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MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Proposed Visit by President Kountche of Niger (U)

For the record, the proposed working visit by President Kountche of Niger has been approved in principle for either November or December, as was previously indicated in a conversation between Mr. Fred Wettering of the NSC and DAS Bishop of State/AF. We have been given to understand that President Kountche will only be available during November 26-30 and will seek final approval on that assumption. However, since these dates fall immediately after Thanksgiving, a visit during this period may be difficult to arrange. Please advise if the foregoing is incorrect or there are any changes. (S)

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

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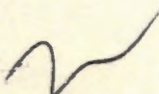
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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT KIMMITT

SIGNED

FROM: FRED WETTERING 

SUBJECT: Proposed Visit by President Kountche of Niger

The attached Kimmitt-Hill memo informs State of the tentative approval of the proposed November working visit by President Kountche of Niger. It follows up on my contacts with State/AF on the status of the scheduling proposal. (S)

RECOMMENDATION: Sign the memo at Tab I.

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Tab I

Kimmitt-Hill Memo

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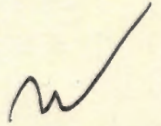
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TO: Robert Kimmitt

FROM: Fred Wettering 

State has already checked with the Ambassador and of the three weeks in November/December that the President has non-committed, only the week of Nov 26 is possible from the Niger perspective.

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SUBJECT STATE RLCOM FOR STATE VISIT OF KOUNTCHE OF NIGER 26 NOV

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR PRES

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Washington, D.C. 20520 6108

~~SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

August 10, 1984

SUBJECT: Proposed Visit by President Kountche of Niger

The week of November 26-30 is merely the optimal time for a Kountche visit. It is not the only time that Kountche is available. President Kountche would be available to visit the U.S. anytime during the November-December period, except for the week of December 12-19 when Niger's National Day celebrations take place, and the period of the Francophone summit in Bujumbura, November 16-18.

Richard D. Kahl
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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Department of State

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Executive Secretary

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Executive Secretary

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September 18, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Visit of President Seyni Kountche of Niger (C)

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11:15 - 11:30 AM	Presidential Pre-Brief
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1:30 PM	Departure Ceremonies

Please provide appropriate briefing papers, proposed departure statement, list of proposed attendees, and other related materials to the NSC by December 3, 1984. Please coordinate the announcement of the visit with Bob Sims, 456-2947. (C)

Please note that for the Oval Office meeting the Niger contingent will be limited to a maximum of principal plus three, and the working lunch to principal plus seven. (C)

Please coordinate any cable traffic on this matter with the NSC staff. (U)

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

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September 18, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: FRED WETTERING

SUBJECT: Visit of Niger President Kountche (C)

Per your request, attached is a memo outlining the approved Presidential meeting/working visit of President Segni Kountche of Niger on December 11, 1984. (C)

RECOMMENDATION: Sign your memo to State at Tab I. (U)

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Tab I

Kimmit/Hill memo

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/20/84

MEMORANDUM

TO: ROBERT MCFARLANE (Coordinate with James Rosebush on the Lunch)

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

Time reserved for working visit of President Kountche of Niger:

MEETING: 11:00 - 30 min - briefing for meeting - Oval Office
11:30 - 45 min - meeting - Oval Office/Cabinet Room
12:15 - 75 min - lunch - Residence

DATE: 1:30 - 10 min - departure statements - Diplo. Entrance

December 11, 1984

TIME: As shown

DURATION: As shown

LOCATION: As shown

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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| C. Fuller | L. Speakes | |
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| G. Hodges | A. Wrobleski | |
| C. McCain | Nell Yates | |
| B. Oglesby | | |

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/21/84

MEMORANDUM

TO: ROBERT MCFARLANE

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: The Lunch with President Kountche of Niger
in connection with his working visit on December 11
is changed from the Residence to the Cabinet Room

DATE: Departure statements - C-9 station
December 11, 1984

TIME: 12:15 pm

DURATION: 75 minutes

LOCATION: Cabinet Room

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

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KOUNTCHE, SEYNI

SUBJECT: WORKING VISIT OF PRES KOUNTCHE OF NIGER 11 DEC

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September 25, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: Visit of President Seyni Kountche of Niger

The Department has learned through the American Embassy in Niamey that President Kountche accepts the President's invitation for an official working visit to Washington on December 11, 1984.

Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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Executive Secretary
Department of State

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Please coordinate any cable traffic on this matter with the NSC staff. (U)

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

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KOUNTCHE, SEYNI

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRES KOUNTCHE ON 11 DEC

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR KIMMITT DUE: 26 SEP 84 STATUS S FILES PA

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TAGS: OVIP, PREL, NG

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE

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1. ~~ENTIRE~~ TEXT.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS APPROVED ISSUANCE OF AN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE OF NIGER FOR AN OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, AND HAS APPROVED A LETTER OF INVITATION TRANSMITTED BELOW. THE SCENARIO OF THE DECEMBER 11 VISIT FOLLOWS:

11:30 - 12:15 PM OVAL OFFICE MEETING

12:15 - 1:30 PM WORKING LUNCHEON

1:30 PM DEPARTURE CEREMONY

3. BEGIN TEXT OF INVITATION: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THE QUALITY OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SINCE I ASSUMED OFFICE IN JANUARY, 1981. WITH THAT FACT IN MIND, AND BEING CONFIDENT THAT PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN US WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING

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RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I WISH TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO YOU AND MADAME KOUNTCHE TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER, 1984.

I HOPE IT WILL BE CONVENIENT TO YOUR SCHEDULE TO MEET WITH ME ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 11. FOLLOWING OUR DISCUSSIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A LUNCHEON IN YOUR HONOR TO REPAY IN SOME MEASURE THE KIND HOSPITALITY AND GRACIOUS RECEPTION YOU HAVE ACCORDED SO MANY REPRESENTATIVES OF MY ADMINISTRATION. I KNOW YOU WILL WISH TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF MY GOVERNMENT ON SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL AND PARTICULAR INTEREST. BUT I AM MYSELF LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING THE BENEFIT OF YOUR PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN.

I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE THROUGH MY AMBASSADOR, MR. CASEY, ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE FOR EVENTS IN WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE WHILE YOU ARE IN THE UNITED STATES.

SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN UNQUOTE

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ACTION: CONCUR TO DEP EXEC SEC V/A PHONE AND/OR COMMENT HERE AND HANDCARRY
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CROSSHATCH CABLE TO NIAMEY - INVITATION TO PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE

TO (Agency)	DELIVER TO:	Extension	Room No.
NSC	MR. ROBERT KIMMITT		
	<u>Thompson</u>		
	<u>NSC/S</u>		

FOR CLEARANCE INFORMATION PER REQUEST COMMENT

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CLEARANCE PLEASE BY: CLB Monday 1 October

S/S Officer: MCKINLEY Buck

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520



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October 18, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Visit of President Seyni Kountche of Niger

The Department has learned through the American Embassy in Niamey that President Kountche has formally accepted the President's letter of invitation for an official working visit in Washington, December 11, 1984.

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Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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TAGS: OVIP, PREL, NG

SUBJECT: KOUNTCHE VISIT: WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT

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1. ~~C~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WHITE HOUSE WILL ANNOUNCE THE KOUNTCHE VISIT AT THE 12:30 PM WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25.

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3. BEGIN TEXT: THE PRESIDENT HAS INVITED PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE OF NIGER FOR AN OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION AND WILL MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON DECEMBER 11. END TEXT.

4. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD THE GOM DECIDE TO ANNOUNCE THE VISIT AT THE SAME TIME, OR AFTER, THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 25. YY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
FROM: EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR. *WV*
SUBJECT: Aircraft Request- President Kountche *for*

Attached is the State Department request for aircraft support during President Kountche's visit. Aircraft are available.

Please forward your recommendations to the Chief of Staff.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Edward Hickey
Director, Military Office
The White House

FROM: Catherine C. Murdock
Office of Protocol
tele: 632-1676

SUBJECT: Official Working Visit of The President of the
Republic of Niger to Washington, D.C., December
10 - 13, 1984

President Reagan has invited President Kountche on an Official Working Visit to Washington, D.C. In this regard, I would like to request the following helicopter and aircraft support:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1984

Mid-afternoon One U.S. Presidential Aircraft (VC-9) to take President Kountche and his party from New York - John F. Kennedy Airport to Andrews Air Force Base.

PM Two U.S. Presidential Helicopters (VH-3D) to take President Kountche and his party from Andrews Air Force Base to the Washington Monument Grounds, Reflecting Pool Heliport.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1984

8:15 am Two U.S. Presidential Helicopters (VH-3D) to take
Approx. President Kountche and his party from the Washington Monument Grounds, Reflecting Pool Heliport to Andrews Air Force Base.

8:30 am One U.S. Presidential Aircraft (VC-9) to take
Approx. President Kountche and his party from Andrews Air Force Base to Starkville, Mississippi - Golden Triangle Air Terminal.

