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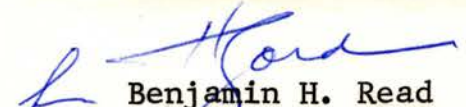
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Telegram to the President from
President Duvalier of Haiti

I refer to Mr. Bromley Smith's memorandum of January 4 enclosing a telegram to President Johnson from President Duvalier of Haiti. Since the telegram is a routine acknowledgement of President Johnson's message on the occasion of Haiti's national day, no reply seems necessary. A translation of President Duvalier's telegram is enclosed.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Telegram of January 3, 1966
from President Duvalier, with
translation

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 10, 1966

TO: Mr. Bowdler

FROM: Bromley Smith

The attached is for your immediate attention. Please have your secretary keep Miss Simpson of my staff (145-697) informed of all action taken. ✓

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1966

TO: Mr. Ben Read

FROM: Bromley Smith

Attached for translation and/or recommendation is a message to the President.

It is requested that a recommendation be provided my office by no later than 1/7/66

The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITEHOUSE WASHINGTONDC

AU NOM DU PEUPLE ET DU GOUVERNEMENT HAITIENS JE REMERCIÉ VOTRE
EXCELLENCE DES SINCERES VOEUX FORMULES A L'OCCASION DE L'INDEPENDANCE
D'HAITI PAR LE PEUPLE DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE DU NORD STOP JE LA
PRIE DE BIEN VOULOIR AGREER CEUX QUE JE LUI PRESENTE TANT ET MON NOM
PROPRE QU'EN CELUI DU PEUPLE ET DU GOUVERNEMENT HAITIENS POUR SON
BONHEUR PERSONNEL LA GRANDEUR ET LA PROSPERITE DU PEUPLE

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DOCTEUR FRANCOIS DUVALIER

PRESIDENT A VIE DE LA REPUBLIQUE D'HAITI

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Origin ACTION: His Excellency

ARA Info:

Dr. Francois Duvalier,

President of the Republic of Haiti,

Port-au-Prince.

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SSC
CPR

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

Drafted by: *MA*
ARA/CAR:MHarris:dle

12/28/65

Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by: CAR - C. Allan Stewart

Clearances:

S/CPR - Mr. Carter

S/S-C - Mrs. Hall *med*

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ S/S

- Mr. Walsh

P - Mr. Freeman (phone) White House - Mr. Bowdler

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
McGEORGE BUNDY'S OFFICE

To: Mr Bundy
Smith
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Date

in S/S
split to Jan 12/30
(10:30)
OK
WGB

Mr. McGeorge Bundy
The White House

The enclosed is for White House
clearance prior to transmission.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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1. Tel. to Dr. Francois Duvalier,
2. Tel. to PORT-AU-PRINCE.

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COMMERCIAL CABLE

TO BE SENT JANUARY 1, 1966

His Excellency

Dr. Francois Duvalier,

President of the Republic of Haiti,

Port-au-Prince.

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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CAR - C. Allan Stewart

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S/S-C - Mrs. Halla

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Following commercial cable will be sent January 1 to Duvalier from
President unless you perceive objection:

QUOTE 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. UNQUOTE

Department plans no release of message. No objection GOH release.

END

ARA/CAR:MHarris:dlc 12/28/65

CAR - C. Allan Stewart

S/CPR - Mr. Carter
S/S-C - Mrs. Halla

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ December 20, 1965

Brom:

This is how I propose to handle the Duvalier correspondence matter. If you have no objection, would you please send it along to Ben Read.

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Send to S/S Mr. Read
Cy to FS

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 20, 1965

FOR BENJAMIN READ

SUBJECT: Acknowledgement of Letters from President Duvalier
of Haiti

With reference to your memo of November 24, enclosing a suggested reply to correspondence from President Duvalier, it has been decided that there will be no Presidential acknowledgement.

In conversations with Under Secretary Mann and Deputy Assistant Secretary Sayre it has been decided that the Duvalier letters should be handled by the appropriate person in ARA by calling in the Haitian Ambassador and telling him in very polite language that:

1. the offensive paragraphs make it very difficult for us to reply formally without taking strong issue with the charges, which we, of course, do not accept;
2. because of this, we would prefer not to have to reply as we do not believe it would further relations between our two countries;
3. perhaps the useful conversations between Secretary Rusk and Foreign Minister Chalmers at New York and Rio might be considered an adequate substitute; or if the GOH prefers, we would be pleased to entertain a new letter without the paragraphs in question.

Under Secretary Mann suggested that in making the foregoing points to the Haitian Ambassador, ARA might also be able to tell him what we are prepared to do in the birth control and education fields.

WGB

William G. Bowdler

*Control number 18952

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 17, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

SUBJECT: Reply to Duvalier

*You tell em
it's not worth to
do it you were
let's answer
to answer in August
letter in December
mjs*

Last June 3 and August 12 Duvalier sent the President letters asking, in effect, for renewal of U.S. economic assistance to Haiti (see attached Read-to-Bundy memo). The August 12 letter contains highly offensive language charging that our Embassy (under Ambassador Thurston) and the MAAG worked with the Haitian armed forces to overthrow him.

After several months of delay on when and how the letters should be acknowledged, State has now suggested that the President send the brief, non-committal acknowledgement included in the attached memo.

