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION. IT IS IN THAT REGARD THAT I PLACE EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE ON YOUR OWN CONTINUED SUPPORT AND THE CHANCE TO CONSULT WITH YOU AS WE PROCEED.

YOUR MAJESTY, OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ENJOYED A LONG ASSOCIATION AND A CLOSE FRIENDSHIP. IT HAS WITHSTOOD VARIOUS TRIALS, AND I AM ENTIRELY CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL EMERGE WITH GREATER STRENGTH IN THE YEARS AHEAD. THE VERY SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT LAUNCHED THIS SPRING TO BROADEN AND DEEPEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS HAS BEEN A MATTER OF GREAT SATISFACTION TO ME. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I SUPPORT IT FULLY AND WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN FROM OUR SIDE TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESS. THIS CAN BE A NEW PATH ON WHICH SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES CAN WALK TO SERVE OUR COMMON INTERESTS OF PEACE AND PROGRESS, AND THE



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WELLBEING OF BOTH OUR NATIONS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

GERALD R. FORD

END MESSAGE.

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FROM PRIME MINISTER GANDHI OF INDIA

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
PRIME MINISTER GANDHI FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

QUOTE: DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER: YOUR HEARTENING
MESSAGE OF AUGUST 9 ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESI-
DENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. I ALSO
WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS, IN YOUR
LETTER OF AUGUST 19, REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE DEMOCRATIC HERITAGE WE SHARE.
YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON
GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND, AND
THAT WE WILL CARRY FORWARD OUR POLICY OF SEEKING
STRENGTHENED RELATIONS WITH INDIA. WITH BEST WISHES,
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

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AMBASSADOR OF INDIA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

9th August 1974

Dear Mr. President,

I am directed by my Prime Minister to convey to you the following message on the happy occasion of your assumption of the highest office in the United States of America:

"As you assume the high office of the President of the United States of America, I have great pleasure in sending you my cordial greetings and warm felicitations. We look forward to the further strengthening of the friendly relations between our two countries.

Please accept my best wishes for your personal well being and for the prosperity of the people of the United States of America.

INDIRA GANDHI".

May I add my own heartiest congratulations and respectful wishes for your health and happiness and that of your family, and success in your new office.

With respectful regards,

Sincerely,

(T.N. Kaul)

Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,
WASHINGTON D.C.





AMBASSADOR OF INDIA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

20th August 1974

Dear Mr. President,

I am desired by my Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, to convey the following message from her to you:

New Delhi,
19th August 1974

"Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 10th August 1974 which must have crossed my own message to you. I appreciate your courtesy and sharing your thoughts about the future policies of the U.S.A. and your commitment to building a strong relationship between our two countries. Indeed it has been my sincere effort ever since I became Prime Minister to improve relations with your great country. But unfortunately our policy and even our motives have so often been misunderstood in the past.

2. We admire the American heritage. The U.S. and India are functioning democracies which have a common interest in promoting world peace in which democratic institutions and values can flourish and men and women will have full opportunity to work for the fulfilment of their aspirations. We look forward to a continuing dialogue between our two Governments on matters of bilateral and international interests. Our two countries can and should work together to promote understanding cooperation and peace, especially in this part of the world.

3. As you say, there has indeed been considerable progress in our relations in recent months. We share the wishes of the United States Government under your leadership to continue this process. May I assure you, Mr. President, of our earnestness in desiring a more positive and constructive relationship between our two countries.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. Indira Gandhi."

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest esteem.

T.N. Kaul
(T.N. Kaul)
Ambassador of India

Hon'ble Gerald R. Ford,
President of the United States of America,
WASHINGTON D.C.



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PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER GANDHI. IF SHE IS NOT AVAIL-
ABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER:

AS I TAKE UP THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
I AM WRITING TO ASSURE YOU AND OTHER FRIENDS OF MY FIRM
DEDICATION TO THE POLICIES THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN
FOLLOWING IN ITS PURSUIT OF WORLD PEACE.

