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THE PRESIDENT  
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IN THE NAME OF THE HAITIAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT, I THANK YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR THE GOOD WISHES EXPRESSED ON THE OCCASION OF HAITI'S INDEPENDENCE BY THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE GOOD WISHES THAT I SEND YOU, IN MY OWN NAME AND IN THAT OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF HAITI, FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND FOR THE GREATNESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

DR. FRANÇOIS DUVALIER

PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF THE

REPUBLIC OF HAITI

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BONHEUR PERSONNEL LA GRANDEUR ET LA PROSPERITE DU PEUPLE

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PRESIDENT A VIE DE LA REPUBLIQUE D'HAITI

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I am pleased to send congratulations and sincere best wishes from the people of the United States of America to the people of Haiti on the occasion of the anniversary of Haitian independence.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

FOR LIFE

Mr. President:

The political wisdom and maturity that you acquired during your long years of service in the Congress and Senate of your country (32 years), as well as your broad experience in dealing with men before and during that period, authorize me--now that you have been given the supreme responsibility of leading the United States of America--to take up with you the serious and genuine common political problems imposed upon our two nations, our two peoples, and our two Governments by history, geography, and geopolitics.

Your recent behaviour in the events that occurred in our neighboring Republic showed your skill in appraising the facts that were endangering peace and freedom in the Dominican Republic. You took and ordered immediate steps. To prevent any development or extension of the danger of total annihilation of peace and liberty in our "mare nostrum", as happened in the Republic of Cuba, once again, disregarding criticism either from your fellow-citizens or from other leaders of the free world who are watching you, you have acted firmly and decisively, as any responsible leader should act.

Your nation, the U.S.A., has assumed the leadership of the hemisphere. I for my part have always said that it is proper to recognize and understand the responsibilities of leadership. In my awareness and deep understanding I have always recognized and appreciated the burdens and nature of the difficulties that a Great Power assumes with the responsibilities of leadership. This is

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most certainly the reason why I always sought the attentive, enlightened understanding of the governments that preceded yours, without--may I frankly say--the success I had hoped for.

I sought it because of the historic bond of reciprocal assistance that had its beginning when the blood of my ancestors soaked the plains of Savannah to win the freedom and independence of the United States of America; I have sought in all sincerity the establishment, on such foundations, of a strong, frank, loyal, fraternal friendship, of wide, effective and efficacious cooperation for the purpose of helping the Haitian nation, the Haitian people, and my Government to participate in the destiny of the United States in particular and the hemisphere in general. As a golden rule, I have consistently centered every diplomatic action of the Republic of Haiti at international or inter-American meetings on the effective moral support due the leadership of the nations of this hemisphere with a view to helping to strengthen that role and the duties and responsibilities it involves for the establishment of the necessary peace. (One of the ABC countries seems to want to label that behaviour of mine as criminal, but it matters little to me if I am misunderstood.) Think how many times I have translated my Government's understanding into political and diplomatic acts that were motivated by supranational purposes! My intention was to better enable your nation to undertake the defense of the freedom, peace, and security of not only the Americas but the whole world.

Haiti cannot rank with the great nations in size, population, or degree of development. But it can in respect of the great and useful services it has rendered in the past, can render, and will render, in keeping with the ethics and ideals of its founders: Dessalines, Pétion, and Christophe; this is indisputable.

Furthermore, our politico-cultural experience permits us to grasp the whole, isolate what is contingent, define and situate the behaviour and attitudes that are necessary rather than being prejudicial to the leadership, whereas the conditions within our democracy might preclude such consideration. For physical wretchedness, hunger, illiteracy, ignorance, and poverty--in a word, insecurity--are rife among our people. But we have not let doubt, unrest, and despair gain a foothold in this land of ours where the greatest evil of our time--godless communism--could so easily grow and spread. No, we have not.

Consequently, Mr. President, I have the right to refer you to my letter of June 3 as a whole and particularly with regard to the re-examination of the idea and definition of the concept Security. I have made it a duty to send you this personal message in order to stress my contribution to that security in a political and economic battle during which I awaited and hoped only for the moral support of the United States, and only for its concrete, material aid.

Trusting in your deep understanding, I wish at this time of awareness of our common destiny as free and sovereign peoples and nations, to take up with you the problems which belong specifically in the political field and require all of our clear thinking and cold reasoning as persons responsible to ourselves and to peoples whose life and survival it is our duty to ensure.

Still drawing from my first communication of June 3 terms judiciously and voluntarily chosen, I noted that the security necessary to the peoples and nations of this hemisphere is global security, that which embraces the entire territory to be defended, the economic and social security or well-being to guarantee to each member of the national community, and the obligation to adapt the entire nation to international interdependence! I think I set forth in clear fashion the

favorable conditions that would help to establish and guarantee economic and social security. (Letter of June 3 as a whole and with regard to the requests contained in it.)

Under my leadership, Haiti is and has always been more than desirous of participating effectively in the defense of this hemisphere. You know this, perhaps, and if you do not, I shall not conceal from you the fact that immediately upon my accession to Power in September 1957--having long since studied that cancerous virus represented throughout Latin America and the Caribbean by the venal dictatorship which consumes constitutionally established governments, for, from 1940 to 1957, 95% to 97% of the Chiefs of State of the Latin American and Caribbean countries came straight from palace revolutions fomented and carried out by the army against the constitutional Chief of State--I shall not conceal from you the fact that immediately upon my accession to Power I started the battle or organization of the State, and I began it with the gradual liquidation of the key survivors of the last dictator, who had ruled with military terror from 1950 to 1956. I liquidated the supporters of the practice of "deposing constitutional Chiefs of State". I accomplished that task with the never-disowned support of the national majority, the masses, middle, and elite classes united in a fundamental need for the peace, order, and political stability conducive to work and greater general prosperity.

Under these conditions, the little Haitian army would soon have been without experienced guides in technical training for warfare. I understood this. And in conceiving my plan of action in this field, I knew, as in all others, that I was going to appeal to our Big Brother, the U.S.A., to help me reorganize and modernize the young Haitian army in which I had exterminated the virus. I myself requested missions to train the infantry, the navy, and the air force. I myself requested Marines despite the searing memory left by the Marines' 19-year occupation

of my country. I did that contrary to the wishes of my own supporters, who feared that the people might desert their leader. I did it, knowing full well that that step was going to serve my opponents, who to this very date have kept hurling at me such charges as: "Duvalier is a traitor in the camp of American imperialism"; "Duvalier has sold our country to the Americans", etc. My Ambassador will furnish you documents on this matter. Like you, my Dear President and Great Friend, I have always acted and will continue to act according to the realism of the moment, with all the strength desired and a clear sense of the responsibilities of a Chief, with complete disregard for criticism and without negative, dangerous sentimentalism; I act and will act in the superior interest of the national community and the ideals of the free world, whose leader is the United States.