PM One U.S. Presidential Aircraft (VC-9) to take President Kountche and his party from Starkville, Mississippi - Golden Triangle Air Terminal to New York - John F. Kennedy Airport.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
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SUBJECT: Visit of President Kountche -- Issues and Objectives Paper

President Reagan will meet with President Kountche of Niger on Tuesday, December 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the White House. Following the meeting, the President is hosting a luncheon for President Kountche.

Attached is the issues and objectives paper for the Kountche visit.

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Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
Issues and Objectives Paper

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ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER

1. Issue: U.S. - Niger Relations

Objective: To reaffirm our support for President Kountche's efforts to pursue a western oriented foreign policy, develop Niger's economy, and deal with threats from Libya.

There are no major outstanding issues in U.S.-Niger relations. Surrounded by Libya, Chad, Nigeria and Burkina Faso, Niger is a relatively stable island in a sea of turmoil. Qadhafi has openly identified Niger as "next in line after Chad" in his dreams of a Libyan-dominated Sahel. Kountche is also concerned over Nigeria's political fragility and the presence of a radical, Libyan-influenced regime in neighboring Burkina Faso. Kountche believes his best line of defense is to concentrate his meager resources on the economic development of his country to prevent social unrest that could be exploited by Qadhafi. We share Kountche's concerns and we concur with his solution to them. To that end we are contributing to Niger's short-term budgeting concerns through our ESF program and its long-term development through USAID projects. We are also directly helping Niger's small military forces with IMET and MAP.

2. Issue: Effects of Niger's Drought.

Objective: To demonstrate our understanding of the effects of the drought, both in humanitarian and political terms, and to reaffirm our resolve to help a friend in need.

Niger takes seriously the objective of feeding its population. President Kountche's practical approach to development has brought Niger near food self-sufficiency in recent years. This year, however, Niger has been hit by a devastating drought and is experiencing a serious shortfall in food supplies. Most experts agree that Niger needs a staggering 350,000 tons of grain delivered in-country by October, 1985. The U.S. has been a leader in the effort to assist Niger and has already agreed to provide substantial amounts of emergency food aid. Niger's ability to manage the situation will be a major test of President Kountche's leadership.

3. Issue: Black African Support of our Southern Africa Policies.

Objective: To facilitate Black African understanding and appreciation of our southern African policies.

Niger and other African moderates are aware that our

policies are producing positive results. They know that Africa must meet these evolving realities with more realistic policy positions. To facilitate this process the perceptive views of an informed African leader such as President Kountche can be of great value.

4. Issue: Niger! Activities in International Fora

Objective: To show appreciation for and to encourage more Nigerien support for USG positions in international fora

Niger has done good work behind the scenes at international meetings to moderate extremist resolutions and actions. At the last meeting of the Islamic Conference, Niger worked effectively within the Jerusalem Committee to achieve a more acceptable result. Niger has taken some bold stands, e.g. boycotting Qadhafi's two OAU summits at Tripoli and speaking out against Libya in a UN debate on Chad. During the current UNGA, Niger voted against resolutions criticizing the U.S. by name and voted as well in favor of Israeli credentials. Niger has repeatedly demonstrated courage in standing up for principle and fairness. We should express our appreciation, and we should encourage Niger to continue to play this role in a large number of areas where our views and interests converge.

5. Issue: France as the ultimate guarantor of Niger's sovereignty.

Objective: To reinforce the concept that the Government of Niger must always look toward France as its primary guarantor of sovereignty.

Historically Niger has looked to France for protection from Libyan aggression. However, France's slow reaction to Libyan activities in Chad and its disregard for Habre in negotiating the French-Libyan pullout have shaken Niger's faith in the French. This coupled with our own growing assistance programs to Niger and the convergence of Niger and USG views, have tempted President Kountche to look to the U.S. as an alternative for his great dependence on France. President Kountche has requested every senior American official he has met to "not consider Niger as French property". Our interests justify only a limited role in Niger hence, we should be sure that President Kountche understands fully that Niger must look primarily to France for protection. In this context we will want to ascertain how much Kountche counts on Algeria to be helpful in resisting Libyan machinations.



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A MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
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SUBJECT: Visit of President Kountche -- State/Nigerien
Participation in White House Events

President Reagan will meet with President Kountche of Niger on Tuesday, December 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the White House. Following the meeting, the President is hosting a luncheon for President Kountche.

Lists of suggested participants for the Presidential Pre-Brief, the President's meeting, and luncheon with President Kountche are attached.

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Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

Participants in Presidential Pre-Brief
Participants in President's Meeting
Suggested Luncheon Guest List

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PRESIDENTIAL PRE-BRIEF FOR
PRESIDENT REAGAN'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE
Tuesday, December 11, 11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Suggested Participants

The Secretary of State

Chester A. Crocker, Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

William R. Casey, Jr.
American Ambassador to Niger

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PRESIDENT REAGAN'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE
Tuesday, December 11, 11:30 a.m.

