

**MEMORANDUM**

**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**

**SECRET**

**ACTION**  
April 20, 1972

*Handwritten:* HAK, H.S. (by rgl)

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER**

**FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt**

**SUBJECT: Watson's Dinner with Pompidou**

Ambassador Watson has sent two messages (Tabs B and C) to you,  25X1  
 on his dinner April 18 for Pompidou. The Ambassador 25X1  
reports that Pompidou:

-- Affirmed, in a warm toast, his "great esteem" for the President, 25X1  
whose candor he values;

-- Showed interest in the eventual return to dollar convertibility;

-- Appearing pleased that France now leads in building Europe,  
asserted it is "logical" that (a) Europe be organized to play its natural  
role as a "major world power center" along with the Soviet Union, China,  
and "someday" Japan; and that (b) Paris be the capital of that Europe.

-- Expressed his liking for Heath and admiration for his courage.

Pompidou's acceptance of our Ambassador's dinner invitation balances off  
his dinner a month ago with the Soviet Ambassador, Abrasimov (the man  
who negotiated the Berlin agreement) -- an occasion to which the French  
media devoted some attention.

We have prepared a brief summary for the President (Tab A) should you  
care to forward it.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab A.

NSS Review Completed.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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April 28, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*  
SUBJECT: Ambassador Watson's Dinner for Pompidou

Ambassador Watson gave a private dinner for President Pompidou April 18. He reports that Pompidou:

-- Affirmed, in a warm toast, his great esteem for you, particularly for the candor which is the best way to mutual understanding.

-- Showing his pleasure that France leads in building Europe, Pompidou asserted it is "logical" that Europe be organized as a "major power center" along with the United States, the Soviet Union, China, and "someday" Japan.

-- Expressed his liking for Heath and admiration for the Prime Minister's courage.

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