The background to State's delay is important. From June to October they deliberately postponed answering the correspondence, first because they were awaiting the more substantive August 12 letter and after that because of the problem of Duvalier's mood. During this period, Duvalier was making noises about PNGing Ambassador Timmons. State wanted to string him along, making no commitments on assistance and avoiding giving him any pretext to act against the Embassy. In October, they decided that the situation was calm enough to reply. I advised ARA, in order to avoid the President getting involved in correspondence with Duvalier, to take advantage of his hospitalization to have Secretary Rusk reply on his behalf. They readily bought this, drafted a letter and sent it to the Seventh Floor for signature. In the Secretary's absence, the reply went to Ball. He refused to sign it because it did not take issue with the objectionable paragraphs. Then Tom Mann got into the act and he decided that a Presidential reply is necessary to avoid antagonizing Duvalier. I checked back with Tom to see how strongly he felt about this. He is still of a mind that the President should send a non-committal acknowledgement along the lines of the one suggested, avoiding any reference to the objectionable paragraphs.

My view is that we should not put the President in the position of replying to Duvalier. One reason is the long delay in answering the correspondence. Another is that I prefer not to have the President corresponding with this petty tyrant. But much more important are the highly offensive

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paragraphs, I don't see how the President can send a letter ignoring the charges. And if he replies rejecting them, we run the serious risk of Duvalier reacting against our Embassy, which it is in our interest to prevent.

I think that the nature of Duvalier's charges and the language used are such that State could have declined to accept the August letter on delivery. If it had done so, however, it probably would have produced the Duvalier reaction that we wanted to avoid. But perhaps now the paragraphs offer an escape hatch.

I would recommend no written reply, either from here or from State. I would have Allan Stewart or Jack Vaughn call in the Haitian Ambassador and tell him in very polite language that:

1. the offensive paragraphs make it very difficult for us to reply formally without taking strong issue with the charges, which we, of course, do not accept;
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3. perhaps the useful conversations between Secretary Rusk and Foreign Minister Chalmers at New York and Rio might be considered an adequate substitute; or if the GOH prefers, we would be pleased to entertain a new letter without the paragraphs in question.

If you agree on this approach, I recommend that you call Tom Mann and tell him that we would prefer to handle it in this fashion.

you + call him

WGB
WGBowdler

Attachment

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 26, 1965

TO: Mr. Bowdler

FROM: Bromley Smith

The attached is for your immediate attention. Please have your secretary keep Miss Simpson of my staff (145-697) informed of all action taken.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Bowdler:

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Can we find a way
of not asking the President
to acknowledge letters
dated June 3 and August 12?

This would really
rock the boat

BKS



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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November 24, 1965

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Acknowledgement of Letters from
President Duvalier of Haiti

Enclosed is a suggested letter for signature
by the President, acknowledging the letters of
June 3 and August 12, 1965 addressed to him by
President Duvalier.

The Secretary and the Haitian Foreign Minister
have recently been discussing economic assistance
to Haiti, the principal subject of the Duvalier
letters. Accordingly, a simple acknowledgement of
Duvalier's communications appears to be appropriate.

BAR

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Letter from President
Duvalier dated June 3, 1965.
3. Letter from President
Duvalier dated August 12, 1965
with translation.

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By *y*, NARA, Date *9-1-00*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. President:

I have asked Secretary Rusk to treat in my behalf the subjects raised in your letters of June 3 and August 12, 1965.

I would like to take this opportunity, however, to acknowledge the communications you addressed to me and to assure you of the continuing interest of the United States in the well-being and future progress of the people of Haiti.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Dr. Francois Duvalier,
President of the Republic
of Haiti for Life.

P/C - HAITI

W.



Palais National, Port-au-Prince, le June 3rd, 1965

Le Président
de la
République

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By *Hy* NARA, Date *10-25-00*

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.

As the leader, the United States of America is charged with and must assume its grave responsibilities, since it alone has the material means as well as the requisite political authority to achieve its objectives.

My Government has always appealed for cool and logical thinking, stripped of all negative tendencies, when approaching critical issues, problems and controversies in international relations (interdependence) with their exigencies and expectations, convictions and hidden motives, illusions and self-interests, confusions and disappointments. Although my Government seems to be the less well understood and also less easily helped, it should be recalled that Haiti, in all international conferences and sessions, has always voted with the United States.

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.

In this tumultuous and harrassed period, in the imbroglio of facts of which vagueness remains a dangerous mark, the champion of peace and security of democratic nations, the United States of America under your experienced leadership, should understand my proposal stated as follows: In order to maintain the maximum accord and unity among the nations of this hemisphere, nations willing to cooperate for the common defense of liberty and safeguarding of peace and to fight against Communist subversion, it will be necessary for them to have political stability and social security, neither of which can be attained without economic and financial security.

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REPLY WILL BE MADE BY SECRETARY NOT
PRESIDENT

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Hond by
Amb of Haiti
for the
President

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my dr

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Miss Simpson

These Duvalier letters
can now be taken off
our list. Note in file
with originals that reply
is to come from Secretary -
not President
BKS



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

Le Président A VIE
de la
République

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 rank 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: DESSALINES, 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 eater 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: MASSES, 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 BROTHER, the U.S.A., for helping me with the notion 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 disillusionings 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 clear 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 coasts, 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:

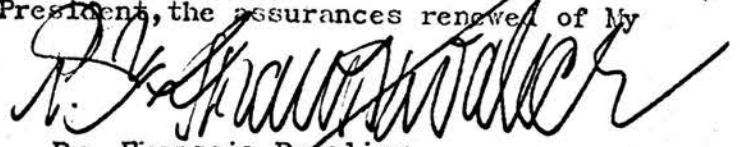
My Government would glory the occasion of a MEETING, meeting of a politician whose personal human context is a sum of experiences acquired through his dealings with men, of a man capable of disengaging the essential out of the contingent, capable of proportioning the mutual interest to be sought eagerly 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.