Despite the nobility, the grandeur, of a concept, an idea, very often that idea is altered on being carried out, by reason of the human element responsible for its implementation. Again and always there is that problem of the man, that problem of the nature of human beings. For, witness the fact that men chosen by the Government of the U.S.A. to respond to my request for help in the preparation and reorganization of the cadres of the Armed Forces of Haiti (infantry, navy, air force)-- those men proved to be diggers of another kind of Haiti's grave.

Strange as it may seem, those men sold themselves body, mind, and soul to opponents of my government; and, encouraged by the head of the American diplomatic mission in Haiti under the certain control of the international maffia unable to continue its "danse macabre" with the present leaders, far from training and educating the young officers who, through my action, had acceded to posts of command--far from performing the duties of their mission, they did their utmost to corrupt the leaders of the Haitian Armed Forces without reservation and

with extraordinary impudence. They provided those officers with communications equipment and with arms. They enlisted civilians in the Government to corrupt, and civilians outside the Government; they organized disorder and disturbances of the peace on the streets and in families, and they caused USMC grenades to be thrown everywhere in the city.

The illuminating dossier of Robert Debs Heinl, chief of the American Military Mission in Haiti, and of Ambassador Raymond L. Thurston is on file.

Despite this bitter disillusionment which you will understand, and rising above it, I now invoke the reasons of State and the political realism necessary to tell you that it is a matter of urgency, of extreme urgency, in the face of the exportation of the Soviet and Chinese communist revolutions being carried on insidiously by means of the internal political agitation and commotion engendered by the violent claims of the destitute masses in the Latin American and Caribbean countries--it is a matter of the utmost urgency to begin defending our countries against aggressive communism on a hemispheric scale. That defense is conditioned on the adequate defense to be provided by each of the countries in particular that belong to the American hemisphere. It is my clear awareness of a factual state of this kind that has compelled me and still compels me to make unheard-of and unthinkable sacrifices to have my country, my people, and my Government contribute to and participate in the thoroughly understood concept of necessary security. Long ago, during General Eisenhower's administration, I offered the Government of the U.S.A. the fullest military cooperation with a view to that security ... My Ambassador is authorized to speak to you in the same terms regarding this matter.

Now, despite my efforts here in Haiti, I cannot endeavor to ensure our effective defense against communist aggression along thousands of kilometers of frontier, thousands of miles of our coast and air space, with the means at the disposal of Haiti and its Government. We

will sacrifice our fellow-citizens, our women, our old people, our children; we will die, but we will never surrender this country and these people to godless communism.

Mr. President and Great Friend:

My Government will take pride in having a Meeting: the meeting of a political figure whose make-up is the sum of experiences acquired through his dealings with men, a man who can pick out the essential from the contingent, and can measure the reciprocal interest that partners owe it to themselves to pursue, who mean to take realities into account, and the particular reality of a Power firmly established and working for the obvious purpose of peace, the economic and social betterment of a people, and the general security.

In my capacity as responsible head of state, I have decided to hold the Meeting with you. That is to say, to join the intelligent political action of you and of Me in a common thought, as the revolutions of our time require. Of You, with that "brand brain" [sic] that you impress daily on the policy and the administration of the Government of the U.S.A. Of Me, with the assurance of a legitimate Power, firmly established, a stable Power, the only one, in the context of the present, with which it is sensible to deal for the maintenance of peace, the strengthening of American security, and the progress of the hemispheric community.

Working in close association and determined to guarantee the life and survival of our fellow citizens in peace and freedom, our Governments will be able, through joint action, to put an end to all the upheavals, all the violence provoked internally by disparities in living standards, political insecurity, and economic insecurity, in planning the defense of the territory for the security of the Americas.

Accept, Mr. President, the renewed assurances of my very high consideration.

/Signature/  
Dr. Francois Duvalier  
President of the Republic of Haiti for Life

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REPLY WILL BE MADE BY SECRETARY NOT  
PRESIDENT



Palais National, Port-au-Prince, le August 13, 1965

Le Président A VIE

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Dear Mr. President:

The political wisdom and maturity that you have acquired during your long years of service in the Congress and Senate of your country (32 years), as well as your broad experience in human affairs, authorizes me - now that you have been provided with the supreme responsibility of leading the United States of America - to take up with you the broad mutual political problems confronting our two countries, our two peoples and our two governments that are joined by history, geography and geopolitics.

Your recent behavior through the events relative to the neighboring Republic has shown how much you have been able to appreciate the grave perils that were endangering peace and freedom in the Dominican Republic. Your ability to take immediate direct and resolute action. To prevent any extension or evolution of total annihilation of peace and liberty, once more, in our "mare nostrum", as it is in the Republic of Cuba; disregarding criticism either from your fellow-citizens or from other leaders of the free world who are watching you, you have acted firmly and decisively as it should be for any responsible Leader.

Your nation, the U.S.A., has assumed Leadership of the Continent. As for me, I am still expressing the convenience of acknowledging and understanding Leadership responsibilities. To admit and to appreciate burdens and quality of difficulties that a Great Power assumes with Leadership responsibilities have never escaped to a clear and precise notion of my personal conscience and my high understanding. It is certainly the reason why I have always been looking for the attentive and enlightened understanding from the preceding american governments, without the desirable, wished and hoped success - may we say it without ambages.-

Because of the historic relations of our two peoples and the many decades of mutual help that had their beginning when the blood of my ancestors soaked the plains of Savannah to conquest liberty and independence of the United States of North, I have sought with all sincerity a renaissance of a solid, frank, loyal, fraternal friendship, of a large effective and efficacious cooperation in view of helping the haitian nation, the haitian people and my Government to participate in a conjoint future in particular and in that of the hemisphere in general.

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As a golden rule, I have consistently centered every diplomatic action of the Republic of Haiti in the international or interamerican sessions in view of providing effective moral support to the acknowledged Leader of the hemisphere, and to contribute to the strengthening of this part and attributions it bears for consolidating the necessary peace. (A great country of the ABC seems to accuse us of criminal behavior and collaboration, it does not matter if we are misunderstood!) I have repeatedly emphasized that my Government must direct its actions, its policies and diplomacy to the supra-national welfare of the hemisphere. It is to enable your nation to assume defense of liberty, peace and security of the entire free world.

