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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

Mr Clift

SUBJECT:

President's Travel Itinerary at Time

of CSCE Summit

As increasing indicators point to a late July CSCE summit in Helsinki, I believe it would now be appropriate for you to review with the President the additional countries he may wish to visit in connection with his travel to Helsinki -- and to receive his decision so that preparations for the trip can begin.

The itinerary being tentatively discussed would have the President travel to Bonn, then to Helsinki, then to Eastern Europe, and State is currently thinking that the East European stops would include Warsaw, Bucharest and Belgrade.

For a number of reasons, the President probably will not wish to be out of the United States for more than one week at the time of his CSCE travel. An initial stop in Bonn, FRG, would seem highly desirable, focussing as it would our firm commitment to Western Europe (including Berlin). However, I question either the need or the desirability of having visits to Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia following the summit. In my opinion Poland is the least important of the countries to be wisited at the time of the CSCE summit, and I would recommend that the decision be taken at this time to eliminate Warsaw from the itinerary and to include stopovers in Bucharest and Belgrade only.

Travel involving Bonn, Bucharest and Belgrade would have symbolic importance. The President would visit a NATO ally, a Warsaw Pact country and a non-aligned country at the time of CSCE. To visit two Warsaw Pact countries as well as Yugoslavia immediately after the summit would, among other considerations, seem to be concentrating a bit too heavily in areas of central interest to the USSR. Of the three countries (Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia), the President has accepted invitations to each. However, only the Romanians and the Yugoslavs specifically have been told either by the President or yourself that the visit will take I to told the ingo shor? place following CSCE.

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I recognize that there are considerations working against Yugoslavia at present -- namely, Yugoslavia's generally unhelpful stance against the United States. However, we are in such a sensitive period in Yugoslavia's history that it would seem particularly important for the President to visit that country at the time when we enter into the new CSCE era in Europe.

I would recommend the following approach to Poland. Following a Presidential decision on the CSCE travel itinerary, I believe the Poles should be told that the President looks forward to a bilateral meeting with First Secretary Gierek in Helsinki, and that he would also like to confirm at that time his hope to pay a State Visit to Poland in 1976. The Poles should be told that because of the other pressures on the schedule it would not be possible to arrange for a sort of visit the President would like to pay to Poland -- i. e., at least two days -- following the CSCE summit.

If you agree with the above, I recommend that you discuss the CSCE travel itinerary with the President as soon as possible to confirm the stopovers he will wish to make at the time of his trip to Europe.

RECOMMENDATION

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Belgrade (following Helsinki)

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Warsaw (following Helsinki)

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