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

Le Président A VIE
de la
République

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 Vôtre, 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 Savannah 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'initiai 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,

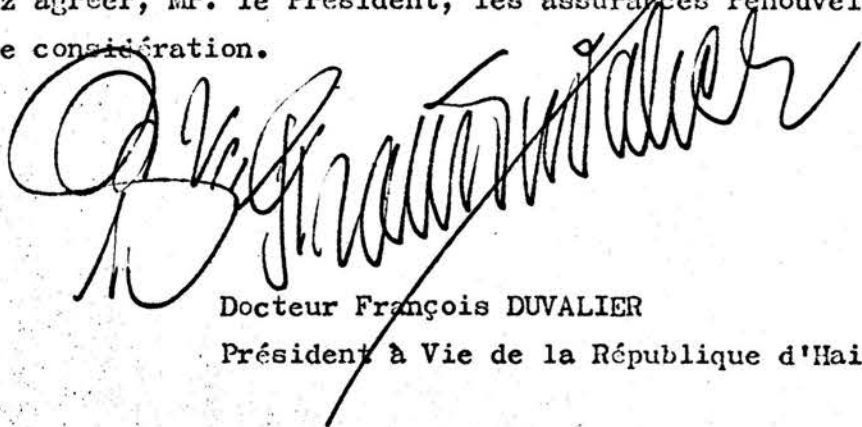
Mon Gouvernement s'enorgueillira de faire une "RENCONTRE" ; celle d'un homme politique dont la formation est une somme d'expériences acquises dans le commerce des hommes, d'un homme ainsi qui soit capable de dégager l'essentiel du contingent, de mesurer l'intérêt réciproque que se doivent de rechercher 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.



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

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MEMO FOR BROMLEY SMITH S

SUBJECT: Reply to Duvalier's Letters

Paragraph 7 of section Two of the attached cable gives the Embassy's views on how the Duvalier letters to the President should be handled. It suggests two alternatives: (1) a brief generalized letter saying that Ambassador Timmons will take up details with the Foreign Minister or (2) an oral reply by Timmons to Foreign Minister Chalmers along the same line. Timmons prefers the first alternative.

I do too, and have so informed Allan Stewart. Stewart says that they are drafting a letter for the Secretary's signature which will be up in S/S today.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Acknowledgement of Letters from
President Duvalier of Haiti

Enclosed is a suggested letter for signature
by the President, acknowledging the letters of
June 3 and August 12, 1965 addressed to him by
President Duvalier.

The Secretary and the Haitian Foreign Minister
have recently been discussing economic assistance
to Haiti, the principal subject of the Duvalier
letters. Accordingly, a simple acknowledgement of
Duvalier's communications appears to be appropriate.

BHR
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Letter from President
Duvalier dated June 3, 1965.
3. Letter from President
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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. President:

I have asked Secretary Rusk to treat in my behalf the subjects raised in your letters of June 3 and August 12, 1965.

I would like to take this opportunity, however, to acknowledge the communications you addressed to me and to assure you of the continuing interest of the United States in the well-being and future progress of the people of Haiti.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Dr. Francois Duvalier,
President of the Republic
of Haiti for Life.

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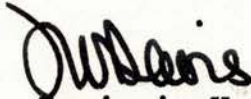
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from
President Duvalier of Haiti

Enclosed is the signed original of a letter in French to the President from President Duvalier of Haiti, together with a Haitian translation of the letter, also signed by Duvalier.

The letter requests that we resume large-scale economic aid to Haiti.

A suggested plan for dealing with Duvalier's request will be forwarded separately.



Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

Signed original of letter to the President from President Duvalier, dated June 3, 1965.

Signed original of a translation of the above letter.

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Palais National, Port-au-Prince, le June 3rd, 1965

Le Président
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Dear Mister President:

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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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As the leader, the United States of America is charged with and must assume its grave responsibilities, since it alone has the material means as well as the requisite political authority to achieve its objectives.

My Government has always appealed for cool and logical thinking, stripped of all negative tendencies, when approaching critical issues, problems and controversies in international relations (interdependence) with their exigencies and expectations, convictions and hidden motives, illusions and self-interests, confusions and disappointments. Although my Government seems to be the less well understood and also less easily helped, it should be recalled that Haiti, in all international conferences and sessions, has always voted with the United States.

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.

In this tumultuous and harrassed period, in the imbroglio of facts of which vagueness remains a dangerous mark, the champion of peace and security of democratic nations, the United States of America under your experienced leadership, should understand my proposal stated as follows: In order to maintain the maximum accord and unity among the nations of this hemisphere, nations willing to cooperate for the common defense of liberty and safeguarding of peace and to fight against Communist subversion, it will be necessary for them to have political stability and social security, neither of which can be attained without economic and financial security.

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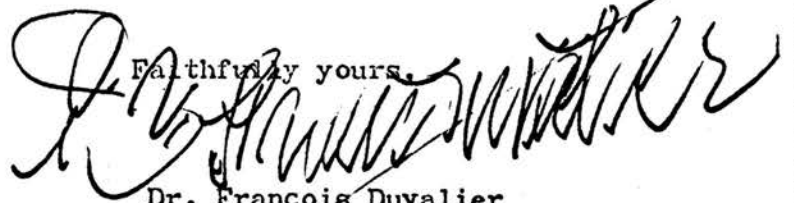
Mr. President, I recall the description of the parliamentarian of your caliber, a parliamentarian, who for your fellow citizens and for me as well, is "the ablest political craftsman of our time, I believe that it is appropriated to tell you that my Government has centered acceptance of a policy of sacrifice in the hope that there will be a resurrection of the national economy by the injection of fresh dollars into our economy for the planned works of the infrastructure of the country, namely, systems of roads to bring the rural areas closer to the cities and ports; harbor works; communications systems; hydro-electric power projects for the Artibonite and the South; sugar mills; irrigation projects for the Artibonite and other areas; airports and realistic projects for an aid program and economic assistance.

