

VIA LDX
NSC-5163

October 18, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Thomas R. Pickering
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Replies to Congratulatory Messages to the
Secretary from American Officials/Friends
on Nomination/Appointment

The seven replies attached have been approved by the Secretary to be used in responding to the congratulatory messages received from American officials/friends, etc., on his nomination/appointment, which were forwarded to you under cover of my memo of October 4. His reply should be adjusted if required by the incoming message.

Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

Old Friends, Long-time Correspondents

Dear/////////:

It is always good to hear from you, and I especially welcome your good wishes. Your expression of confidence reaffirms my faith that we shall not fail in meeting the challenges before us.

Warmest personal regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

U.S. Government Officials

Dear ///////////////:

Of the many messages of congratulations I have received, none are more heartening than those from my colleagues in Government. I am deeply grateful for your kind words, and I look forward to working with you in meeting the challenges which lie before us.

(Best/Warm regards,)

Henry A. Kissinger

Miscellaneous VIPs

Dear////////

It was particularly thoughtful of you to let me know of your good wishes. Your expression of confidence is especially heartening, and I want to assure you that we will not cease in our continuing efforts toward a more peaceful world.

(Best/Warm regards)

Henry A. Kissinger

Business Leaders/Associations

Dear ///////////////:

It was kind of you to express your good wishes on my appointment as Secretary of State. As I look ahead to my new responsibilities, I am heartened to know that I have your support and encouragement.

Best regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

Friends and Acquaintances

Dear ///////////////:

As you can imagine, during these past few days, I have received a great many messages of congratulations, but I especially welcome those from old friends such as yourself. I am deeply grateful to have been given the opportunity to continue the work we have begun in seeking a more peaceful world.

With warmest regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

Good Friends

Dear ///////////////:

I have received many messages of congratulations, but the ones which mean the most to me are those from good friends such as yourself. Just as I am greatly honored by this appointment, I am also deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue the work we have begun in seeking a more peaceful world.

Warm personal regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

American Ambassadors

Dear ///////////////:

I feel a deep sense of gratitude for having had the opportunity to work toward setting a new course for peace, and I am honored to take on this new and challenging responsibility. I appreciate your expression of support and encouragement as I look forward to my new duties and to working with you.

Warm regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

5163

ACTION

October 12, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *JWD*

SUBJECT: Replies to Congratulatory Messages from American Officials/Friends

We have redone the seven draft replies to remove the offending phrase while retaining the "peace" theme in some of them.(Tab A). If possible could you look at the revised versions and give us an okay on them. Some of the messages arrived in August and are getting a little old.

If you believe the Secretary would want to see them again, I have attached a memorandum for your signature at Tab B.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the revised messages at Tab A.

Approve As amended

Alternatively, that you initial the memo at Tab B.

Note my changes. I can not wedded to my alternatives, but I fear "shaping a desirable peace" will not fly.

JWD

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Dear/////////:

It is always good to hear from you, and I especially welcome your good wishes. Your expression of confidence reaffirms my faith that we shall not fail in meeting the challenges of shaping a durable peace.

Warmest personal regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

U.S. Government Officials

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Of the many messages of congratulations I have received, none are more heartening than those from my colleagues in Government.

I am deeply grateful for your kind words, and I look forward to working with you in meeting the challenges of shaping a durable peace throughout the world.

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It was particularly thoughtful of you to let me know of your good wishes. Your expression of confidence is especially heartening, and I want to assure you that we will not cease in our continuing efforts to build a durable peace throughout the world.

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Henry A. Kissinger

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT
SUBJECT: Replies to Congratulatory Messages from
American Officials/Friends

We have revised the draft replies to the congratulatory messages you have received from American officials and friends as you requested.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the draft replies at Tab A.