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OCTOBER 13, 1971

FOR: AMBASSADOR WATSON

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARIS 1757.

I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT YOUR COMMUNICATION WHICH INDICATED THAT POMPIDOU IS INTERESTED IN VISIT BY ME TO PARIS. IN VIEW OF YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND RELATED RECENT TRENDS, THE PRESIDENT NOW CONSIDERS THAT IT MIGHT BE OF BENEFIT TO EXPLORE WITH POMPIDOU THE DESIRABILITY OF A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT POMPIDOU AND PRESIDENT NIXON DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER. PRESIDENT IS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MEDICI OF BRAZIL ON DECEMBER 7. THEREFORE, MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE CONCLUDED BY DECEMBER 6, OR COULD BE HELD DURING PERIOD JUST AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MEDICI ON DECEMBER 7.

OUR THINKING IS THAT SUCH A MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE IN MARTINIQUE OR SOME OTHER APPROPRIATE FRENCH ISLAND IN THE CARIBBEAN. PLEASE EXPLORE THIS PROPOSAL INFORMALLY WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU AND PROVIDE ME WITH HIS REACTION THROUGH THIS CHANNEL, AS WELL AS ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON A POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR DISCUSSIONS BE PORTRAYED AS EXPLORATORY ONLY AND THAT THEY BE HELD IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE UNTIL WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS POMPIDOU'S REACTION.

WARM REGARDS.

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