Suggested Participants

U.S.

The Secretary of State
Chester A. Crocker, Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs
William R. Casey, Jr.
American Ambassador to Niger

Niger

President Kountche
Lieutenant-Colonel Moumouni Djermakoye Adamou, member of the
Supreme Military Council
Ide Oumarou, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
Ambassador Joseph Diatta

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PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LUNCHEON FOR PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE
Tuesday, December 11, 12:15 p.m

Suggested Guest List

U.S.

The Vice President
The Secretary of State
Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick
M. Peter McPherson, Administrator, Agency
for International Development
Loret Miller Ruppe, Director, Peace Corps
Ambassador William R. Casey, Jr.
Assistant Secretary Chester A. Crocker

Niger

President Kountche
Lieutenant-Colonel Moumouni Djermaakoye Adamou, member of the
Supreme Military Council
Mr. Daouda Diallo, Minister of Information
Dr. Ari Toubou Ibrahim, Minister of Rural Development
Mr. Ide Oumarou, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
Mr. Sani Bako, Director of Cabinet of the President
Ambassador Joseph Diatta
Mr. Abdou Hamani, Rector of the University of Niamey

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Visit of President Kountche -- Talking Points for The President

President Reagan will meet with President Kountche of Niger on Tuesday, December 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the White House. Following the meeting, the President is hosting a luncheon for President Kountche.

Attached are talking points for the President's use during his meeting with President Kountche.

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Executive Secretary

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Talking points for the President

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PRESIDENT SEYNI KOUNTCHE OF NIGERThe U.S. And Niger

-- I am glad to have this opportunity to welcome you to the White House. We have long admired your pragmatic approach to the problems of economic development and your courage in pursuing an independent foreign policy in the face of threats from a hostile neighbor.

Drought

-- I want to express to you my own deep concern and the concern of the American people for the victims of the drought which has struck Africa. We are committed to providing the necessary assistance so that Niger and other countries are spared the effects of famine and disease.

-- We are well aware of the serious difficulties Niger is experiencing as a result of the closed border with Nigeria. I have written to President Buhari urging him to permit the shipment through Nigerian ports of emergency food aid destined for Niger.

-- We have noted with interest your activities as the President of the CILSS, I would appreciate hearing your assessment of the drought situation within Niger and the Sahel in general.

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

-- An arms control objective of major importance to the world community is the effort to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. It is a long standing goal of the US to seek universal adherence to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

-- (If President Kountche informs you of Niger's intention to adhere to the treaty) We warmly welcome your decision to join the NPT as a major contribution to international efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries.

Niger's Activities in International Organizations

-- We are aware of the important role that Niger has played behind the scenes at international meetings to moderate extremist resolution and actions. I admire the courage that Niger has demonstrated in standing up for the principle and fairness, and I hope that Niger will continue to play this role.

Southern Africa

-- The US is now actively engaged in finding a peaceful solution which can bring about the independence of Namibia. I would like to hear your views on the situation in Southern Africa.

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Attached are background papers for the Kountche visit.

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Charles Hill
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Background papers for the President

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FOREIGN POLICY:

Pro-Western Niger, through the leadership of President Kountche, exerts a positive influence in international fora in excess of its limited political clout and meager economic resources. This influence is directed toward moderation and the restraint of extremist views. Niger's foreign policy is shaped in large part by the African tradition of seeking consensus based on dialogue, compromise, and the avoidance of confrontation. President Kountche is a pragmatic man whose foremost foreign policy concern is the maintenance of stability within West Africa and in the OAU.

Niger's primary external concern is its relationship with its antagonistic neighbor, Libya. Niger seeks to avoid senseless confrontation with its much stronger neighbor and is now in the process of developing a dialogue with Libya with the aim of normalizing bilateral relations. Niger has taken strong stands against Libya when it felt Niger's national interests were at stake. Twice Niger boycotted the Tripoli OAU summit and thus helped deny Qadhafi the OAU chairmanship. Niger spoke out in the UN against Libyan aggression in Chad, and in 1981 closed down the Libyan Embassy in Niamey in the belief that Libyan diplomats were involved in subversive activities.

