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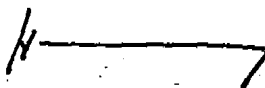
May 1, 1973

Dear Gerry:

Thank you for your letter of March 16. I am impressed by the people you have already lined up for the Commission. I continue to believe that this represents an extremely important endeavor, and I am encouraged by the progress you have made.

I have no further suggestions for Commission members, but look forward to hearing of further progress.

Warm regards,



Henry A. Kissinger

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ACTION

April 12, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER  
FROM: ROBERT HORMATS  
SUBJECT: Letter from Gerard Smith on  
"The Trilateral Commission"

Gerard Smith (Tab B) plans to have the first meeting of the Executive Committee in Tokyo in October. \$1.1 million has been requested from the Ford Foundation out of the expected total operating costs of \$2.7 million over the first three years. David Rockefeller, Bill Scranton, Reishauer, Dave Abshire, and Wilbur Mills have already accepted membership. If you have any further suggestions for members, Smith would like to hear about them.

At Tab A is a response to Smith's letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to Mr. Smith at Tab A.

*John Lehman concurs.*

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Dear Henry:

When I last met with the president and you, he asked me to keep him informed about the progress of "The Trilateral Commission."

I send along in response to this request a paper describing the present state of affairs.

I also send along a list of people I have put together whom I consider potential candidates for the Commission. (Most of these people are not aware that they are under consideration.)

We plan to have the first meeting of the Executive Committee in Tokyo in October.

We have made a formal submission to the Ford Foundation requesting \$1.1 million out of an expected total cost for the Commission's operations in North America, Western Europe and Japan of \$2.7 million for the first three years.

The only people that I have so far invited to work on this project have accepted -- David Rockefeller, Governor Scranton, Prof. Reischauer, William Roth, Dave Abshire and Wilbur Mills.

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I have canvassed likely Senators and Congressmen and plan to have 8 members from the Hill.

If you have any suggestions for Commissioners, I would very much like to hear about them. ]

Sincerely,

  
Gerard C. Smith

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Enclosures