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IS SOUNDLY BASED
ON THE SUPPORT OF BOTH OUR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES. THE
PRINCIPLES OF CONTINUITY IN FOREIGN POLICY AND OF BROAD
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ROOTS IN THE TRADITIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND NATIONAL INTERESTS OF AMERICA. THESE PRINCIPLES WILL BE CENTRAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER MY ADMINISTRATION. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM FULLY

COMMITTED TO HONORING ALL INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY AND WITH ALL OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA HAVE HAD A SPECIAL BOND IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE OF THEIR COMMON PRIDE AND DEDICATION TO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AND OF EQUALITY UNDER LAW. MY OWN BACKGROUND IN THE CONGRESS GIVES ME A SPECIAL APPRECIATION OF THAT BOND AND OF THE CONTRIBUTION THAT IT CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE IN STRENGTHENING THE TIES BETWEEN US.

MADAME PRIME MINISTER, I KNOW OF THE PROGRESS OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE IN RECENT MONTHS IN BUILDING STRONGER AND MORE MATURE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT MY ADMINISTRATION WITH THE FULL PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP OF SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL BE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO CONTINUATION OF THAT EFFORT, CONVINCED OF THE CONTRIBUTION THAT IT CAN MAKE TO OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE OF WORLD PEACE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

GERALD R. FORD

END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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SUBJECTS: REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO
PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY FULL
COMMITMENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AND TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
UNQUOTE.

2. MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM READS AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS AS YOU ASSUME THE GREAT
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENCY...

YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT MY GOVERNMENT, AND AUSTRALIANS



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AT LARGE, ARE CONFIDENT OF A CONTINUATION OF THE GOOD RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE,

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EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

9 August 1974.

Dear Mr President,

I have been asked to pass to you the following message from the Honourable E.G. Whitlam, Q.C. M.P., Prime Minister of Australia:

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I wish you every success as you assume the great responsibilities of the Presidency.

You can be assured that my Government, and Australians at large, are confident of a continuation of the good relations that exist between our two countries.

Ends.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Shaw
Ambassador

The Honourable
Gerald R. Ford,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,
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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: UPON ASSUMING THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I WISH TO REAFFIRM TO YOU THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT I ATTACH TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH AUSTRALIA. AS ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS, I WISH PERSONALLY TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IT WILL BE THE POLICY OF MY ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE THAT THAT RELATIONSHIP IS MAINTAINED. SPECIFICALLY, I WISH TO REAFFIRM OUR CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO ANZUS AND TO ALL OTHER TREATIES, AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS THAT PRESENTLY EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH AUSTRALIA IS ONE OF THE BASIC PREMISES OF OUR POLICY IN THE PACIFIC AND HAS BROAD SUPPORT WITHIN BOTH OF OUR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES. I



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FULLY APPRECIATE, AS I AM SURE YOU DO, THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR BILATERAL COOPERATION NOT ONLY TO OUR OWN TWO COUNTRIES BUT ALSO TO OUR SHARED GOALS OF BUILDING A VIABLE STRUCTURE

FOR PEACE AND SECURITY AND ADVANCING ALL THOSE VALUES THAT OUR TWO PEOPLES SHARE.

IN THESE IMPORTANT ENDEAVORS, AS WELL AS IN OTHER AREAS, I WILL HAVE THE FIRM SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN WHOM I HAVE THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMITMENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.



2. FYI: FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT SUHARTO:

QUOTE: ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF INDONESIA, I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOUR EXCELLENCY MOST WARMLY AND SINCERELY UPON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MAY THE EXISTING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES BE MAINTAINED IN THE YEARS AHEAD, UNQUOTE.

