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MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

FROM: George P. Shultz *GPS*

SUBJECT: Visit of Gabonese President  
Omar Bongo: July 30 - August 6, 1987

I. WHERE DOES OUR RELATIONSHIP STAND?

- o Excellent bilateral relations. Bongo has wanted this visit for years. He was delighted to receive the invitation from your daughter, and will use this trip to dramatize his close relationship with the U.S.
- o Bongo has steered a moderate, pro-Western foreign policy since coming to power twenty years ago.
  - Played important role in Chadian national reconciliation, helped shift African opinion against Qadhafi, allowed French to use Gabon in support of military assistance to Chad.
  - Quietly supports our policy in southern Africa.

II. WHAT DO WE WANT?

- o Underscore that moderate, pro-Western policies pay dividends by showing U.S. recognition of Bongo's record of political stability and economic prosperity.
- o Express appreciation for the role Bongo has played to encourage national reconciliation in Chad and promote peace in the region.
- o Accord Bongo respectful public treatment as an international statesman to enhance his prestige and maintain his quiet support for our policies.
- o Spotlight U.S. investment in Gabon to emphasize constructive role of U.S. business in Africa.
- o Encourage Gabon to adhere to IMF prescriptions to adjust fiscal policies to oil price drop and to diversify economy.

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III. WHAT DOES BONGO WANT?

- o Use visit to dramatize his close relationship with the U.S.
  - As concrete evidence, initial a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) and sign a Debt Rescheduling Agreement while in Washington.
- o Enhance his international stature and prestige in Africa by showing he is taken seriously by the President of the United States.
- o Push for increased military assistance; ask for a development assistance program.
  - Gabon wants FMS credits for trucks, jeeps and rifles; and more IMET.
  - Thus far, Gabon's high per capita income (\$3,000) has made it ineligible for U.S. development aid.
- o Request U.S. help in securing favorable terms from the IMF for Gabon's economic adjustment program.

IV. WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED?

- o Praise Bongo by publicly acknowledging him as a leader who has been friendly toward the U.S. and given his country political stability and relative economic prosperity.
- o Confirm Bongo's quiet support of our policy in southern Africa.
- o Show our commitment to help Gabon through difficult economic times by our willingness to sign Debt Rescheduling Agreement and initial an ad referendum BIT text.
  - Stress importance of economic adjustment program and IMF agreement.
  - Underscore need to diversify economy to guard against oil price swing effects.
  - Urge Gabonese to follow market-directed economic policies as the best way to attract more U.S. investors.

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TALKING POINTS FOR PRESIDENT'S TETE-A-TETE WITH  
GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO

- WELCOME BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
- I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT. MY DAUGHTER MAUREEN VERY MUCH ENJOYED HER RECENT VISIT TO GABON. THANK YOU FOR EXTENDING SUCH GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY.
- I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES VALUE OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH GABON AND THAT WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION ON MANY ISSUES.
- THESE PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH VISITING LEADERS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ANY SENSITIVE PROBLEMS WHICH MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN THIS CASE, I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT'S NOT NECESSARY! IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WISH TO RAISE PRIVATELY WITH ME?

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TETE-A-TETE WITH PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON

- WELCOME BACK. DAUGHTER MAUREEN ENJOYED HER VISIT AND YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY.
- THE AMERICAN PEOPLE VALUE FRIENDSHIP WITH GABON AND OUR COOPERATION ON MANY ISSUES.
- IN THIS PRIVATE MEETING WE CAN DISCUSS ANY SENSITIVE PROBLEMS BETWEEN US. NOT NECESSARY FOR MY PART! ANYTHING YOU WISH TO RAISE PRIVATELY WITH ME?

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TALKING POINTS FOR PRESIDENT'S PLENARY MEETING WITH  
GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO

-- RECOGNIZE A LONG-STANDING FRIEND

-- THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING SUCH A GRACIOUS HOST WHEN MY DAUGHTER MAUREEN VISITED GABON.

-- THIS VISIT SYMBOLIZES THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND UNDERSCORES OUR ESTEEM FOR YOU.

-- FOR TWENTY YEARS, YOU HAVE PRESIDED OVER POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IN YOUR COUNTRY.

-- UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, GABON SETS AN EXAMPLE FOR PURSUING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN A PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT.