Haiti cannot ranked itself among the great nations either by virtue of its territory, its population and its development. However, it has rendered valuable help in the past, it is ever ready and willing to render help in the future consistent with the hopes and ideals of its founders: DESALINES, PETION and CHRISTOPHE.

Our politico-cultural discipline enables us to grasp the whole, to disengage the accidental, to definite and situate behavior and attitudes that are necessary instead of being prejudicial for the Leadership; while internal conditions of our democracy could prevent such consideration of our own. Through the development of our life of people persist: the organic calamity, illiteracy, ignorance, hunger, sickness and misery, poverty, that can be summed up in just one word: INSECURITY. Such insecurity provides a fertile soil for germinating seeds and subsequent burgeoning of the greatest evil of our time - ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM - We must not let this happen in Haiti, No.

Then, Mr. President, I think it might be expedient to recall my letter of June 3rd, particularly those parts dealing with the concepts of security. I would like to emphasize at this point that I endeavored to contribute to the security of this hemisphere, despite political opposition and the struggle with economic problems during the course of which I did not wait for perhaps support of the United States, much less any substantial material aid.

Trusting your high understanding, as your great country and mine both have a common goal for the future of all free peoples and sovereign nations, I, therefore, would like to discuss with you the problems that must arise from the political domain and which require all of our clear thinking and cool reasoning, for those people for whom we must guarantee not only survival, but life.

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Still drawing out of my first correspondence dated June 3rd a few expressions judiciously and voluntarily selected, I have noted that the kind of security needed for peoples and nations of this hemisphere should be the full security, security that grasp the integrity of the territory to be protected, social and economic security and welfare to assure to all members of the national community, and obligation of making suitable the whole nation to international interdependence!! I do believe having luminously stated the favourable conditions that should contribute to establish and lay social and economic security (letter dated June 3rd in its wholeness and requests).

Haiti under my direction has always been and remains more than desirous to participate efficaciously to the defense of this hemisphere. You know it, perhaps, otherwise, I won't dissimulate that as soon as my accession to the Power in September 1957, - having studied long time ago what sort of cancerous virus had represented through the Latin America and the Caribbean the invincible wrestlers and eaters of constitutional established governments, as, from 1950 to 1957 about 95% to 97% among the presidents of the Latin American countries and caribbean originated directly from Palace revolutions fed, excited and pushed up by the Army against the constitutional heads of the State, - I won't dissimulate that as soon as my accession to the Power, I did engage the battle of the organization of the State and follow it with the progressive discharge of the survivings keeping the key-positions of the last supposedly invincible wrestler and constitutional government eaten whom had reigned from 1950 to 1956 due to military terror. I did discharge the holdings of practicing "the lay down the constitutional heads of State". I would not have been able to perform such a duty without the close and still warm support of the national majority: **MASSSES, MIDDLE CLASSES and ELITES** united because of an essential need of peace, order and politic stability in purpose of favouring work and growing of the general prosperity.

Acting this way, the young army was expected to be guideless as far as its military technical education would be concerned. Therefore, I have planned, in this field as well as in others, to call upon the **ELDER BROMIER, the U.S.A.**, for helping me with the nation of modernizing and reorganizing the young haitian army from which I had extirpated the virus. I have myself sollicitated adequate missions for the formation of infantry, marine and aviation.

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I have myself sollicitated the "marines" in spite of the poignant and torturing souvenir left after the 19 years occupation of my country by the "marines". I did it against the willingness of my own partisans fearing some kind of disaffection of my people regarding its Leader. I did it in spite of knowing that my adversaries would have used this fact as a peculiar injure in throwing through my face until now: "Duvalier is sold to the American imperialism" or "Duvalier has sold the country to Americans" etc... My Ambassador will communicate you documents on the matter. Same as you, my dear President and great friend, I have always acted and shall always act according to the realism of the moment, with all the energy desirable and a precise sense of the responsibilities of a Chief, disregarding critics without any negative and dangerous sentimentalism, I am willing to act and shall act whenever both the highest interest of the national community and the ideals of the free world whose leader is the U.S.A. are concerned.

In spite of the generosity, the magnitude of a conception, of a notion, many times in the fair way to succeed, they become shockingly spoiled on account of the human material responsible for. Yet and again it arises this peculiar problem of the mankind, this specific problems of quality of the human kind. Because, those are men selected by the Government of the U.S.A. in acknowledgment of my requests for help, in view of preparing and reorganizing the haitian army staff (as infantry, Marine, aviation), and those same selected U.S.A. men were the real grave-diggers of the haitian country.

Strangeness of things, those men had sold themselves in triplicate: BODY, MIND, SOUL to any sort of opponents to my Government, and, encouraged they were by the head of the American mission of the Embassy in Haiti, playing indisputably after the international mafia which was incapable of following their dance of death alongside with the nowadays governors, instead of providing with training, education and formation the young officers whom, by means of my action, had acceded to commanding posts, instead of performing the duties due to their respective positions they have arranged with a special mind to deeply infect the body of the commanding officers of the haitian army. These officers have equipped with necessary weapons, instruments for speed communication. They had broadly selected inside and outside of my government all civilians nastily qualified to be corrupted, in view of organizing and raising disturbances that have troubled the peace in streets and families while were exploding here and there hundreds of grenades brand USMC.

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Here exists the instructing records of Robert Debs HEINL, head of the american military mission in Haiti and of the Ambassador Raymond L. THURSTON.

In spite of the crudity of these bitter and evident disillusionments that you may well understand, and beyond them I am calling upon the State policy and the necessary political realism for stating to you that it is of extreme urgency that, in front of the exportation of the sovietic and chinese communist revolutions insidiously in development by favor of internal politic agitations or commotions occasioned by violent reclaiming of unprovided masses originated from our Latin american and Caribbean countries, it is of extreme urgency that be engaged the continental defense against the communist aggression. Said defense is conditioned by the adequate defense to be offered by each of the countries being parts of the american continent. It is the cleaf consciousness of such evidence that obliged and still obliges me to a few unprecedented and impossible sacrifices to push honestly my country, my people and my Government toward their own contribution and participation at the real high level of the well understood NECESSARY SECURITY. Please, could it be noted that it is quite prior to present the period when I offered to the Government of the U.S.A. under presidency of General Eisenhower, the broadest military cooperation to help covering efficaciously the same line of security!... My Ambassador is duly authorized to mention it to you.