Mr. President, I think that it is appropriated to try to tear away the veil hiding my country and its people from your eyes and to bring forth their claims to participate in the interamerican economic interdependence. I think that it is fitting that I appeal to you and to make it clear that the foundered economy of Haiti cannot through its own efforts alone, sacrifices and voluntary privations be reinvigorated. It is necessary to have an adequate injection of money and capital to put the country back on its feet. This can come only from the United States of America, the acknowledged leader of peace and security of the hemisphere, in the form of generous aid in terms of American security; long term loans for the realization of paying public works projects; economic and technical assistance in a program of coordinated aid, private capital investments and encouragement of tourism.

I am sure that your personal attention to the economic situation of Haiti will enable you to act quickly in the way that President Eisenhower did six years ago.

Renewing and broadening the base of action with high understanding, you, Mr. President, will have justified all our fervent hopes for renewed relations capable of bringing about a fruitful cooperation in all fields between the United States and Haiti.

Faithfully yours,



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President for life of the
Republic of Haiti.



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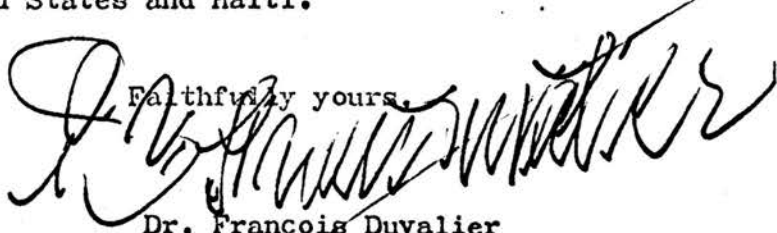
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Faithfully yours,



Dr. François Duvalier

President for life of the
Republic of Haiti.



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Palais National, Port-au-Prince, le June 3rd, 1965

Le Président
de la
République

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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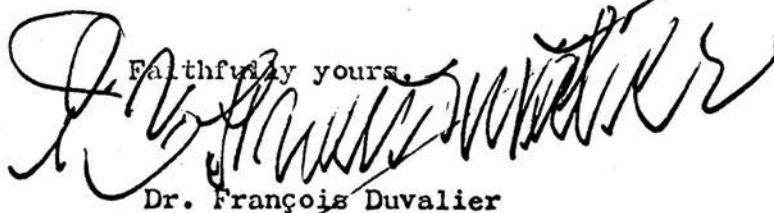
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His Excellency

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.

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EVE MY SINCERE WISHES AND THOSE OF THE HAITIAN PEOPLE FOR THE
CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF THE NOBLE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND YOUR
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DR. FRANCOIS DUVALIER

PRESIDENT OF THE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Congratulatory Telegram from President
Duvalier of Haiti

Enclosed for the approval of the White House is
a suggested reply to a telegram sent November 29 by
President Francois Duvalier of Haiti congratulating
the President on his succession to the Presidency.

Also enclosed are President Duvalier's message
in French and an official translation.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read *for*
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested Reply.
2. Telegram from President Duvalier
dated November 29.
3. Official Translation.

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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. ~~work/succession has been begun by my great predecessor.~~

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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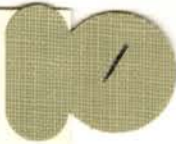
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HIS EXCELLENCY
MR. LYNDON B. JOHNSON,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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 UNIN-
TERRUPTED PROGRESS TOWARD THE NEW FRONTIERS FORESEEN BY YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS
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DR. FRANÇOIS DUVALIER, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI

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(GOH translation of Duvalier's letter to the President. Note: this is a "free translation")

June 3rd, 1965

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President for life of the
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1. I TALKED WITH DUVALIER FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF AN HOUR THIS MORNING. DUVALIER WAS ALONE; CURTIS ACCOMPANIED ME.
2. DUVALIER HANDED ME UNSEALED ENVELOPE WHICH HE SAID CONTAINED LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT, AND ALSO GAVE ME COPIES OF THE LETTER AND OF AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION THEREOF. ENVELOPE BEING POUCHED TO DEPT CARE OF KENNEDY CROCKETT, ARA/CAR. POUCH AND REGISTRY NUMBERS WILL BE TELEGRAPHED SEPARATELY.
PAGE TWO RUESPR 03A ~~SECRET~~
3. DUVALIER ASKED THAT THIS "ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER" (WHICH UPON MY RETURN TO EMB I FOUND FROM MY COPIES TO CONTAIN REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION US ECONOMIC AID TO HAITI), BE TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT SOONEST, AND I SAID I WOULD OF COURSE SEND IT BY FIRST DIPLOMATIC POUCH.
4. DUVALIER ALSO ASKED THAT I TRANSMIT REQUEST THAT AMB THEARD BE GRANTED "PERSONAL AUDIENCE" WITH PRESIDENT, AT WHICH TIME THEARD WOULD HAND OVER "CONFIDENTIAL LETTER" FROM DUVALIER TO PRESIDENT. DUVALIER SAID THIS "CONFIDENTIAL LETTER" NOT YET SENT TO THEARD, AND WOULD NOT BE SENT UNIL HE (DUVALIER) RECD PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE IN PRINCIPLE TO REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE FOR THEARD TRANSMITTED THROUGH ME TODAY, AND REITERATED THIS POINT TWICE. DUVALIER GAVE NO INKLING OF CONTENTS THIS SECOND LETTER. I INTIMATED THAT I ASSUMED ACTUAL REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE WOULD BE MADE BY THEARD WHEN SECOND LETTER RECD.
5. REMAINDER OF CONVERSATION OCCUPIED BY DUVALIER'S EXPOSITION GENERAL LINE FORECAST PARA 2(C) EMBTEL 1585, STARTING WITH PUNTA DEL ESTE AND STRESSING HEAVILY GOH SUPPORT OF USG IN OAS. SEPTELS BEING SENT CONTAINING SUMMARY OF LETTER BASED ON COPY HANDED ME, FURTHER DEAILS DUVALIER'S REMARKS THIS MORNING, AND MY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS.
6. DUVALIER WISHED APPEAR AS ALL SWEETNESS AND LIGHT THIS

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MORNING. NOT ONE WORD ABOUT BABOUN OR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC
SUBJECT. I INTERPRET THIS AS INDICATING DUVALIER HAS DECIDED
FOR TIME BEING TO SWALLOW BABOUN CASE WHILE HE ATTEMPTS TO FRY
BIG ECONOMIC AID FISH.