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August 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Congratulatorys to President Ford

Attached for appropriate handling are
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the following foreign leaders:

Belgium 175	Tindemans	Prime Minister
Canada 161	Laskin	Governor General
Canada 95	Trudeau	Prime Minister
Ghana 166	Acheampong	Chairman
Indonesia 178	Hamengkubuwono	Vice President
Indonesia 156	Soeharto	President
Italy 160	Rumor	Prime Minister
Italy 177	Moro	Foreign Minister
Jamaica 179	Manley	Prime Minister
Nepal 181	Rijal	Prime Minister
Nepal 180	Birendra	King
Pakistan 149	Bhutto	Prime Minister
Sri Lanka 183	Bandaranaike	Prime Minister
Sri Lanka 184	Gopallawa	President
Turkey 154	Koruturk	President
Turkey 185	Ecevit	Prime Minister
Uganda 97	Amin	President
Zambia 186	Kaunda	President
PAKISTAN 182	CHAUDHRY	PRES

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Acting Executive Secretary

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KEDUTAAN BESAR INDONESIA
EMBASSY OF INDONESIA
WASHINGTON, D. C.



CHANCERY
2020 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
TELEPHONE 293-1745

August 12, 1974

Sir:

I have the honor to request your good offices in transmitting to His Excellency President Gerald R. Ford, the following cabled message from President Soeharto :

"His Excellency Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America.
On behalf of the Government and people of Indonesia, I wish to congratulate Your Excellency most warmly and sincerely upon your appointment as President of the United States of America.
May the existing good relations between our respective countries be maintained in the years ahead.
General Soeharto
President of the Republic of Indonesia."

Please accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Adiwoso Abubakar'.

Adiwoso Abubakar

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The Honorable

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PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO. IF RECIPIENT NOT AVAIL-
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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS I ASSUME THE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, I AM AS
ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS WRITING TO YOU TO ASSURE YOU OF MY
FIRM DEDICATION TO THE POLICIES THE UNITED STATES HAS
BEEN PURSUING IN ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND IN
PARTICULAR TO THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT RELATE TO
INDONESIA.



THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IS BASED
SOLIDLY ON THE SUPPORT OF BOTH OF OUR MAJOR POLITICAL
PARTIES. THE PRINCIPLE OF CONTINUITY IN FOREIGN POLICY
HAS DEEP ROOTS IN THE TRADITIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AND
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UNITED STATES UNDER MY ADMINISTRATION.

IN MY CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY, I WILL HAVE THE FIRM SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN WHOM I HAVE THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE. HE HAS DISCUSSED WITH ME THE HIGH IMPORTANCE WHICH WE PLACE ON RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDONESIA, AND HAS INFORMED ME OF THE CONVERSATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE THAT HAVE PASSED BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I FULLY ENDORSE AND WILL DO MY UTMOST TO CARRY OUT ALL OF THE AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN REACHED. INDONESIA OCCUPIES A SPECIAL PLACE IN ASIA, AND WE BELIEVE THAT OUR TIES WITH INDONESIA ARE IMPORTANT TO THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS IN THE ASIAN AREA, AND TO WORLD PEACE. I SHALL ENDEAVOR TO STRENGTHEN THOSE TIES. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT KISSINGER



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SUBJECT: REPLY TO BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT'S CONGRATULATORY
MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO PRESIDENT GEISEL IN REPLY TO HIS CONGRATULATORY CABLE OF
AUGUST 10.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMIT-
MENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOP-
ERATION AND TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

3. FYI: TEXT OF PRESIDENT GEISEL'S ORIGINAL MESSAGE
FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: AT THE MOMENT WHEN YOUR EXCELLENCY
ASSUMES THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN
MY NAME AND IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF
BRAZIL, I WISH PERSONAL HAPPINESS FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY AND
CONTINUED PROSPERITY FOR THE GREAT NORTH AMERICAN NATION.

