

1. 5/8/65 Ltr to Obote frm Pres. re Address to Congress
2. 1/1/66 Msg to Obote frm Pres. re Vietnam
3. 1/21/66 Ltr to Obote frm Pres. re Gov. Williams Visit

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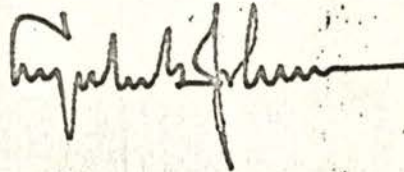
Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your kindness in receiving my emissary, Governor Williams, on such short notice to discuss the problem of achieving an honorable and peaceful settlement in Vietnam.

The Governor has reported your thoughts on this complicated and extremely important subject. I can assure you that your counsel will be of great help to me as I face the decisions that must be made.

I am grateful for your expression of interest and willingness to be of assistance in helping to establish a dialogue which could lead to the peace in Vietnam that we both so greatly desire.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Apollo Milton Obote
Prime Minister of Uganda
Kampala

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N O D I S - P I N T A

FOLLOWING IS TEXT MSG TO BE DELIVERED BY GOVERNOR WILLIAMS TO HEAD OF STATE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS VISIT. PLEASE PREPARE WITH APPROPRIATE SALUTATION FOR DELIVERY BY THE GOVERNOR:

"QUOTE DEAR -----:

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY SEARCHING FOR THE WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH WE MIGHT BRING ABOUT PEACE IN VIET-NAM. IN RECENT MONTHS WE HAVE HEARD SUGGESTIONS FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS THAT IF THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIET-NAM COULD BE SUSPENDED FOR A WHILE, INITIATIVES MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN TO MOVE HANOI TOWARD PEACE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO ASSURANCES, HOWEVER, OF ANY KIND OF ANY SPECIFIC ACTION THAT MIGHT FOLLOW A SUSPENSION OF BOMBING.

I DO NOT WISH TO LEAVE ANY STONE UNTURNED IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT I SHOULD TEST THE SERIOUSNESS OF THESE SUGGESTIONS TO SEE IF SOME PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE COULD BE MADE.

WE HAVE STOOD DOWN BOMBING OF NORTH VIET-NAM SINCE CHRISTMAS EVE AND I INTEND TO CONTINUE THE SUSPENSION OF BOMBING FOR SOME DAYS. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAS, OF COURSE, BEEN CONSULTED.

WE HAVE ADVISED THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE USSR, POLAND AND HUNGARY AND ARE ADVISING OTHERS THAT, BARRING A MAJOR PROVOCATION, THE SUSPENSION OF THE BOMBING WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME DAYS FURTHER.

OBVIOUSLY, WE CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENTS PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY THAT WOULD LIMIT OUR FREEDOM OF ACTION IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR CONTINGENCY OR SERIOUS PROVOCATION. BY THE SAME TOKEN, I DO NOT WISH TO COMMIT MYSELF NOW TO ANY SPECIFIC DATE FOR RESUMPTION.

WE SHALL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE OUR AIR, GROUND AND SEA OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM AND SOME RECONNAISSANCE OF NORTH VIET-NAM.

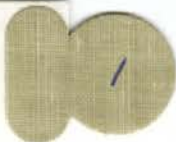
IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS INITIATIVE I HAVE SENT AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG TO ROME TO SEE THE POPE AND PARIS AND LONDON AND HAVE ALSO SENT AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN TO WARSAW, BELGRADE AND NEW DELHI TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DEVELOPED THERE. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION STEMMING FROM OUR CONTINUED STAND DOWN OF THE BOMBING, WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AT THIS TIME.

IN VIEW OF THE DEEP CONCERN FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS THAT I KNOW WE SHARE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ENTERPRISE TO (NAME COUNTRY) AND THE FREE WORLD, I HAVE ASKED GOVERNOR WILLIAMS TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE TO YOU PERSONALLY SO THAT YOU COULD BE FULLY INFORMED. THE WHOLE STORY IS KNOWN TO ONLY A HANDFUL OF MY TOP ADVISORS AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD TREAT THIS INFORMATION AS A MATTER TO BE CLOSELY HELD BETWEEN US.

I SHOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS AND ADVICE YOU MAY HAVE AND ANY STEPS THAT YOU FEEL YOU COULD USEFULLY TAKE.

SINCERELY, LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE

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MAY 8 1965

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Recognizing your personal interest in the great world problem of achieving human dignity, I am enclosing the text of an address which I delivered to the Congress of the United States on March 15, 1965. This is a definitive statement of the policy of my Administration. It also reflects the determination of the American people to utilize all the resources at their command to achieve rapidly the goal of full and equal rights for all citizens. This, indeed, is "The American Promise."

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
Carbons stamped in
Mr. Thomas' Office

His Excellency
Dr. A. Milton Obote
Prime Minister of Uganda
Kampala

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