-- WE APPRECIATE YOUR ROLE AS A FORCE FOR PEACE AND MODERATION IN THE REGION AND IN MULTILATERAL COUNCILS SUCH AS THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

-- REGIONAL ISSUES

-- GABON AND THE U.S. BOTH SEE AN URGENT NEED FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION. WHAT IS YOUR ANALYSIS OF CURRENT AFRICAN THINKING ABOUT THE SITUATION THERE?

-- WE APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANT ROLE YOU ARE PLAYING TO BRING ABOUT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN CHAD. WHEN PRESIDENT HABRE WAS HERE IN JUNE, HE TALKED OF HIS

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DESIRE TO SETTLE CHAD'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

-- HOW DO YOU THINK QADHAFI WILL PURSUE HIS AMBITIONS IN THE WAKE OF HIS DEFEAT? WHAT WILL CHAD DO IN REGARD TO THE AOZOU (OW'ZOO) STRIP?

-- YOU'VE JUST COME FROM THE OAU SUMMIT. WOULD YOU GIVE US YOUR VIEWS ON THAT SESSION?

-- AFRICA'S ECONOMIC CRISIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE OF CONCERN WITHIN THE OAU. WHAT STEPS WILL AFRICAN NATIONS BE TAKING TO COPE WITH THE CRISIS? HOW CAN THE U.S. HELP?

-- GABON'S ECONOMIC CHALLENGE

-- THE DROP IN WORLD OIL PRICES HAS HURT YOUR ECONOMY. I KNOW YOU ARE DETERMINED TO FACE UP TO THE CHALLENGE.

-- WE THINK YOUR ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM AND EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY ARE CRITICAL.

-- WE WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO GET MORE U.S. INVESTMENT IN GABON. I'M PLEASED WE CAN NOW INITIAL AN INVESTMENT TREATY. U.S. BUSINESSMEN WILL BE ENCOURAGED BY A STABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATE WITH MINIMAL GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN THE ECONOMY.

-- ASSISTANCE LEVELS (IF RAISED)

-- AS YOU KNOW, OUR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGETS HAVE BEEN CUT HEAVILY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

-- FMS CREDITS: WE CANNOT PROMISE A RENEWAL OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS, BUT WE ARE TALKING TO THE CONGRESS ABOUT IT.

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- DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE: GABON'S PER CAPITA INCOME IS TOO HIGH TO "QUALIFY" FOR A USAID PROGRAM.
- NEVERTHELESS, WE WANT TO BE HELPFUL: WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF PEACE CORPS ACTIVITY IN GABON. WE WILL BE SIGNING A BILATERAL DEBT RESCHEDULING AGREEMENT. AND WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT MATTERS.

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PLENARY WITH PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON 1. 8.

- THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HOSTING DAUGHTER MAUREEN.
- THIS VISIT SYMBOLIZES OUR STRONG FRIENDSHIP AND OUR ESTEEM FOR YOU.
- FOR TWENTY YEARS, YOU HAVE NURTURED POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IN YOUR COUNTRY.
- YOU HAVE ALSO BEEN A FORCE FOR PEACE IN THE REGION, IN THE OAU, THE UN, AND ELSEWHERE.

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PLENARY WITH PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON 2.

- COMMENT ON RECENT OAU SUMMIT?
- WE BOTH WANT TO SEE A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WHAT IS CURRENT AFRICAN THINKING ABOUT THE SITUATION?
- APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP ON CHAD CONFLICT.
- WHAT WILL QADHAFI DO IN THE WAKE OF HIS DEFEAT? WHAT WILL CHAD DO IN THE AOZOU (OW'ZOO)?

PLENARY WITH PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON 3.

- AFRICA'S ECONOMIC CRISIS CONCERNS U.S. WHAT WILL AFRICAN NATIONS DO TO COPE? WE'RE TRYING TO HELP. WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?
- I KNOW YOU'RE FACING UP TO THE CHALLENGE OF LOWER OIL PRICES. YOUR ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM AND EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY ARE CRITICAL.
- WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU TO GET MORE U.S. INVESTMENT IN GABON.

