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TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER
DELIVER OPENING OF BUSINESS

JANUARY 16, 1974

TO: LARRY EAGLEBURGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT
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I DO NOT KNOW THE SOURCE OF THE STAR REPORT ON THE HOLTON APPOINTMENT. BILL TIMMONS SWEARS IT WAS NOT HE AND I AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE HIM. AT LEAST IT IS NOT HIS USUAL STYLE OF OPERATING. THE LEAKS ON THE APPOINTMENT ITSELF APPARENTLY CAME FROM TWO SOURCES; HOLTON, HIMSELF, MAY HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY INDISCRETE AT A CRICKTAIL PARTY ON SATURDAY NIGHT. THE TELEVISION NEWS COVERAGE OF THE STORY LAST NIGHT, HOWEVER, (WHICH HAD NONE OF THE FLAVOR OF THE STAR ARTICLE) WAS REPORTED TO HAVE COME FROM "STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS." WHETHER THE NAT DAVIS ASPECT ALSO CAME FROM THERE IS ANYBODY'S GUESS. HOLTON, HIMSELF, SAYS THAT THE FIRST LEAK, WHICH WAS RUN BY THE RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH, WAS OBTAINED FROM A DISPATCH REPORTER IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

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THIS IS JUST FOR YOUR OWN BACKGROUND AS NEEDED. I DO NOT CARE WHETHER OR NOT YOU SHOW IT TO THE SECRETARY.
WARM REGARDS.

State Dept. review completed

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HOLTON 1-16
WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT NIXON HAS DECIDED TO NOMINATE LINWOOD HOLTON, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA UNTIL LAST WEEK, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS, ACCORDING TO ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS.
HOLTON'S NOMINATION TO HOLD THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POST AS

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CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER WITH CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO BE SENT TO THE SENATE FOR CONFIRMATION WITHIN A FEW DAYS, THE OFFICIALS SAID. THE DECISION TO NAME HOLTON WAS TAKEN ONLY DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS. OFFICIALS SAID THAT AS RECENTLY AS LAST WEEK NIXON, AT THE REQUEST OF SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, WAS PLANNING TO NOMINATE NATHANIEL DAVIS, A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, FOR THE JOB.

HOWEVER, OFFICIALS SAID, WILLIAM E. TIMMONS, WHITE HOUSE LOBBYIST ON THE HILL, PERSUADED NIXON HE SHOULD STICK TO TRADITION AND NAME A POLITICAL SUPPORTER TO THE POST.

ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY, WHO HAS BEEN NAMED TO SERVE AS AN AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE AND WHOM KISSINGER CONSIDERS ONE OF HIS TOP AIDES, WILL HAVE OVERALL SUPERVISORY JURISDICTION WITH REGARD TO THE BUREAU OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS.

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