7. DUVALIER LOOKED IN EXCELLENT HEALTH, SPOKE CLEARLY AND
COHERENTLY (EXCEPTIONALLY SO FOR HIM) AND MOVED WITHOUT
DIFFICULTY. BOTH CURTIS (WHO HAS OBSERVED DUVALIER OVER PERIOD
OF LAST THREE YEARS) AND I THOUGHT HE LOOKED BETTER THAN WE
HAD EVER SEEN HIM. GP-2
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A. FOLLOWING WERE HIGHLIGHTS MY TALK WITH DUVALIER THIS MORNING:

1. DUVALIER OPENED CONVERSATION BY STRESSING HIS HEAVY BURDENS OF STATE AND FACT THAT HE PERSONALLY DIRECTS ALL INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF GOH. SEEMED INTENT UPON UNDERLINING THAT ALL OF CHALMERS' WORDS AND ACTIONS ARE AT DUVALIER'S EXPRESS COMMAND.

2. TURNING TO COMMUNIST DANGER IN CARIBBEAN, HE RECALLED

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HE HAD GIVEN WARNING OF THIS GROWING THREAT TO AMERICANS OVER THE YEARS, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING FORMER SECRETARY INTERIOR OSCAR CHAPMAN. HE WOVE IN HAITIAN VOTE AT PUNTA DEL ESTE AND FACT GOH HAS SUPPORTED USG AT OAS MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY 1964 MFM ON CUBA AND CURRENT MFM SESSIONS ON DOMREP.

3. AFTER PRAISING ELMER LOUGHLIN (EMB COMMENT: US CITIZEN, DOCTOR, MEMBER PALACE ENTOURAGE, GIVEN SUSPENDED SENTENCE IN US IN 1963 FOR FAILING REGISTER AS FOREIGN AGENT), WHO DUVALIER SAID ACTED AS "BRIDGE" BETWEEN HIMSELF AND EMB IN 1959-60, DUVALIER RECOUNTED AT SOME LENGTH AND IN FAMILIAR TERMS HIS TRAINING AT UNIVERSITY MICHIGAN AND WORK WITH US MISSIONS HERE IN FIELD PUBLIC HEALTH, PARTICULARLY ERADICATION YAWS.

4. DUVALIER THEN HANDED ME LETTER AND COPIES, BUT ADDED NOTHING RE CONTENT OF LETTER WHICH, AS REPORTED EMBTEL 1586,

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HE DESCRIBED AS "ADMINISTRATIVE." HE DID NOT ASK ME TO READ LETTER IN HIS PRESENCE, AND I NATURALLY MADE NO SUCH MOVE. RE SECOND LETTER, DUVALIER SAID HE KNEW PRESIDENT HAS MUCH TO DO, PARTICULARLY AT PRESENT, BUT HOPED PRESIDENT COULD RECEIVE THEARD.

5. DUVALIER REFERRED BRIEFLY TO SUBSTANCE MY TALK WITH

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CHALMERS MAY 29 (EMBTTEL 1560) AND REPEATED ENOUGH OF MAIN POINTS FOR ME TO JUDGE THAT CHALMERS REPORTED ACCURATELY WHAT I HAD SAID.

6. I STRESSED IT IN INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE INTERESTS ALL OAS COUNTRIES TO PREVENT COMMUNIST TAKEOVERS IN HEMISPHERE AND TO COOPERATE IN FINDING SOLUTION TO DOMREP CRISIS. DUVALIER ASSENTED AND REFERRED AGAIN TO HAVING "SOUNDED TOCSIN," PARTICULARLY IN 1963.

7. AT CONCLUSION TALK DUVALIER SAID HE THOUGHT I WAS REPORTING "OBJECTIVELY" ON HAITIAN PROBLEMS.

B. PRELIMINARY COMMENTS PROMISED EMBTEL 1586 WILL BE DISPATCHED TOMORROW. GP-2.

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EMBASSY TELS 1586, 1587, 1590.

1. AS PROMISED RETELS, HEREWITH MY PRELIMINARY REACTIONS TO DUVALIER LETTER AND HIS APPARENT ATTENDANT STRATEGY.
2. PRESUMABLY MOST IMMEDIATE ISSUE IS DUVALIER'S REQUEST THAT APPOINTMENT BE ARRANGED FOR THEARD TO SEE PRESIDENT AND DELIVER "CONFIDENTIAL" LETTER. PURPOSE OF THIS MANEUVER NOT YET ENTIRELY CLEAR; IT PROBABLY DESIGNED TEST TEMPERATURE OF WATER IN WASHINGTON AND PRODUCE EARLY PRELIMINARY INDICATION HOW USG INTENDS PLAY REQUEST CONTAINED

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IN DUVALIER'S "ADMINISTRATIVE" LETTER, I.E. INDEFINITE DELAY IN RESPONDING "IN PRINCIPLE" TO REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE INTERPRETED BY DUVALIER NOT ONLY AS REBUFF IN PROTOCOL TERMS BUT ALSO AS SIGN THAT USG HAS NO INTENTION UNDERTAKE CONSIDERATION ANY NEW AID PROGRAMS FOR HAITI. ALSO, GRANTING OF APPOINTMENT TO THEARD COULD BE PLAYED LOCALLY BY DUVALIER AS SOME EVIDENCE OF "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH PRESIDENT.

