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TRANSLATION

May 28, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

Following our conversation yesterday evening I undertook the soundings which we discussed. I won't know the result for a short time. I hope, however, to be in a position to answer you tomorrow evening.

Please be assured of my highest and warmest regards.

/s/ Valery Giscard d'Estaing



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MON CHER PRESIDENT,
A LA SUITE DE NOTRE CONVERSATION DHIER SOIR, JAI ENTREPRIS
LE SONDAGE DONT NOUS ETIONS CONVENUS. JE NEN CONNAITRAI PAS LE
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DE VOUS LE COMMUNIQUER DEMAIN SOIR.

JE VOUS PRIE DE CROIRE A MA TRES HAUTE ET AMICALE
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SIGNE: VALERY GISCARD DESTAING.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

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INFORMATION

January 7, 1977

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*

SUBJECT: Letter from French President
Giscard d'Estaing on New Economic Summit

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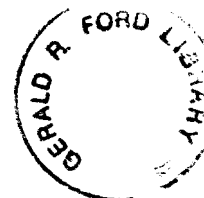
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This memorandum is for your information. I will staff separately messages to selected Heads of State including Giscard, which will present an opportunity to acknowledge his words of support as you leave office. No action is required at this time.

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Text of Message

Paris, December 20, 1976

Mr. President,

Some months ago, you took the initiative of proposing to the Chiefs of State and Heads of Government of the principal industrialized countries that they meet in Puerto Rico to consider together the evolution of our respective economies and related global problems. That examination permitted us to record an appreciable improvement in the situation and offered prospects for more favorable growth in 1977.

Since that meeting, the economic situation has experienced rather profound changes. The recovery movement has not been as sustained as earlier hoped for.

These factors led me to state publicly at Pisa, after my conversations with the President of the Italian Council of Ministers, that a new meeting of the principal western leaders would be opportune. Such a meeting would permit consideration of joint actions called for by the new situation and an exchange of views on the unfolding of the Conference on International Economic Cooperation.

Knowing the interest that you brought to the meetings at Rambouillet and Puerto Rico, and the part that you took in the positive course of these discussions, I wanted to share these thoughts with you and to let you know that, taking into account the time frame in which a new meeting would take place, that I had submitted this proposal to President-elect Carter.

Before concluding this letter, I wish to say, Mr. President, how much I appreciate the personal contribution you have made to the favorable evolution of relations between France and your country, understanding that the best dialogue is that which respects the sovereignty of each partner, and that which strives for frankness in the expression of points of view.

With my best wishes and very best personal memories,

V. Giscard d'Estaing



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to*

Paris, le 20 décembre 1976

Le Président de la République

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Monsieur le Président,

Il y a quelques mois, vous avez pris l'initiative de proposer aux chefs d'Etat et de Gouvernement des principaux pays industrialisés de se réunir à Porto-Rico afin d'examiner ensemble l'évolution de la conjoncture mondiale et de nos propres économies. Cet examen avait permis de constater une amélioration sensible de la situation, et des perspectives de croissance plus favorables pour 1977.

Depuis cette réunion, la situation économique a connu d'assez profondes modifications. Le mouvement de reprise n'a pas été aussi soutenu qu'il était alors escompté.

Ces éléments m'ont conduit à exprimer publiquement à Pise, après mes entretiens avec le Président du Conseil italien, mon sentiment qu'une nouvelle rencontre des principaux responsables occidentaux serait opportune. Une telle rencontre permettrait d'examiner les actions communes qu'appelle la nouvelle situation et d'échanger nos vues sur le déroulement de la Conférence sur la Coopération économique internationale.

Connaissant l'intérêt que vous avez porté aux réunions de Rambouillet et de Porto-Rico, et la part que vous avez prise dans le bon déroulement de ces entretiens, j'ai tenu à vous faire part de ces réflexions, et à vous faire savoir que, compte tenu de l'époque à laquelle une nouvelle réunion pourrait se situer, j'en saisis M. CARTER, Président élu.

Monsieur Gerald FORD
Président des Etats-Unis
d'Amérique
Maison Blanche
WASHINGTON



Avant de conclure cette lettre, je souhaite vous dire, Monsieur le Président combien j'apprécie la contribution personnelle que vous avez apportée à l'évolution favorable des relations entre la France et votre pays, en comprenant que le meilleur dialogue est celui qui respecte la souveraineté de chaque partenaire, et qui recherche la franchise dans l'expression des points de vue.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Président, les assurances de ma très haute considération,

et celle de mon très affectueux souvenir personnel -

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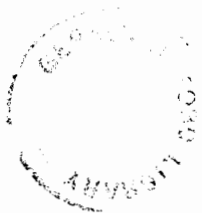
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 6, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

Mr. Clift

SUBJECT:

Giscard d'Estaing's Letter to
President on Economic Summit

The information memorandum for your signature to the President at Tab I would forward French President Giscard d'Estaing's letter of December 20, together with the translation prepared by me. Your memorandum summarizes the contents of the French President's letter and provides the President with a brief status report on the exchange between Giscard and President-elect Carter on this issue.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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WASHINGTON

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