

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Joint Message of Congratulations from Podgorny  
and Kosygin

The following is an unofficial translation of a message from Podgorny and Kosygin. An official translation and suggested reply will be provided shortly.

"The President  
The White House

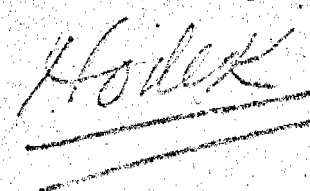
"Please accept our congratulations and best wishes upon your inauguration as President of the United States of America.

"We believe that in the interests of peace and international security both our States must strive to strengthen friendly relations between the peoples of the Soviet Union and the United States and that through joint efforts with other States the Soviet Union and the United States must do all that is needed to solve the ripe international problems to consolidate world peace.

N. Podgorny and  
A. Kosygin,"  
Moscow, January 20, 1969

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cc: *Mr. [unclear]*



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PODGORNYY, KOSYGIN MESSAGE TO NIXON

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 20 JAN--NIKOLAY PODGORNYY AND ALEKSEY KOSYGIN TODAY SENT A MESSAGE TO RICHARD M. NIXON. THE MESSAGE SAYS:

"PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES UPON YOUR INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"WE BELIEVE THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY BOTH OUR STATES MUST STRIVE TO STRENGTHEN FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES AND THAT THROUGH JOINT EFFORTS WITH OTHER STATES THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES MUST DO ALL THAT IS NEEDED TO SOLVE THE RIPE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS TO CONSOLIDATE WORLD PEACE."

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