Now, despite my internal efforts, I just cannot pretend myself capable of assuming effectively the defense of thousands and thousands of kilometers of borders, miles and miles of our sea costs, as well as the haitian aerial space, by means of what Haiti and my Government disposes against a communist aggression. We are freely decided to offer the chests of our fellow citizens, of our women, of our old people and children, we admit ourselves to die, but never and never, we shall entrust this country and his people to Communism.

Mr. President and Great Friend:

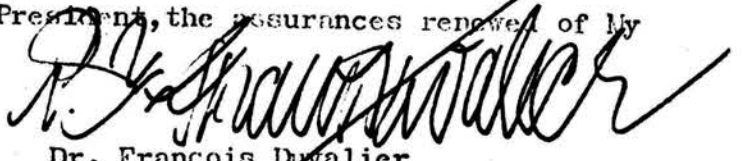
My Government would glory the occasion of a MEETING, meeting of a politician whose personal human context is a sum of experiences acquired through his dealings with men, of a man capable of disengaging the essential out of the contingent, capable of proportioning the mutual interest to be sought eagerly by regular partners in good mental condition taking on account realities and also particular reality of a Power strongly settled and working in the evident purpose of peace, social and economic return of a people and general security for all.

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As Head of State fully responsible, I am decided to obtain the favour of the MEETING with you. It means to combine our mind and thought in a joint political action, as it is requested by revolutions of our time. From You! with this "BRAND BRAIN" that you are daily printing on the politic and on the general administration of U.S. Government. From Me! with the assurance of a legitimate Power, strongly established, of a stable Power, the only one, in the context of the present time, with which it must be wise enough to deal for permanence of peace, reinforcement of american security and progress of continental community.

Intimately linked and decided to assure the existence and survival of our fellow-citizens in peace and liberty, our Governments, by conjoined action, shall be able to eliminate all the commotions, all the violences occasioned internally by disparities of levels of life as well as the political and economical security by organizing the defense of the territory for the American security.

Please agree, dear Mr. President, the assurances renewed of my highest consideration.



Dr. François Duvalier

President for Life of the Republic  
of Haiti.

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Palais National, Port-au-Prince, le 12 Août 1965

*Le Président* A VIE  
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Monsieur le Président,

La maturité politique que vous confèrent et votre longue et active présence au Sénat de votre pays (32 ans) et votre longue et expérimentale pratique des hommes, avant et pendant cette période, m'autorise, - maintenant que vous êtes nanti de la responsabilité capitale de diriger la nation américaine - , d'aborder avec vous de grands et véritables problèmes politiques communs qu'imposent à nos deux nations, à nos deux peuples et à nos deux gouvernements responsables, l'histoire, la géographie et la géopolitique.

Votre récent comportement dans les événements de la République voisine a montré combien vous avez été habile à apprécier les faits qui mettaient en danger la paix et la liberté dans la République dominicaine. Vous avez pris et ordonné des mesures immédiates. Pour prévenir toute évolution et toute extension du danger d'anéantissement total de la paix et de la liberté, une fois de plus, dans notre mare nostrum, comme il en est dans la République soeur de Cuba; au mépris des critiques soit de vos concitoyens, soit d'autres dirigeants du monde libre qui vous observent; vous avez agi avec fermeté et décision comme il revient à un Leader responsable d'agir.

Votre nation, les U.S.A., a assumé le Leadership du continent. De mon côté, j'ai toujours exprimé qu'il convient de reconnaître et de comprendre les responsabilités du Leadership. Reconnaître et apprécier les charges et la qualité des difficultés qu'assume une Grande Puissance avec les responsabilités de Leadership n'ont jamais échappé à une claire et précise notion de ma conscience personnelle et de ma haute compréhension. C'est très certainement, la raison pour laquelle j'ai toujours recherché la compréhension attentive et éclairée des gouvernements qui ont précédé le V<sup>otre</sup>, sans le succès désirable souhaité et espéré, disons-le sans ambages.

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J'ai recherché, avec l'obligation historique d'entraide initiée avec le sang de mes ancêtres qui arrosa les plaines de Savanna pour la conquête de la liberté et de l'indépendance des Etats-Unis du Nord, j'ai recherché, en toute honnêteté, l'établissement, sur de telles fondations, d'une amitié solide, franche, loyale, fraternelle, d'une coopération large, effective et efficace en vue d'aider la nation haïtienne, le peuple haïtien et mon gouvernement à être prêts à participer à toutes les destinées des Etats-Unis en particulier et du continent en général. Comme règle d'or, j'ai toujours axé toute action diplomatique de la République d'Haïti aux assises internationales ou interaméricaines sur l'appui moral effectif à donner au Leadership des nations de cet hémisphère en vue de contribuer au renforcement de ce rôle et des attributions qu'il comporte pour la consolidation de la paix nécessaire. (Un grand pays de l'ABC semble vouloir nous imputer pareil comportement à crime; peu nous importe d'être mal compris!) Combien de fois n'ai-je pas traduit la compréhension de mon Gouvernement en des actes politiques et diplomatiques dont l'inspiration et les buts sont supra nationaux. C'est pour mieux permettre à votre nation d'assumer la défense de la liberté, de la paix et de la sécurité non seulement américaines, mais du monde libre tout entier.

Haïti ne peut se ranger parmi les grandes nations quant à l'étendue de son territoire, au chiffre de sa population et à son développement. Mais, quant aux grands et utiles services qu'elle a rendus dans le passé, qu'elle peut rendre et qu'elle rendra, conformément à l'éthique et à l'idéal de ses fondateurs: DESSALINES; PETION et CHRISTOPHE; cela est incontestable.

D'autre part, notre formation politico-culturelle nous permet d'embrasser l'ensemble, de savoir dégager le contingent, de définir et de situer un comportement et des attitudes qui sont nécessaires plutôt que d'être nuisibles et affaiblissantes pour le Leadership; alors que les conditions intérieures de notre démocratie eussent pu nous interdire pareille considération.

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Car, sévissent, dans le déroulement de notre vie de peuple, la misère organique, la faim, l'analphabétisme, l'ignorance et la pauvreté, l'insécurité en un mot. Et, nous n'avons pas laissé s'installer le doute, l'inquiétude et le désespoir sur pareil terrain si propice à l'éclosion et à l'épanouissement du plus grand mal de notre temps: LE COMMUNISME ATHEE. Non.