After Libya, Niger is concerned with what Kountche sees as the instability of his region. The war in Chad, the political and economic upheavals in Nigeria, Soviet influence in Benin and Mali, and the Sankara revolution in Burkina Faso, all cause Niger deep concern. Kountche's approach towards his quarrelsome neighbors is to maintain the best relationship possible by avoiding involvement in their internal affairs while focusing attention on regional approaches to economic development. Following the Libya-Morocco "union" and the French-Libyan accord on troop withdrawal in neighboring Chad, Niger has reinforced efforts to forge closer ties with Algeria as a counterbalance to what it views as the rapprochement of two of its friends (France and Morocco) with its most serious menace (Libya). While not always agreeing with Algeria's sometimes anti-western policies, Niger for several years has viewed Algeria as a relatively stable force in the region.

In West Africa, where Niger is a member of many regional organizations, President Kountche has emerged as an influential statesman known for his moderate, pragmatic views. In international fora such as the OAU, the Islamic Conference and UN, Niger has worked effectively behind the scenes to moderate extremist views.

Niger has no illusions about the "benefits" the Soviets offer the developing world. While Niger maintains a cool but correct relationship with the Soviets, Kountche has welcomed the administration's firm determination on East-West issues. Historically, Niger has seen France as its closest friend, but Kountche has tried to decrease this dependence by broadening his relationships with the United States and other Western countries.

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POLITICAL OVERVIEW:

Since taking power in a coup in 1974, President Kountche has dominated the Government of Niger. He realizes, however, that his essentially one-man rule cannot endure indefinitely, and in 1979 he undertook a modest program of political reform. To avoid the mistakes of Niger's own past and the often unsuccessful experience of other African states with civilian constitutional rule, Kountche has proceeded cautiously. He is also mindful of his need for continued support from the Nigerien military and is anxious not to move so far in the direction of civilian government as to provoke a reaction from the army.

Kountche has not allowed any political parties to function, but he has created a structure called the Development Society which provides for grass roots participation in some governmental affairs. The Development Society is essentially a hierarchical network of councils at the village, county, regional and national levels which groups together representatives of all major interest groups in the country, including the islamic clergy, youth and women. The main task of the councils is to provide advice to the government on economic development projects. Additionally, the Development Society has been given the task of creating a national charter which is to pave the way for the writing of a new constitution. Despite these developments, the powerful military remains deeply suspicious of civilian rule, and it is apparent that President Kountche has yet to find a workable power-sharing formula between the military and civilians.

Economic austerity, the disastrous drought, and years of tight military government have combined this year to put more of a strain on President Kountche's regime than at any other time since he took power a decade ago. Disaffection with his government is rising, particularly among the urban elite who have borne the brunt of Niger's austerity program. As noted, Kountche's plans for the Development Society could provoke opposition from the military. Discontent among the northern nomadic tribes over the government's delay in providing relief assistance to them could provide an opening for Libya to renew its subversive activities in Niger. President Kountche's strategy has been to keep his opponents weak through strict security measures, while moving to eliminate sources of discontent through a policy which emphasizes tight management of government operations and a pragmatic approach to economic development.

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ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:

Historically, Niger's economy was based on producing food grains and livestock for internal consumption and limited amounts of peanuts and cotton for export. After independence in 1960 Niger, with little infrastructure, remained heavily dependent on French assistance. During the 1970's Niger's economy was dramatically altered for the better by the development of its uranium resources and for the worse by the impact of the Sahel drought.

With the opening of two large uranium mines in the 1970's, Niger became the world's fifth largest uranium producer. High prices in the late 1970's enabled Niger, which must buy its share of uranium from the French-controlled mining companies, to sell uranium on the world market and receive substantial export earnings. These earnings were used to finance major infrastructure and communication projects. When uranium prices collapsed in the early 1980's, Niger borrowed to maintain its ambitious development plans, accumulating a substantial foreign debt. With uranium prices stagnant, Niger was forced in 1982 to cut back government expenditures and seek an agreement with the IMF. Niger has since been under an IMF program designed to stabilize the economy and resume growth. In 1983, and again in 1984, Niger rescheduled a portion of its foreign debt at the Paris Club.

Niger was seriously affected by the Sahel drought of 1969-1974. President Kountche seized power in 1974 alleging that the previous government failed to distribute drought relief in an equitable or timely manner. His economic policy was to use uranium revenues to support government operations and finance major infrastructure efforts while using all available arable land for food, rather than cash crops, in order to achieve food self-sufficiency. While this approach permitted Niger to nearly become self-sufficient in basic food grains and accumulate reserve stocks, the country remained vulnerable to drought.

Niger's economy has suffered from its over-reliance on uranium revenues and the country's limited agricultural capacity. The high uranium prices of the late 70s were a temporary phenomenon and obscured the fact that uranium production costs in Niger were, and will remain, very high. With Niger unable to sell much of its high-cost uranium, the benefit to Niger of French mining operations is a relatively small amount of revenue, mostly from export taxes. With regard to the food problem, development experts now realize that Niger's harsh environment is a greater impediment to increased agricultural production than originally thought. With a population that has doubled since independence and the country's vulnerability to drought, Niger is losing ground in its efforts to assure President Kountche's pledge to grow enough food for Niger's population.