3. QUESTION ALSO ARISES WHAT IF ANY ADDITIONAL FACTORS DUVALIER INTENDS GRIND INTO SECOND LETTER. HIS MAIN PITCHES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE, IN FIRST LETTER, BUT HE MIGHT IN SUPPLEMENTARY LETTER ADD ASSURANCES THAT USG CAN COUNT ON GOH SUPPORT IN CASE FUTURE TROUBLE IN CARIBBEAN, SUCH AS USE NEW JET AIRPORT BY USAF, OR EVEN SOME FACILITIES AT MOLE ST. NICHOLAS (AS WERE OFFERED IN PAST). DUVALIER WOULD PROBABLY ALSO DEVELOP MORE FULLY HIS LINE OF STAUNCH ANTI-COMMUNISM, BEST FRIEND OF US IN AREA. ETC, AND STRESS DANGERS COMMUNISM

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PRESENTS IN HAITI. SECOND LETTER COULD ALSO CONTAIN SPECIFIC PRICE TAG OR SHOPPING LIST FOR ECONOMIC AND/OR MILITARY AID.

4. I TAKE IT THAT CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH SO TRENCHEANTLY

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BY DEPT IN LAST PARAS DEPT EL 658 AND 660 CONTINUE HAVE AT LEAST SOME APPLICABILITY TO SITUATION CREATED BY DUVALIER'S LETTER, AND THAT DEPT DOES NOT WISH RUN RISK COMPLICATING USG DEALINGS WITH GOH DURING MFM. THEREFORE ASSUME THIS AND OTHER RELATED FACTORS PRECLUDE REFUSAL OR INDEFINITE DELAY IN FIXING REQUESTED APPOINTMENT. IF SO, I SUGGEST I SHOULD ADVISE DUVALIER (PREFERABLY THROUGH CHALMERS) THAT WHEN THEARD IS READY PROCEED WITH APPOINTMENT (I.E. HAS LETTER IN HAND). THEARD SHOULD MAKE USUAL REQUEST THROUGH NORMAL DEPARTMENTAL CHANNEL. SUCH RESPONSE WOULD OF COURSE BE INTERPRETED BY DUVALIER AS INDICATING THAT APPOINTMENT WOULD IN FACT BE FIXED WITHIN REASONABLE TIME AFTER ACTUAL REQUEST MADE.

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5. SINCE DUVALIER'S REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT CLEARLY PROBE, ANY MARKED DELAY (SAY, BEYOND A WEEK FROM MONDAY, JUNE 7) IN SENDING SOME WORD BACK TO HIM IN RESPONSE HIS REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT "IN PRINCIPLE" TO APPOINTMENT WOULD DOUBTLESS BE INTERPRETED BY HIM AS SLIGHT BY USG OR NEGATIVE REACTION.

6. I TURN NOW TO QUESTION OF SUBSTANCE OF DUVALIER'S REQUEST. AS DEPT AWARE, WE HAVE HAD REPORTS FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS THAT A LETTER REQUESTING AID WAS IN PREPARATION.

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TIMING OF LETTER CLEARLY RELATED TO DOMREP CRISIS, EMERGENCE COMMUNIST THREAT THERE, AND CONSEQUENT OAS ACTIONS, WHERE HAITI HAS SUPPLIED NECESSARY FOURTEENTH VOTE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. DUVALIER UNDOUBTEDLY JUDGED CONDITIONS MORE FAVORABLE TO HIM NOW THAN IN PAST, AND DECIDED PUT REQUEST IN BEFORE DOMREP SITUATION MOVES FURTHER TOWARD SOLUTION AND DIMINISHES WHATEVER BARGAINING POWER HE THINKS HE HAS. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT PRESENT LETTER IS SEVENTH REQUEST FOR US

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ASSISTANCE IN SOME FORM OR OTHER SINCE CURRENT PHASE GOH-USG RELATIONS BEGAN IN DECEMBER, 1963 (FOR LIST OF REQUESTS AND ACTION THEREON SEE PARAS 4 AND 5 EMBASSY'S A-332, FEB 24). HOWEVER, THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT DUVALIER HAS PERSONALLY PUT SUCH A REQUEST, AND ENGAGED HIS PERSONAL PRESTIGE BY ADDRESSING A FORMAL COMMUNICATION TO PRESIDENT. NOTEWORTHY ALSO THAT DUVALIER HAS CAST HIS NET WIDE. REFERENCE TO AID RECEIVED FROM PRES EISENHOWER RELATES TO BUDGET-SUPPORTING GRANT AID; DUVALIER ALSO SPECIFIES DESIRE FOR PROJECT OR DEVELOPMENT AID, AND INCLUDES AS SOURCES NOT ONLY USG BUT ALSO INTERNATIONAL LENDING ORGANIZATIONS. THRUST OF LETTER IS HOWEVER DESIRE FOR ASSURANCE FROM USG THAT SUBSTANTIAL AID TO GOH

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FROM SOME SOURCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING, AND DUVALIER WOULD CLEARLY PREFER BUDGET-SUPPORTING GRANT AID WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

7. NOW THAT REQUEST HAS BEEN TABLED, FOLLOWING MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS COME INTO PLAY:
- (A) (F) REQUEST REFUSED OR SUBSTANTIVE REPLY SPUN OUT INDEFINITELY, WHAT WOULD BE EFFECT ON OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING USG PRESENCE HERE WITH VIEW TO INFLUENCING SITUATION WHEN DUVALIER GOES?
 - (B) GIVEN CURRENT SITUATION IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, DO WIDER USG INTERESTS REQUIRE ANY CHANGE IN CURRENT USG POLICIES TOWARD HAITI IN RESPONDING TO DUVALIER LETTER? RELEVANT IN THIS CONNECTION ARE DEPTELS 630 AND 641, AND EMBTELS 1489, 1498, 1507, 1521, 1528, 1531, AND 1547.
 - (C) WHAT SHORT OR MEDIUM TERM EFFECT DOES DOMREP CRISIS AND ASSOCIATED USG NEED FOR GOH SUPPORT IN OAS HAVE ON RESPONSE TO DUVALIER (LAST PARAS DEPTELS 658 AND 660)?