Alors, Mr. le Président, je suis en droit de vous référer à ma lettre du 3 Juin dans son ensemble et en particulier pour ce qui a trait à la remise en question de la notion et de la définition du concept SECURITE. Je m'engage à vous adresser ce Message personnel afin de faire le point sur ma contribution à cette sécurité dans une bataille politique et économique au cours de laquelle je n'attendais et n'espérais que l'appui moral des Etats-Unis, que l'aide matérielle concrète des Etats-Unis.

Confiant en votre haute compréhension, je veux, à ce moment de la conscience de notre identité de destins de peuples et de nations libres et souveraines, je veux aborder avec vous les problèmes qui ressortent spécifiquement du domaine politique et qui appellent toute notre lucidité et le froid raisonnement de responsables conséquents avec nous-mêmes et vis à vis des peuples dont nous devons assurer la vie et la survie.

Puisant toujours dans ma première correspondance du 3 Juin des termes judicieusement et volontairement choisis, je notai que la sécurité qu'il faut aux peuples et aux nations de ce continent c'est la sécurité globale, celle qui embrasse l'intégrité du territoire à défendre, la sécurité économique et sociale ou bien être à assurer à chacun des membres de la communauté nationale et l'obligation d'adapter la nation toute entière à l'interdépendance internationale !! Je crois avoir lumineusement exposé les conditions favorables qui contribueraient à établir et asseoir la sécurité économique et sociale. ( Lettre du 3 Juin dans son ensemble et dans ses requêtes ).

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Haiti sous ma direction a toujours été et demeure plus que désireuse de participer efficacement à la défense de ce continent. Vous le savez, peut-être, et, sinon, je ne vous cacherai pas que sitôt mon avènement au Pouvoir en Septembre 1957, - ayant étudié depuis longtemps (long time ago) quel virus cancéreux représentait à travers l'amérique latine et les Caraïbes le caudillisme vénal et mangeur de gouvernements constitutionnellement établis, - car, de 1940 à 1957 95% à 97% des Chefs d'Etat des pays latino américains et caribéens venaient en droite ligne des révolutions de palais fomentées et réalisées par l'armée contre les chefs d'Etat constitutionnels, - je ne vous cacherai pas que sitôt mon avènement au Pouvoir, j'engageai la bataille d'organisation de l'Etat et je l'initialai avec la liquidation progressive des survivants en position clé du dernier caudillo qui avait régné par la terreur militaire de 1950 à 1956. Je liquidai les tenants de la pratique du "déposer les Chefs d'Etat constitutionnels". J'accomplis pareille tâche grâce à l'adhésion jamais démentie de la majorité nationale, masses, classes moyennes et élites unies dans un besoin essentiel de paix, d'ordre et de stabilité politique pour favoriser le travail et la croissance de la prospérité générale.

Agissant de la sorte, la petite armée haïtienne aura été dépourvue de guides expérimentés dans la formation technique de l'art militaire. Je le compris. Et, dans la conception de mon plan d'action dans ce domaine, je savais, comme en tous autres, que j'allais faire appel au Grand Frère, les U.S.A., pour m'aider à réorganiser et à moderniser la jeune armée haïtienne de laquelle j'avais extirpé le virus. Je sollicitai moi-même des missions de formation pour l'infanterie, la marine et l'aviation. Je sollicitai moi-même les "marines" malgré le souvenir cuisant et déchirant qu'a laissé l'occupation de 19 ans de mon pays par les "marines". Je le fis contre le gré de mes propres partisans craignant la désaffection du peuple vis à vis de son Leader. Je le fis, bien que sachant que cet acte allait servir à mes adversaires, qui, jusqu'à cette date où je vous écris, ne cessent de me jeter au visage ces apostrophes: "Duvalier est un vendu à l'impérialisme américain" - "Duvalier a vendu le pays aux américains" etc.... Mon Ambassadeur vous communiquera les documents à cet égard.

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Comme vous, mon Cher Président et Grand Ami, j'ai toujours agi et j'agirai toujours, selon le réalisme du moment, avec toute l'énergie désirable et un sens précis des responsabilités d'un Chef, au mépris des critiques et sans aucun sentimentalisme négatif et dangereux, j'agis et j'agirai dans l'intérêt supérieur de la communauté nationale et des idéaux du monde libre dont les Etats-Unis sont le Leader.

Malgré la générosité, la grandeur d'une conception, d'une idée; souventes fois, elles sont altérées dans leur réalisation à cause du matériel humain qui en a la charge. Encore et toujours ce problème de l'homme, ce problème de la qualité de l'humain. Car voici que des hommes choisis par le Gouvernement des USA pour répondre à mes demandes d'aide dans le domaine de la préparation et de la réorganisation des cadres des Forces Armées d'Haiti (infanterie, marine, aviation) voici que ces hommes se sont révélés des fossoyeurs d'un autre genre de la patrie haïtienne.

Etrangeté des choses, ces hommes se sont vendus, corps, esprit et âme, à des opposants à mon Gouvernement; et, encouragés par le chef de la mission diplomatique américaine en Haiti sous la coupe certaine de la mafia internationale incapable de poursuivre sa danse macabre avec les dirigeants actuels, loin d'entraîner, d'éduquer et de former les jeunes officiers qui, à la faveur de mon action, ont accédé aux postes de commande; loin d'accomplir les devoirs de leurs charges, ils se sont évertués à corrompre sans réserve et avec une désinvolture rare les dirigeants des Forces Armées d'Haiti. Ils sont arrivés à équiper de matériel de communication, d'armes, ces officiers. Ils ont procédé au recrutement de civils à corrompre dans le Gouvernement, et des civils hors du Gouvernement, organisant le désordre et le trouble de la paix des rues et des familles en faisant éclater des grenades USMC à travers la ville.

Il y a l'enseignant dossier de Robert Debs HEINL, chef de la mission militaire américaine en Haiti et de l'Ambassadeur Raymond L. THURSTON.