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DROUGHT/FOOD AID:

Niger was severely affected by the great Sahelian drought of 1968-74. Under President Kountche's leadership, Niger over the past decade has been able to avoid a recurrence of the widespread starvation and suffering that its people went through a decade ago. By maintaining high official prices for farm produce, Niger has encouraged its own farmers to raise production levels and has attracted cross-border trade from farmers in northern Nigeria, enabling Niger to build substantial grain reserves and even export some grain to its neighbors. However, as the result of an almost total failure of the normal rainfall pattern this year, the 1984 cereal grains harvest is only 50 percent of the 1983 crop. Niger's pastoral zone which supports vast nomadic livestock herds has been devastated. Already the drought has caused great hardship with thousands of people being forced to move away from areas most seriously affected by drought. The FAO and USAID estimate that Niger will need some 375,000 metric tons of grains from the donor community to meet this year's shortfall in food production.

The USG is leading the donor response to this disaster. Working with other donors we hope to assist the government of Niger to meet this crisis in a timely manner. To this end the U.S. has set an indicative planning level of 100,000 metric tons of U.S. food aid to Niger in FY 1985 to meet our fair share of the food deficit. 30,000 tons have already been ordered, and U.S. food aid for Niger will begin arriving in West African ports in January, 1985.

Niger's ability to manage this situation will be a major test of President Kountche's leadership. While humanitarian considerations are paramount, it is vital to the stability of the region and the survival of the pro-western regime of President Kountche that Niger to be provided with the means necessary to deal effectively with the drought.

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NIGER: SECURITY ASSISTANCE

France has traditionally been Niger's primary source of all forms of assistance, but, as a stable, Western-oriented state threatened by Qadhafi's Libya and uneasy about instability in other neighboring states (Chad, Nigeria and Burkina Faso), Niger also looks to the U.S. for assistance. Niger would have to rely primarily on France in an emergency, but U.S. security assistance enhances the deterrent value of Niger's small military force and is of great psychological importance to Niger.

U.S. security assistance to Niger began in FY-81 with an International Military Education and Training (IMET) Program of \$210,000 and \$2.3 million in FMS credits. In recognition of Niger's severe economic and financial difficulties, we added in FY-83 a \$5 million Economic Support Fund (ESF) grant and began to shift from FMS credits to MAP grants (\$1 million). Security assistance to Niger in FY-85 will be \$5 million MAP, \$5 million ESF, and \$200,000 IMET, bringing the total of security assistance over the five-year period to \$30 million. Assistance is projected to continue at the same levels in FY-86.

President Kountche is more realistic and candid about his country's needs and limitations than most of his African peers and has stated that he desires unsophisticated, rugged equipment his troops can operate effectively and economically over Niger's difficult terrain. With a country more than twice the size of Texas and a limited infrastructure, Kountche has chosen to use our assistance to enhance the mobility of his lean, 4,000-man ground force, and provide training and support for two C-130 aircraft, and equipment for a parachute company. This emphasis will continue in FY-85, after which Niger is expected to pursue its interest in anti-armor and air defense weaponry.

The GON has repeatedly expressed its satisfaction with the pace and scope of our security assistance program and has welcomed the assignment of a Defense Attache next year. The Nigeriens have demonstrated exceptional professionalism, thoroughness and practicality in their planning and implementation of security assistance. They take both training and maintenance seriously. The efficient military expects to play a major role in the distribution of drought emergency food aid and may seek use of civic action funds in this context.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT KIMMITT

FROM: PHIL RINGDAHL *PR*

SUBJECT: Request for Mrs. Reagan to Host a Coffee for Mrs. Kountche, December 11

As part of the visit of President Kountche of Niger, December 11, 1984, the First Lady's office has agreed that Mrs. Reagan would host a coffee for Mrs. Mintou Kountche on December 11 at approximately 11:00 A.M. for twenty minutes.

State has forwarded talking points for Mrs. Reagan and a bio sketch on Mrs. Kountche. I concur in the talking points.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign and forward attached Kimmitt/Rosebush memo.

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- Tab I Kimmitt/Rosebush memo
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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES ROSEBUSH

FROM: ROBERT KIMMITT

SUBJECT: First Lady's Coffee for Mrs. Kountche

As part of the visit of President Kountche of Niger, December 11, 1984, the First Lady's office has agreed that Mrs. Reagan would host a coffee for Mrs. Kountche on December 11, to begin at approximately 11:00 A.M. for twenty minutes.