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8. AS REGARDS PARA 7 (A) ABOVE, DUVALIER'S JUNE 3 LETTER TO SOME EXTENT HEIGHTENS A RISK THAT HAS BEEN PRESENT ALL ALONG, I.E. THAT DUVALIER WOULD STRIKE OUT AT USG REPRESENTATION HERE SOONER OR LATER IF SUBSTANTIAL US ECONOMIC AID NOT FORTHCOMING. DURING LAST FEW DAYS, FOR FIRST TIME SINCE JANUARY 1964, QUESTION OF OUSTING HAITIAN AND US OFFICIALS HAS ARISEN. NO MATTER HOW CLEARLY BABOUN ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, DUVALIER SEES HIS INDICTMENT, ARREST AND WITHDRAWAL AS AFFRONT TO HAITI, AND SUBSEQUENT REQUEST FOR SMART'S WITHDRAWAL

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(LATER CANCELLED) WAS RETALIATORY IN NATURE AND TIMING. IT IS DUVALIER'S NAURE TO ACT IN AD HOMINEM TERMS, AND DENIAL OR PIGEON-HOLING OF HIS LATEST AID REQUEST COULD LEAD TO SOME PNG OR SIMILAR ACTION AGAINST ME OR EMBASSY STAFF IN NEXT FEW MONTHS. (I WOULD NOT THINK THAT EVEN IN PERIOD OF CONSIDERABLE TENSION DUVALIER WOULD MOVE TO OUST ENTIRE EMBASSY OR BREAK OR SUSPEND RELATIONS.) ON OTHER HAND, DUVALIER COULD DECIDE THAT EVEN IN ABSENCE RESUMPTION US AID, HE NO WORSE OFF THAN BEFORE AND MERE USG PRESENCE HERE OF SOME POSITIVE VALUE TO HIM. EXAMPLE OF USG ACTION IN DOMREP MIGHT ALSO SERVE AS BRAKE ON ANY GOH RETALIATORY ACTION. I WOULD PLACE ODDS AT ABOUT 50-50. OBSERVE SIDE OF 7 (A) PROBLEM IS ADVERSE EFFECTS RESUMING AID TO DUVALIER WOULD HAVE ON NON-DUVALIERIST HAITIANS AND HENCE ON OUR MORAL AND POLITICAL ABILITY INFLUENCE THEM IN POST-DUVALIER PERIOD. ALL THIS LEADS ME TO CONCLUDE THAT USG SHOULD NOT GIVE AID TO DUVALIER MERELY TO HELP MAINTAIN US PRESENCE.

9. RE PARA 7 (B) ABOVE, EMBTELS 1528, 1531 AND 1547 DEVELOP AT SOME LENGTH COUNTRY TEAM'S BEST VIEWS ON THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC, AND WE AWAIT WITH INTEREST DEPT'S COMMENTS.

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10. RE PARA 7 (C), DEPT IN BETTER POSITION THAN EMBASSY TO EVALUATE PROBABLE COURSE OF EVENTS IN OAS MFM (AND POSSIBLY RIO CONFERENCE?) RE DOMREP, AND CONSEQUENTLY HOW IMPORTANT GOH VOTE IN OAS IS NOW AND MAY REMAIN IN FUTURE.

11. IN SUM, MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM ARE NOW BEFORE DEPT. ONCE GENERAL DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TAKEN ON AID REQUEST (I.E. NEGATIVE, AFFIRMATIVE, DELAY, TURNOVER OF PROBLEM TO IDB, ETC.), THEN IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF TACTICS WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THESE CAN BEST BE APPROACHED AFTER WE HAVE SOME INDICATION OF DEPT'S THINKING.
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Please convey following message from President to President Duvalier.

QUOTE

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} ~~completing the~~ work so auspiciously begun by my great predecessor.

Sincerely,

The work which has been begun.

Lyndon B. Johnson

END QUOTE

White House does not plan publish; no objection should Duvalier wish release.

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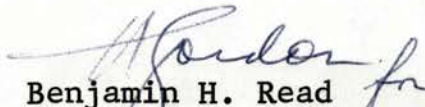
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March 3, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Acknowledgment of Holiday
Greeting sent to the
President of Haiti

The enclosed card was received from the Embassy of Haiti for transmission to the White House. Since it is an expression of appreciation from President and Mrs. Duvalier for the card they received from the President and Mrs. Johnson no further action is required.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Card from -
The President of Haiti
and Mrs. Duvalier.

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Le Président de la République d'Haïti
et Madame Duvalier

en vous remerciant des souhaits que vous leur avez

si aimablement adressés à l'occasion du Nouvel An,

vous envoient avec plaisir l'assurance de leurs meilleurs sentiments.

Madame Simone Duvalier



Le Président
de la
République d'Haïti

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Vos Excellence
Monsieur le Président
des États-Unis d'Amérique
et Madame Johnson
Maison Blanche
Washington, D. C.

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The President of the Republic of Haiti
and Mrs. Duvalier,

thanking you for the good wishes you so kindly
proffered them on the occasion of the New Year,
take pleasure in expressing to you the assurances
of their highest esteem.