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Malgré ces amères désillusions que vous comprendrez, et au-dessus d'elles, j'invoque aujourd'hui la raison d'Etat et le réalisme politique nécessaire pour vous exposer qu'il est urgent, qu'il est d'extrême urgence que, face à l'exportation des révolutions communistes soviétique et chinoise qui se réalisent insidieusement à la faveur des agitations ou des commotions politiques internes engendrées par les revendications violentes des masses démunies des pays de notre Amérique latine et des Caraïbes, il est d'extrême urgence que la défense continentale contre le communisme agressif soit engagée. Et, elle est conditionnée, cette défense, par la défense adéquate à offrir par chacun des pays en particulier qui font partie du continent américain. C'est la claire conscience d'un état de fait de cette nature qui m'a obligé et m'oblige à des sacrifices inouïs et impensables pour faire contribuer et participer, mon pays, mon peuple et mon Gouvernement à la notion bien comprise de SECURITE NECESSAIRE. C'est bien antérieurement à la présente époque que j'offris au Gouvernement des USA, sous la présidence du Général Eisenhower, la coopération militaire la plus large en vue de cette sécurité ... Mon Ambassadeur est autorisé à vous en parler dans les mêmes termes .

Maintenant, malgré mes efforts internes, je ne puis prétendre pouvoir assurer efficacement la défense: des milliers de Km. de frontières, des milliers de milles de nos côtes et l'espace aérien haïtien au moyen de ce dont dispose Haïti et son Gouvernement, contre une agression communiste. Nous offrirons les poitrines de nos concitoyens, de nos femmes, de nos vieillards, de nos enfants, nous disparaîtrons, mais nous ne livrerons jamais ce pays et ce peuple au communisme athée.

Mr. le Président et Grand Ami,

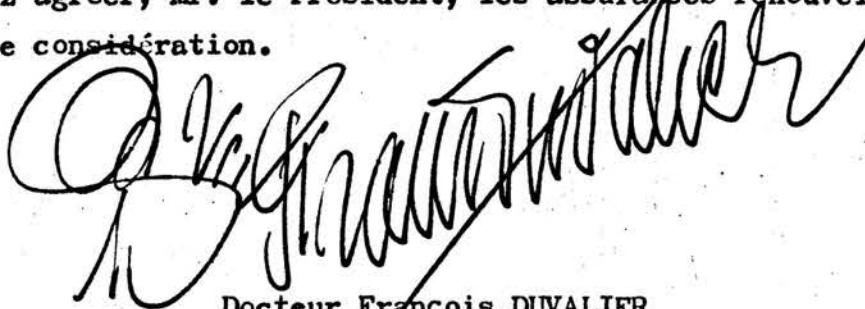
Mon Gouvernement s'enorgueillira de faire une "RENCONTRE" ; celle d'un homme politique dont la formation est une somme d'expériences acquises dans le commerce des hommes, d'un homme ainsi qui soit capable de dégager l'essentiel du contingent, de mesurer l'intérêt réciproque que se doivent de rechercher des partenaires qui entendent tenir compte des réalités et de la réalité particulière d'un Pouvoir solidement institué et travaillant dans le but évident de la paix, du relèvement économique et social d'un peuple et de la sécurité générale.

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Au titre de chef responsable, je suis décidé de réaliser la "RENCONTRE" avec Vous. C'est à dire, de joindre en une pensée commune l'action politique intelligente de vous et de Moi; comme elle est requise dans les révolutions de notre temps. De Vous! avec ce "brand brain" que vous imprimez quotidiennement à la politique et à l'administration du Gouvernement des USA. De Moi! avec l'assurance d'un Pouvoir légitime, solidement institué, d'un Pouvoir stable, le seul, dans le contexte du temps présent avec lequel il soit sage de traiter, pour le maintien de la paix, le renforcement de la sécurité américaine, le progrès de la communauté continentale.

Intimement associés et décidés d'assurer la vie et la survie de nos concitoyens dans la paix et la liberté, nos Gouvernements pourront, dans l'action conjointe, éliminer toutes les commotions, toutes les violences qu'engendrent intérieurement les disparités des niveaux de vie, l'insécurité politique et l'insécurité économique en organisant la défense du territoire pour la sécurité américaine.

Veillez agréer, Mr. le Président, les assurances renouvelées de ma très haute considération.



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Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson  
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*Palais National, Port-au-Prince, le* June 3rd, 1965

*Le Président*  
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Dear Mister President:

In the course of reviewing and reflecting on the dramatic events that are taking place on the other side of Haiti's frontier, I am convinced once again that in Latin America peace and stability are contingent upon prosperity. For Haiti, all three must be dependent upon help from a friendly and understanding Government of United States, assisted by international banking institutions dedicated to economic development.

The Haitian people, noted for their remarkable spirit and patience, have courageously stood up, under my guidance, to all of the adversities that have confronted and harrassed them. They have stood up to catastrophies and the economic deprivations and financial shocks that have racked this country for ever so many years. The country and the people must be extricated from this economic strangulation.

- It is hardly necessary to remind a statesman of your caliber that political liberty perishes where economic security does not exist.-

I have persistently maintained that there is an unavoidable necessity for a reoriented attitude on the part of your great country- by virtue of your position as the leader of the hemisphere, chosen and accepted by all - to put an end to the steady deterioration of relations between member nations of the Organization of American States. I recall that my Government, in the name of the Haitian people, had to ask the Governments that preceded your Administration to endeavor to understand me when I called to their attention not to let the flame of liberty be extinguished and not to let the renewed hopes of a people for release from the bonds of misery be crushed in rancor and indignation.

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It is because I believe that in a new scale of values, democratic policy must be dedicated to the service of mankind in an international interdependence - political, economic, cultural and technical interdependence. The essential prerequisites of this democratic policy requires security - a security embracing all of a territory to defend effectively the economic and social welfare of all and to assure to each of the members of this national community, and the obligation to adapt the nation entirely to the international interdependence.

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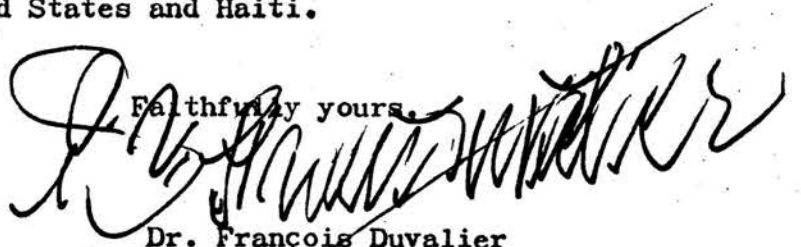
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Palais National, Port-au-Prince, le 3 Juin 1965

Le Président  
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Monsieur le Président,

En observant et en approfondissant les événements qui se déroulent de l'autre côté de la frontière d'Haiti, je me suis persuadé et je me persuade encore davantage que la permanence de l'ordre et de la paix peut seule ouvrir la voie à tout processus d'expansion économique, sous le bénéfice d'un Gouvernement des Etats-Unis ami et compréhensif et des Institutions internationales de financement décidées d'aider.

