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for Geo. S. Kelly,
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Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Reply by the President of Southern Yemen to the President
2. President's 'Id al-Fitr message to the President of Southern Yemen

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT QAHTAN AL-SHAABI

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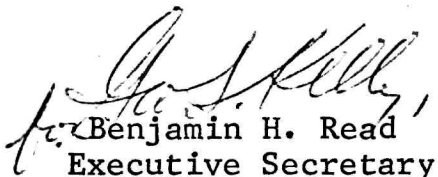
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"tell Jim Jones that's alright...
to tell Walt Rostow to go over all
of these and see that they're all
alright."

LBJ/yb
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7:15p

Jim told Walt.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Everything is A-OK on this batch.
Nothing strange. Only one grammatical
error which I corrected.

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FROM WALT ROSTOW
TO THE PRESIDENT
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FOLLOWING ARE THREE SETS OF DRAFT NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO CHIEFS OF STATE OR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT:

EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC

NO MESSAGE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK, DUE TO THE LACK OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA. IN THE CASES OF JAPAN, LAOS AND VIETNAM, STATE RECOMMENDS THAT PAST PRACTICE BE FOLLOWED, AND THAT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES BE SENT ONLY TO PRIME MINISTER SATO OF JAPAN, KING SRI SAVANG VATTHANA OF LAOS AND PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU OF VIETNAM.

DEAR LORD CASEY:

DURING 1969 WE HAVE TAKEN IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARDS PEACE ON THIS EARTH. WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN A GIANT STEP INTO THE UNIVERSE THAT LIES BEYOND OUR EARTH. IN BOTH OF THESE HISTORIC ENDEAVORS, AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE PARTNERS. YOUR CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN INVALUABLE. LET US CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE 1969 A YEAR OF EVEN CLOSER PARTNERSHIP AND FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS THE GOALS WE SHARE.

WARMEST BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR TO YOU AND TO ALL AUSTRALIANS,

SINCERELY,

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONORABLE
LORD CASEY, P.C., G.C.M.G., C.H.,
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

YOUR FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN A YEAR OF FRUITFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN US. I HAVE ENJOYED OUR ASSOCIATION, AND YOUR VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY LAST MAY WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED. I AM CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP AUSTRALIA WILL CONTINUE TO WORK OUT ITS DESTINY AS ONE OF THE GREAT FREE NATIONS OF THE PACIFIC. MRS. JOHNSON JOINS ME IN SENDING YOU AND MRS. GORTON OUR WARM PERSONAL REGARDS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

SINCERELY,

HIS HIGHNESS
MALIETOA TANUMAFILI II,
HEAD OF STATE OF WESTERN SAMOA,
APIA.

NEAR EASTERN

NO MESSAGES HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR GREECE, THE UAR, YEMEN, IRAQ, SYRIA, OR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF SOUTHERN YEMEN.

OWING TO THE DELICATE NATURE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH GREECE, THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO SEND PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES TO EITHER THE KING, WHO IS STILL ABSENT FROM GREECE, OR TO PRIME MINISTER PAPADOPOULOS. WE DO NOT ADDRESS ROUTINE MESSAGES TO THE REGENT. THIS POLICY IS THE SAME AS THE ONE FOLLOWED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S 1968 NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO SEND PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES TO THE UAR, YEMEN, IRAQ OR SYRIA WHICH BROKE RELATIONS WITH US IN JUNE 1967.

IN VIEW OF THE ACCUSATION BY PRESIDENT QAHTAN AL-SHAABI OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF SOUTHERN YEMEN THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS ATTEMPTING TO BRING DOWN HIS REGIME ("NEW YORK TIMES", DECEMBER 26, PAGE 8), WE ALSO DO NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO SEND HIM PRESIDENTIAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

A MESSAGE HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA OF IRAN. CONCEIVABLY SUCH A MESSAGE MIGHT DETRACT FROM THE MESSAGE TO THE SHAH, AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL SUBSTANTIVE MESSAGES RESULTING FROM HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES EARLIER THIS MONTH.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

ON THE OCCASION OF THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR I EXTEND TO YOU MY BEST WISHES FOR A CHALLENGING AND REWARDING FUTURE. MAY THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES GROW OVER THE YEARS AHEAD AND BRING PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO OUR PEOPLES. MRS. JOHNSON JOINS ME IN WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SINCERELY,

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Saturday, December 28, 1968

FROM WALT ROSTOW

TO THE PRESIDENT

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Following are ~~the first~~ sets of draft New Year's Greetings to Chiefs of State or Heads of Government:

EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC

No message has been prepared for Prince Norodom Sihanouk, due to the lack of diplomatic relations with Cambodia. In the cases of Japan, Laos and Vietnam, State recommends that past practice be followed, and that Presidential messages be sent only to Prime Minister Sato of Japan, King Sri Savang Vatthana of Laos and President Nguyen Van Thieu of Vietnam.

(Insert here pages 1 through 19)

NEAR EASTERN

No messages have been prepared for Greece, the UAR, Yemen, Iraq, Syria, or the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

Owing to the delicate nature of our relations with Greece, the Department does not believe it appropriate to send Presidential messages to either the King, who is still absent from Greece, or to Prime Minister Papadopoulos. We do not address routine messages to the Regent. This policy is the same as the one followed in the preparation of the President's 1968 New Year's Greeting.

It would not be appropriate to send Presidential messages to the UAR, Yemen, Iraq or Syria which broke relations with us in June 1967.

In view of the accusation by President Qahtan al-Shaabi of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen that the United States was attempting to bring down his regime ("New York Times", December 26, page 8), we also do not believe it appropriate to send him Presidential New Year's Greetings.

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(Insert here pages 20 through 36)

EUROPEAN

(Insert here pages 37 through 81)

Messages covering the balance of the areas will follow later this afternoon.

If you approve, Jim Jones could inform us by telephone and the State Department will get out the messages promptly.

C O P Y

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 27, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential New Year's Greetings
to Near Eastern Chiefs of State
and/or Heads of Government

Enclosed are proposed New Year's Greetings prepared by the Department from the President to Near Eastern Chiefs of State and/or Heads of Government. No messages have been prepared for Greece, the UAR, Yemen, Iraq, Syria or the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

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In order to enable the posts to ensure timely delivery we would hope to transmit the approved messages telegraphically before December 31.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

As stated

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Suggested Message

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to extend my sincere greetings and good wishes to Your
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Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Qahtan al-Shaabi,
President of the People's Republic
of Southern Yemen,
Aden.

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Shaabi

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Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

2. White House does not plan release but has no objection if ~~rest~~ ^{PRSY} wishes to do so.

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S/CPR: MRS JOHNSON

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QTE: YOUR EXCELLENCY:

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
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Occasion of 'Id al-Fitr

Enclosed are proposed Presidential messages to King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, Acting Amir Jabir al-Ahmad al-Sabah of Kuwait, President Qahtan al-Shaabi of Southern Yemen, King Hussein of Jordan, Prime Minister Yafi of Lebanon, President Ayub of Pakistan, and King Zahir of Afghanistan on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr (Feast of Fastbreaking). The Feast will be celebrated on or about December 21, 1968. This is the second most important religious holiday in the Muslim year and messages of congratulations are traditionally sent to heads of state or government in Muslim countries.

The Ruler of Kuwait will be in Washington, D. C. and we are proposing a similar Presidential message to him in a separate memorandum.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

Messages for 'Id al-Fitr to:

1. King Faisal
2. Acting Amir, Kuwait
3. President al-Shaabi
4. King Hussein
5. Prime Minister Yafi
6. President Ayub
7. King Zahir

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Helen B.
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