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August 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

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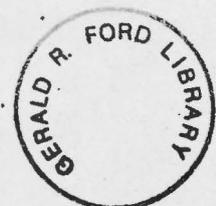
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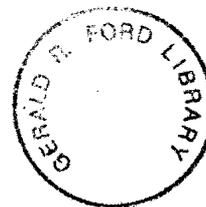
Excellency,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, requesting that it be conveyed to its high destination, the text of a message addressed by His Excellency Ernesto Geisel, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, to His Excellency Gerald Ford, President of the United States of America.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Brasilia, D.F.,
August 12, 1974

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

Mr. President:

Your letter of August 9 was a motive of great satisfaction for me. It showed unequivocally that we share the same desire to cooperate and the same sense of urgency in the evaluation of the relations between our two countries.

My Government, Mr. President, has held that contemporaneity and ecumenism are matters of fundamental concern. We participate actively in the principal international problems of the moment, offering and giving, as far as possible, our cooperation towards their solution. In the same way, we believe that there are no watertight regions in the world, and we seek to universalize our action, always with the purpose of promoting understanding among nations and world peace.

The information which Your Excellency has given me, that there will be no change in the basic lines of United States foreign policy during your Administration, leads me to the expectation that the cooperation between our two Governments will tend to be ever more constant and of mutual benefit. I hope likewise that our bilateral relations will continue to be ever closer and more constructive. We are certain that a deeper and operative mutual understanding will be of fundamental importance to both our peoples, whose friendship has been a constant factor in the history of the two countries.

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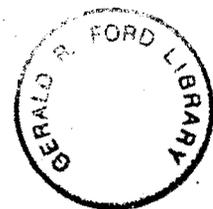
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Sincerely,

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Brasília, em 12 de agosto de 1974

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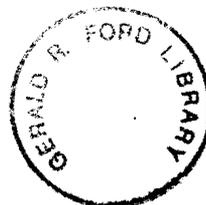
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Atenciosamente,

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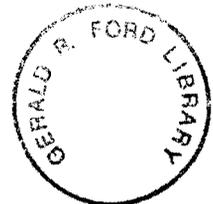
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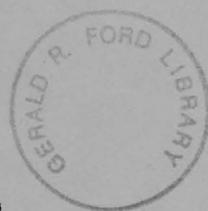
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TO OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES. BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES
HAVE LONG SHARED A COMMON VIEW AND COMMON GOALS IN THE
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ARE TODAY. I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE ESPECIALLY CLOSE
RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND
WANT TO ASSURE YOU PERSONALLY, ON THIS MY FIRST DAY AS
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OF MY STRONGEST DESIRE TO
DO ALL WITHIN MY POWER TO CONTINUE AND DEVELOP THIS
RELATIONSHIP.

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SUPPORT OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAS MARKED OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR MANY YEARS. YOU WILL ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE SEEN THE STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF

THIS BIPARTISAN SUPPORT WHICH HAS ACCOMPANIED MY ASSUMPTION OF THESE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS IS A SOURCE OF GREAT SATISFACTION AND STRENGTH TO ME AND I ALSO COUNT MYSELF FORTUNATE THAT I WILL HAVE THE SERVICES OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, IN WHOM I HAVE TOTAL CONFIDENCE, TO ASSIST ME.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT MY GOVERNMENT WILL NOT FAIL TO HONOR ALL OF ITS COMMITMENTS, BOTH TO BRAZIL AND AROUND THE WORLD. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO COOPERATING CLOSELY WITH YOU AS WE ADDRESS NOT ONLY BILATERAL AND REGIONAL MATTERS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE BUT ALSO THE GREAT CAUSES OF PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD TO WHICH WE ARE BOTH DEDICATED. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: REPLY TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S CONGRATULATORY
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT