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Faut-il rappeler à l'homme d'Etat que vous êtes qu'il n'y a pas de liberté politique là où la sécurité économique n'existe pas. Et, je m'enorgueillis très sincèrement de l'opiniâtreté que j'ai toujours mise à souligner la nécessité d'une nouvelle attitude de la part de votre grand pays pour mettre un terme à la détérioration persistante des rapports entre les Etats membres de l'OEA, au titre de Leadership du continent américain choisi et accepté par tous. C'est, avec cette même opiniâtreté que mon Gouvernement, au nom du peuple haïtien, eut à demander aux gouvernements qui ont précédé le vôtre de faire l'effort de me comprendre lorsque je soulignai à leur attention que pour que ne s'éteigne la flamme de la liberté et que ne meure dans la haine et la colère l'espoir renouvelé des peuples d'être libérés des liens de la misère, le Leadership, les Etats-Unis du Nord, doit prendre ses responsabilités, car il a les moyens matériels nécessaires pour atteindre ce but ainsi que l'autorité politique requise.

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Monsieur le Président,

Mon Gouvernement a toujours fait appel à la raison froide, lucide, dépouillée de tout romantisme négatif pour aborder les problèmes cruciaux de l'interdépendance internationale avec ses exigences et ses espérances, ses convictions et ses arrières pensées, ses illusions et ses calculs intéressés, ses confusions et ses désillusions... Malgré que Mon Gouvernement semble être le moins facile à comprendre et aussi à être aidé, le Leadership se doit de retenir qu'Haiti dans toutes les conférences et assises internationales a toujours voté avec les Etats-Unis. C'est parce, que je crois que dans la nouvelle échelle des valeurs d'une politique démocratique au service de l'homme dans l'interdépendance, interdépendance politique, économique, culturelle et technique, les conditions intérieures de cette politique démocratique posent: la NECESSITE de la SECURITE qui est d'essence globale; c'est à dire, la SECURITE embrassant l'intégrité du territoire à défendre efficacement, la sécurité économique et sociale ou Bien-Etre à assurer à chacun des membres de la communauté nationale et l'OBLIGATION d'adapter la nation toute entière à l'interdépendance internationale.

En cette époque tumultueuse et tourmentée, dans l'imbroglio des faits dont l'imprécision demeure la marque dangereuse, le Leadership de la paix et de la sécurité des nations démocratiques, les Etats-Unis du Nord, sous votre direction expérimentée, se doivent de comprendre mon propos exprimé comme suit: Pour que se maintienne le maximum d'unité entre les nations de cet hémisphère, désireuses de travailler ensemble à la défense de la liberté et à la sauvegarde de la paix, de lutter ensemble contre le communisme, il leur faut la sécurité politique et sociale toutes choses qui ne peuvent être engendrées que par la sécurité économique et financière.

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C'est ainsi Mr. le Président que je me crois en droit de reprendre le dialogue avec un interlocuteur de votre trempe, un interlocuteur, - qui pour tous vos concitoyens et pour moi aussi, - est "the ablest political craftsman of our time", en vous disant que mon Gouvernement a axé l'acceptation et la poursuite de tous les sacrifices sur l'espoir d'une renaissance de l'économie nationale par l'injection de dollars frais dans les travaux d'infrastructure planifiés tels que: les réseaux routiers du Sud, du Sud-Ouest, du Centre, du Nord et du Nord-Ouest - des travaux portuaires - des systèmes de téléphones et de télécommunications, des usines hydro-électriques (Artibonite et Sud), des usines sucrières, des projets d'irrigation, des aérodromes, le tout assorti d'un programme d'aide et d'assistance économique! Je me crois, Mr. le Président, en droit de déchirer le voile qui persiste à cacher mon pays et mon peuple à vos yeux dans leurs revendications de l'interdépendance économique et internationale. Je me crois en droit d'en appeler à la solidarité des peuples pour Vous dire à Vous et Vous faire comprendre que l'économie du pays effondrée ne peut, par les seuls efforts internes, les sacrifices et les privations consentis, être revigorée. Il faut une injection suffisante d'argent pour remettre le pays sur pied. Cette injection ne peut venir que du Leadership de la paix et de la sécurité, sous des formes d'aide généreuse en fonction de la sécurité américaine; de prêts à longs termes pour l'exécution de travaux rentables; d'assistance économique et technique dans un programme d'aide articulé, d'investissements privés; d'encouragements au tourisme, etc.etc..;

Votre attention personnelle à la situation économique d'Haiti Vous édictera dans l'immédiat ce que comprit, il y a cinq ans, le Président Eisenhower. Renouvelant et élargissant son geste de haute compréhension, Vous aurez justifié tous les espoirs fondés sur les nouvelles relations susceptibles de réengager la coopération fructueuse dans tous les domaines Entre les Etats-Unis et Haiti.

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En observant et en approfondissant les événements qui se déroulent de l'autre côté de la frontière d'Haiti, je me suis persuadé et je me persuade encore davantage que la permanence de l'ordre et de la paix peut seule ouvrir la voie à tout processus d'expansion économique, sous le bénéfice d'un Gouvernement des Etats-Unis ami et compréhensif et des Institutions internationales de financement décidées d'aider.

Le peuple haitien, admirable de courage et de foi, fait face, sous ma conduite, à tous les destins qui le confrontent. Il fait face aux drames économiques et financiers qui crucifient le pays depuis de nombreuses années! Le pays et le peuple haitien devront être dégagés de l'asphyxie économique.

Faut-il rappeler à l'homme d'Etat que vous êtes qu'il n'y a pas de liberté politique là où la sécurité économique n'existe pas. Et, je m'enorgueillis très sincèrement de l'opiniâtreté que j'ai toujours mise à souligner la nécessité d'une nouvelle attitude de la part de votre grand pays pour mettre un terme à la détérioration persistante des rapports entre les Etats membres de l'OEA, au titre de Leadership du continent américain choisi et accepté par tous. C'est, avec cette même opiniâtreté que mon Gouvernement, au nom du peuple haitien, eut à demander aux gouvernements qui ont précédé le vôtre de faire l'effort de ne comprendre lorsque je soulignai à leur attention que pour que ne s'éteigne la flamme de la liberté et que ne meure dans la haine et la colère l'espoir renouvelé des peuples d'être libérés des liens de la misère, le Leadership, les Etats-Unis du Nord, doit prendre ses responsabilités, car il a les moyens matériels nécessaires pour atteindre ce but ainsi que l'autorité politique requise.