The State Department has forwarded talking points and a bio sketch on Mrs. Kountche (Tab A). We concur in the talking points.

Please note that Mrs. Kountche does not speak English; she and her party are French-speaking. The State Department will provide an interpreter.

Attachment

Tab A Talking points and bio

Mrs. Reagan's Coffee for Mrs. Kountche
Suggested Talking Points

-- Welcome to the United States Madame Kountche, I have been looking forward to meeting you. I understand this is your first visit to our country. Washington has a great variety of shops and interesting sights, and perhaps I can give you some suggestions.

-- I wish to thank you for the beautiful gift of the silver Nigerien crosses. I have heard of the intricate artisan work found in Niger but had no idea it would be so striking. Could you give me some information regarding the meaning of the crosses.

-- I understand that the Association of Nigerien Women is working to produce a new family code for Niger. Could you give me an idea of the activities of women in the society and how you feel this family code will benefit them.

-- I know that you are associated with programs in Niger concerned with the welfare of children, women, and the handicapped. I too am concerned with these, especially the problem of drugs in our schools. You are fortunate that Niger does not have this problem. Could you tell me a little about the activities of your association?

-- I understand your oldest son is taking college preparatory courses in Canada. Do you expect to be visiting him following your stay in Washington?

BIOGRAPHY

Madame Kountche

Mrs. Kountche has five children who range in age from 10 (a girl) to 21 (a boy). The oldest is taking a college preparatory course in Quebec, Canada. Mrs. Kountche speaks Djerma and is believed to understand French but is reluctant to speak it. She lives on an army base with President Kountche in the Chief of Staff House. Most of her close friends are the wives of other military officers and some Djerma ministers.

Mrs. Kountche is listed as a leader in many of Niger's associations dealing with children, women and the handicapped, and she presides over many of their functions. But there is some question as to the depth of her substantive participation.

Mrs. Kountche has accompanied President Kountche on official visits to most of the Francophone West African countries, France, China, India, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Without the President, she has reportedly traveled only to France on shopping trips. While she has never before traveled to North or South America, several of her children have visited New York and Canada.

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

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Please admit the following appointments on Tuesday, December 11, 19 84
for the First Lady of _____:
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

Mrs. Barbara Bush, wife of the Vice President
Mrs. Saone Crocker, wife of Asst Secretary of State Chester Crocker
Mrs. Marcia Dam, wife of Kenneth Dam, Deputy Secy of State
Mrs. Dione Casey, wife of Ambassador William Casey

From Niger

Mrs. Mintou Kountche, wife of President Seyni Kountche
Mrs. Moudi (wife of the Minister of Health)
Mrs. Ide Oumarou, wife of the Foreign Minister
Mrs. Haoua Diatta, wife of the Ambassador of Niger
Mrs. Fatoumata Diallo

MEETING LOCATION

Building White House Requested by Phil Ringdahl
Room No. Yellow Oval Room Room No. 373 Telephone 3393
Time of Meeting 11:00 Date of request Dec 7, 1984

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WASHINGTON
December 1, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

George P. Shultz *WPS*

SUBJECT:

Your Meeting with President Seyni Kountche
of Niger, December 11, 1984I. THE SETTING

This is the first time that President Kountche has met with the President of the United States. In 1981, President Kountche met with Vice President Bush in Washington, and in May, he met briefly with the Vice President again during the funeral in Conakry of Guinea's President Sekou Toure. President Kountche recognizes that the real importance of the visit to him is the prestige which accrues from the visit itself. This will enhance his status and influence in West Africa, the OAU, the Islamic Conference, and the Non-Aligned Movement. It will also put Colonel Qadhafi, his aggressive neighbor to the north, on notice that we support President Kountche and his efforts to maintain Niger's territorial integrity and independent foreign policy.

Kountche is an experienced statesman and will want to keep the discussion on a level appropriate to two heads of state. We expect President Kountche to inform you that Niger, a major uranium producer, has decided to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty in response to your August letter and a decade of U.S. demarches. You should warmly welcome Niger's decision to join the NPT as a major contribution to international efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

President Kountche's credentials as an influential Islamic African leader who wishes us well make him an ideal interlocutor for a discussion of African leaders' perceptions of their economic and security concerns, and how these leaders view U.S. policies in Africa. President Kountche is widely regarded as a pragmatist more interested in economic development than in empty rhetoric. Niger was severely affected by the great Sahelian drought of 1969-74. Over the past ten years, Niger, under Kountche's no-nonsense approach to development, was able to avoid a recurrence of the widespread starvation and suffering that its people endured a decade ago. Unfortunately, Niger has not been spared from this year's drought and will require significant amounts of donor assistance to prevent widespread famine. Kountche is the head of an organization of West African states that seek to fight the effects of drought, and he will want to present his views on donor drought relief efforts and the prospects for long-term economic development in Africa.