1. TEXT OF PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE IS
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE - ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR INVESTITURE AS PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU IN MY
NAME AND ON BEHALF OF THE LEBANESE PEOPLE OUR SINCERE CON-
GRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS.
I HOPE THAT UNDER YOUR ADMINISTRATION THE LONG STANDING
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE COMMUNITY OF
IDEALS AND INTERESTS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES WILL BE
MAINTAINED AND STRENGTHENED. YOUR HIGH PERSONAL QUALITY OF
STATESMANSHIP AND LONG POLITICAL EXPERIENCE WILL NO DOUBT
ENABLE YOU TO LEAD YOUR GREAT NATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
TRADITIONAL IDEAL OF JUSTICE AND RESPECT FOR FREEDOM AND
INTERNATIONAL PEACE WHICH HAVE ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED THE
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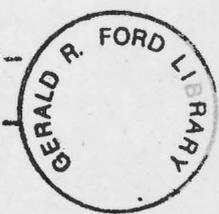
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TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE:

QUOTE - DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING
MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED
THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CON-
TINUE TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A TRUE AND
LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD
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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Transmittal of Letter to the President
from President Frangie of Lebanon

Attached is the original message (in Arabic) of August 22, 1974 from President Frangie of Lebanon to the President which was in reply to his message of August 9, 1974. Also attached is the English translation which was sent under cover of Beirut 10136.

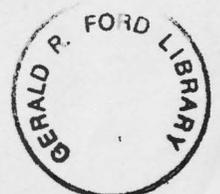
Since President Frangie raises no new points in his reply, we don't believe a further exchange is required.

George S. Springsteen
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Attachments:

1. Letter from President Frangie
2. Beirut 10136 (English translation)

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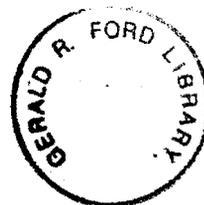
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وإن أكرر لفخامتكم تهاني الحارة وأطيب التمنيات أود أن أعرب لكم عن تقديري الكبير لالتزامكم بمتابعة السياسة الرامية لاقامة سلام عادل ودائم في الشرق الاوسط بذات القوة التي تميزت بها سياسة الولايات المتحدة طوال الاشهر التسعة الاخيرة ، ولتأكيداتكم بأن تحقيق السلام في الشرق الاوسط سيقى في طليعة اهداف سياسة الولايات المتحدة الخارجية وانكم ستستمررون في العمل لهذه الغاية بمشاركة ومساعدة وزير خارجيتكم الدكتور هنرى كيسنجر .

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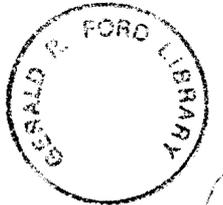
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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LEBANON





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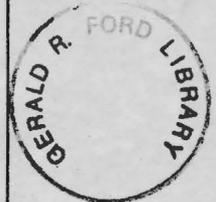
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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE. IF HE IS NOT
AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AS I TAKE UP THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
I AM WRITING TO ASSURE YOU AND OTHER FRIENDS OF MY
FIRM DEDICATION TO THE POLICIES THAT HAVE CONSISTENTLY
GUIDED THE UNITED STATES IN ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IS SOUNDLY BASED
ON THE SUPPORT OF BOTH OUR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES. THE
PRINCIPLE OF CONTINUITY IN FOREIGN POLICY HAS DEEP ROOTS
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HONORING ALL INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY AND WITH ALL OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

IN PARTICULAR, I WANT YOU TO KNOW OF MY STRONG COMMITMENT TO PURSUE OUR DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY LOOKING TOWARD A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH THE SAME VIGOR THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED OUR EFFORTS OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL REMAIN ONE OF THE HIGHEST FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OUR ENDEAVORS TO THAT END WILL GO FORWARD WITH THE FULL PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER.

FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO REAFFIRM THE LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LEBANON. OUR PEOPLES HAVE CLOSE TIES, AND OUR NATIONS HAVE ENJOYED FRIENDSHIP OVER MANY YEARS. I VALUE THOSE RELATIONSHIPS AND WILL DO ALL I CAN TO STRENGTHEN THEM.

SINCERELY

GERALD R. FORD

END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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