[s] Dr. François Duvalier

[s] Mrs. Simone Duvalier

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Following commercial cable will be sent Jan 1 to Duvalier unless you perceive objection:

QUOTE 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. UNQUOTE.

Dept plans no release of message but has no objection to release by GOM.

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September 2, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter of Appreciation from the
President of Haiti

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Since President Duvalier is thanking the President for the photographs of the moon, no reply is thought necessary.


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Enclosures:

1. Translation and letter from President Duvalier.
2. Copy of note from Haitian Embassy and translation.

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OFFICE OF

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

National Palace, Port-au-Prince

August 19, 1964

Mr. President:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of August 6, 1964 with which you enclosed a set of photographs of the surface of the moon taken by the United States spacecraft, Ranger VII.

This courteous gesture toward the President for Life of Haiti and toward the Haitian people, who, throughout their history, have constantly supported efforts for progress and the great accomplishments of civilization in this Hemisphere, is greatly, and very deservedly, appreciated by me, and makes it possible to rejoice with you in the rare privilege and great honor of which Your Excellency and all the American people are proud.

The scope of such a discovery by Ranger VII in the course of its "historic" flight not only satisfies the very basic desire of the human spirit to broaden the limits of knowledge, but because it signifies an achievement, a conquest over matter, it arouses noble emotions that, in a spirit of close cooperation, will inspire all human communities to work for progress and harmony in our modern world.

The Haitian people and I share Your Excellency's profound desire to further the cause of peace. I express cordial wishes for your personal happiness and for the increasing prosperity of the American people.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my high consideration.

[s] Dr. François Duvalier

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President for Life of the
Republic of Haiti

His Excellency
Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

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Palais National, Port au Prince, le 19 Août 1964

Le Président
de la
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Monsieur le Président,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser à Votre Excellence réception de Sa lettre datée du 6 Août 1964 sous couvert de laquelle Elle m'a remis une collection des photographies de la surface de la lune prises par le navire cosmique des Etats Unis, le Ranger VII.

Cette précieuse attention offerte au Président à Vie de la République et étendue à la Nation Haitienne qui tout au cours de son histoire n'a cessé de soutenir les efforts de progrès et les généreuses conquêtes de la civilisation de ce Continent, me touche à bon droit et compense le rare privilège et le grand honneur dont s'enorgueillissent Votre Excellence et le Peuple Américain tout entier.

L'envergure d'une telle découverte réalisée par le Ranger VII au cours de son vol "historique", outre qu'elle alimente le désir combien fondamental de l'esprit humain d'élargir les limites des connaissances humaines ne manquera pas de susciter, par sa valeur de dépassement

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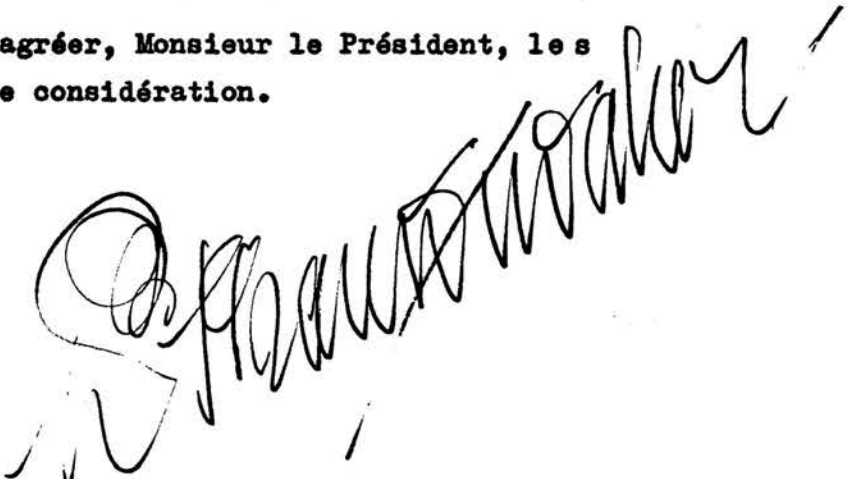
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PRESIDENT DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE
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et son caractère de domination de la matière, les nobles sentiments qui convoquent, dans une coopération étroite toutes les communautés humaines au Progrès et à l'Harmonie de notre Monde moderne.

Je partage avec le Peuple Haitien le profond souci de Votre Excellence de m'associer à la cause de la Paix et formule des vœux cordiaux pour Son bonheur personnel et le succès croissant du Peuple Américain.

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

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, slanted upwards from left to right. The signature is highly cursive and appears to read 'François Duvalier'.

DOCTEUR FRANCOIS DUVALIER
PRESIDENT A VIE DE LA
REPUBLIQUE D'HAITI.

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September 1, 1964

Mr. Secretary of State:

I have the honor to transmit to Your Excellency herewith a letter to His Excellency Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America, from His Excellency François Duvalier, President of the Republic of Haiti.

I request you to be good enough to transmit this document to its destination.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to you, Mr. Secretary, the assurance of my highest consideration.

[s] André Théard
André Théard
Ambassador of Haiti

His Excellency
Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

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le 1er Septembre 1964.

Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat,

J'ai l'honneur de remettre, sous ce couvert à
Votre Excellence, un pli adressé à Son Excellence Lyndon B. Johnson,
Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, par Son Excellence Dr. François
Duvalier, Président de la République d'Haiti.

Je Vous demande de bien vouloir faire parvenir ce
pli à Son Haut destinataire.

Je saisis cette occasion pour Vous renouveler, Mon-
sieur le Secrétaire d'Etat, l'assurance de ma plus haute considéra-
tion.


André Théard
Ambassadeur d'Haiti

SON EXCELLENCE
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vs/ J. W. Davis

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