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II. THE ISSUES

U.S.-Niger relations are excellent. You should use the occasion of your meeting with President Kountche to reaffirm our support for his pro-West foreign policy, his efforts to develop Niger's economy, and the way he has dealt with threats from Libya. As one of Libya's southern neighbors, Niger is directly in the path of Qadhafi's expansion into sub-Saharan Africa. In addition, Kountche is much concerned with Nigeria's political fragility and the presence of a radical Libyan-influenced regime in neighboring Burkina Faso. Kountche has proven to be a wily and effective opponent of Qadhafi. You will want to exchange views on the Libyan threat to sub-Saharan Africa and measures to contain Qadhafi's influence in neighboring states.

Historically, Niger has looked to France for protection from Libyan aggression. However, France's slow reaction to Libyan aggression in Chad and its disregard for President Habre in negotiating the French-Libyan withdrawal have shaken Niger's confidence in the French. This coupled with the growth of our assistance programs and the convergence of Niger and USG views, have tempted President Kountche to look to the U.S. as an alternative to his great dependence on France. Our interests justify only a limited role in Niger. Hence, we must make certain that President Kountche understands fully that Niger must look primarily to France for protection.

President Kountche's pragmatic approach to development has nearly enabled Niger to feed itself in recent years. This year, however, Niger has been hit by a devastating drought which threatens widespread famine. Providing adequate food aid to Niger's population until the next harvest will present the greatest challenge to President Kountche's leadership since he assumed power a decade ago. Having come to power partially because the previous government proved incapable of dealing with the consequences of drought, Kountche is acutely aware that the survival of his regime may be at stake. We should demonstrate our understanding of the effects of the drought on Niger, in both humanitarian and political terms, and reaffirm our resolve to assist Niger in its time of need. You will be able to cite impressive food aid totals.

Other objectives we have for the visit include: 1) facilitating African understanding and appreciation of our Southern African policies through an exchange of views with a moderate and influential African leader and 2) demonstrating appreciation for Niger's support of US positions in international fora and encouraging President Kountche to continue these efforts. Detailed talking points have been prepared for your use on each of these topics.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT SEYNI KOUNTCHE
OF NIGER
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1984

It has been an honor and a pleasure to welcome President Seyni Kountche [SEN-ee KOON-chay] to Washington. Our meeting takes place at a time when the world's attention is focused on the serious food crisis in Africa. Niger has not been spared the ravages of the drought; however, through the constructive efforts of President Kountche's government, and the help of the international community, including the United States, the effects of the drought in Niger will be reduced.

Those who know President Kountche know that food self-sufficiency and the well-being of his people are his primary goals. He has gone about these objectives with pragmatic policies. President Kountche represents an impressive example of the kind of serious, concerned leadership that Africa will need to overcome its economic problems. His reputation as a dedicated and capable leader has been confirmed by his visit to Washington today.

In our conversations this morning and at lunch, we covered many of the important international problems of the day, particularly those concerning Africa. We have benefited from President Kountche's views on the problems of drought and economic development in the Sahel [suh-HELL], as well as the political problems of that region. We support Niger's efforts to maintain its independence and territorial integrity. In many areas our views converge. On a few others, in a spirit of mutual

respect, we have agreed to differ. We have an excellent bilateral relationship to which we both attach considerable importance.

Niger and the United States together are committed to the resolution of international problems through the pursuit of realistic dialogue in international organizations, and through the exercise of rational economic policies at home. I have assured President Kountche of our support for him and his country, and I have expressed our admiration for his accomplishments at home and abroad.

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for The President of _____:
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

The Vice President
Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger
Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam
Robert C. McFarlane, WH
Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker
Ambassador William Casey
AID Administrator Peter McPherson
Peace Corps Director Loret Ruppe
Phillip Ringdahl, NSC

From Niger

President Seyni Kountche
Mr. Ide Oumarou
Lt Colonel Moumouni Djermakoye Adamou
Ambassador Joseph Diatta
Mr. Daouda Diallo
Mr. Ari Toubou Ibrahim
Mr. Sani Bako
Mr. Abdou Hamani

MEETING LOCATION

Building White House Requested by Phillip Ringdahl
Room No. Oval Office/Roosevelt Room/Cabinet Room Room No. 3393 Telephone Rm 373
Time of Meeting 11:30 AM Date of request Dec 7, 1984

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