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Monsieur le Président,

Mon Gouvernement a toujours fait appel à la raison froide, lucide, dépouillée de tout romantisme négatif pour aborder les problèmes cruciaux de l'interdépendance internationale avec ses exigences et ses espérances, ses convictions et ses arrières pensées, ses illusions et ses calculs intéressés, ses confusions et ses désillusions... Malgré que Mon Gouvernement semble être le moins facile à comprendre et aussi à être aidé, le Leadership se doit de retenir qu'Haiti dans toutes les conférences et asises internationales a toujours voté avec les Etats-Unis. C'est parce que je crois que dans la nouvelle échelle des valeurs d'une politique démocratique au service de l'homme dans l'interdépendance, interdépendance politique, économique, culturelle et technique, les conditions intérieures de cette politique démocratique posent: la NECESSITE de la SECURITE qui est d'essence globale; c'est à dire, la SECURITE embrassant l'intégrité du territoire à défendre efficacement, la sécurité économique et sociale ou Bien-Etre à assurer à chacun des membres de la communauté nationale et l'OBLIGATION d'adapter la nation toute entière à l'interdépendance internationale.


En cette époque tumultueuse et tourmentée, dans l'imbroglio des faits dont l'imprécision demeure la marque dangereuse, le Leadership de la paix et de la sécurité des nations démocratiques, les Etats-Unis du Nord, sous votre direction expérimentée, se doivent de comprendre mon propos exprimé comme suit: Pour que se maintienne le maximum d'unité entre les nations de cet hémisphère, désireuses de travailler ensemble à la défense de la liberté et à la sauvegarde de la paix, de lutter ensemble contre le communisme, il leur faut la sécurité politique et sociale toutes choses qui ne peuvent être engendrées que par la sécurité économique et financière.

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C'est ainsi Mr. le Président que je me crois en droit de reprendre le dialogue avec un interlocuteur de votre trempe, un interlocuteur, - qui pour tous vos concitoyens et pour moi aussi, - est "the ablest political craftsman of our time", en vous disant que mon Gouvernement a axé l'acceptation et la poursuite de tous les sacrifices sur l'espoir d'une renaissance de l'économie nationale par l'injection de dollars frais dans les travaux d'infrastructure planifiés tels que les réseaux routiers du Sud, du Sud-Ouest, du Centre, du Nord et du Nord-Ouest - des travaux portuaires - des systèmes de téléphones et de télécommunications, des usines hydro-électriques (Artibonite et Sud), des usines sucrières, des projets d'irrigation, des aérodromes, le tout assorti d'un programme d'aide et d'assistance économique. Je me crois, Mr. le Président, en droit de déchirer le voile qui persiste à cacher mon pays et mon peuple à vos yeux dans leurs revendications de l'interdépendance économique et internationale. Je me crois en droit d'en appeler à la solidarité des peuples pour Vous dire à Vous et Vous faire comprendre que l'économie du pays effondrée ne peut, par les seuls efforts internes, les sacrifices et les privations consentis, être revigorée. Il faut une injection suffisante d'argent pour remettre le pays sur pied. Cette injection ne peut venir que du Leadership de la paix et de la sécurité, sous des formes d'aide généreuse en fonction de la sécurité américaine; de prêts à longs termes pour l'exécution de travaux rentables; d'assistance économique et technique dans un programme d'aide articulé, d'investissements privés; d'encouragements au tourisme, etc.etc..;

Votre attention personnelle à la situation économique d'Haïti Vous édictera dans l'immédiat ce que comprit, il y a cinq ans, le Président Eisenhower. Renouvelant et élargissant son geste de haute compréhension, Vous aurez justifié tous les espoirs fondés sur les nouvelles relations susceptibles de réengager la coopération fructueuse dans tous les domaines entre les Etats-Unis et Haïti.

Veuillez agréer, Mr. le Président, les assurances renouvelées de ma très haute considération.



Docteur François DUVALIER  
Président à Vie de la République d'Haïti.

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*Le Président*  
*de la*  
*République d'Haïti*

Son Excellence Mr. Lyndon B. JOHNSON  
Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique  
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His Excellency

Dr. Francois Duvalier

President of the Republic of Haiti

Port-au-Prince

On the occasion of the national anniversary of the independence of Haiti I am happy to send congratulations and sincere good wishes to the people of Haiti from the people of the United States of America.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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HIS EXCELLENCY

DR. FRANCOIS DUVALIER

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI

PORT-AU-PRINCE.

On the occasion of the national anniversary of the independence of Haiti I am happy to send to Your Excellency and to the people of Haiti congratulations and sincere good wishes from the people of the United States of America. I reciprocate the thoughts expressed in your New Year's greeting.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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HIS EXCELLENCY

LYNDON B. JOHNSON,

PRESIDENT OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

I AM VERY HAPPY TO EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY ON NEW YEAR'S  
EVE MY SINCERE WISHES AND THOSE OF THE HAITIAN PEOPLE FOR THE  
CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF THE NOBLE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND YOUR  
EXCELLENCY'S PERSONAL HAPPINESS.

DR. FRANCOIS DUVALIER

PRESIDENT OF THE

REPUBLIC OF HAITI

The White House  
Washington

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DR FRANCOIS DUVALIER PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE D HAITI

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Dear Mr. President:

I wish to thank you for the congratulations on my succession as President which you have expressed on behalf of the people and Government of Haiti. I am confident that men of good will everywhere will join ~~me~~ in completing the work ~~which has been begun.~~ which has been begun.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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HIS EXCELLENCY  
MR. LYNDON B. JOHNSON,  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S ACCESSION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU, IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF HAITI AND IN MY OWN NAME, MY MOST HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AND SINCERE WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND FOR THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IN ITS UNINTERRUPTED PROGRESS TOWARD THE NEW FRONTIERS FORESEEN BY YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS PREDECESSOR.

DR. FRANÇOIS DUVALIER, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI

The White House  
Washington

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A L OCCASION DE L ACCESSION DE VOTRE EXCELLENCE A LA PRESIDENCE  
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DU PEUPLE ET DU GOUVERNMENT HAITIENS ET EN MON NOM PROPRE AVEC MES  
PLUS VIVES FELICITATIONS LES VOEUX SINCERES QUE JE FORME POUR SON  
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DR FRANCOIS DUVALIER PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE D HAITI

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