- (IF RAISED) OUR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGETS HAVE BEEN CUT HEAVILY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. WILL DO OUR BEST ON FMS CREDITS. GABON IS TOO PROSPEROUS FOR A USAID PROGRAM.
- BUT, WE WANT TO HELP: LONG HISTORY OF PEACE CORPS; BILATERAL DEBT RESCHEDULING AGREEMENT; COOPERATION ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

PARTICIPANTS LIST

Pre-Brief -- 11:10 - 11:30 a.m. (Oval Office)

The President  
Secretary Shultz  
Howard Baker  
Kenneth Duberstein  
Frank C. Carlucci  
Peace Corps Director Loret Miller Ruppe  
Assistant Secretary Crocker  
Ambassador Williamson  
Herman J. Cohen

Brief One-on-One and Photo Opportunity -- 11:30 - 11:45 a.m.  
(Oval Office)

United States

The President  
Herman J. Cohen (notetaker)

Gabon

President El Hadj Omar Bongo  
Jean Ping (notetaker)

Plenary Meeting -- 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (Cabinet Room)

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Secretary Shultz  
Secretary Baker  
Secretary Weinberger  
Howard Baker  
Clarence J. Brown, Acting Secretary of Commerce  
Kenneth Duberstein  
Frank C. Carlucci  
Director Loret Miller Ruppe  
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Gabon

President El Hadj Omar Bongo  
Ambassador Jean Robert Odzaga  
Martin Bongo, Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Jean Francois Ntoutoume Emame, Minister of  
Commerce  
Jean-Pierre Lemoumba-Lepandou, Minister of  
Finance  
Pascal Nze, Minister of Planning & Economy  
Ali Ben Bongo, Personal Representative  
Ambassador Jean Ping, Chief of Staff

Interpreter

Luncheon -- 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. (Residence)

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Secretary Baker  
Secretary Weinberger  
Howard Baker  
Clarence J. Brown, Acting Secretary of Commerce  
Maureen Reagan  
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Finance  
Pascal Nze, Minister of Planning & Economy  
Ali Ben Bongo, Personal Representative  
Jean Ping, Chief of Staff

Interpreter

Departure Statements -- 1:30 - 1:40 p.m. (Diplomatic Entrance)

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The President

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President El Hadj Omar Bongo

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

July 27, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: HERMAN J. COHEN [Signature]

SUBJECT: Briefing Papers for the President's Meeting  
with President Bongo of Gabon, July 31, 1987

This will not be a visit with major problems such as Kenya's human rights violations or Chad's request for STINGERS. Thanks to oil, manganese, and a pro-free enterprise policy, Gabon is the richest country in Africa on a per capita basis. Bongo has taken care of his people fairly well and has invested wisely. On the other hand, oil prices and the dollar are currently both down which is producing austerity in Gabon and rightly causing Bongo to worry about the future.

Bongo's main objective is to gain the prestige of a White House visit with the President. We can take advantage of that to thank him for his backing on several foreign policy issues, such as Chad, to probe him on African questions immediately after this week's OAU summit conference, and to support his quest for more U.S. private investment.

Marybel Batjer concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

- Tab I Your Memorandum to the President
  - Tab A Secretary Shultz Memorandum to the President
  - Tab B Talking Points with 3 x 5 Cards
  - Tab C List of Participants
  - Tab D Bio
- Tab II Incoming Correspondence

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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BY: *dh* NARA DATE: 10/25/2022

OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT OF PRESIDENT OMAR BONGO OF GABON

DATE: July 31, 1987  
LOCATION: Oval Office, Cabinet Room,  
Residence  
TIME: 11:10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
FROM: FRANK C. CARLUCCI

I. PURPOSE

To underscore the traditional bonds of friendship between Gabon and the United States; to pay tribute to President Bongo's successful economic management of his country, especially his encouragement of foreign investment and support for a vigorous private sector.

II. BACKGROUND

This will be President Bongo's second visit to the Oval Office. He was invited previously in 1981 as President of the Organization of African Unity. His main objective for this bilateral visit is to enhance his international status and prestige within Africa by demonstrating that he is taken seriously by the President of the United States.

Bongo deserves to be taken seriously. He has been particularly helpful in support of U.S. foreign policy objectives, and his domestic economic policies tend to follow our prescriptions for successful development. Gabon's main source of political, military, and economic support continues to be France which is a normal and desirable situation. However, Bongo has been sufficiently self-confident to break out of French constraints and bring in significant American private investment and take foreign policy initiatives not always to France's liking. He clearly does not want all of his eggs in one basket.

In foreign policy, Bongo has been one of the strongest defenders of the Afghan freedom fighters, and a major voice in condemning Soviet aggression in the United Nations. In general, Gabon's voting record at the UN is among the most pro-American within the African group.

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Gabon has been especially helpful in the fight against Libyan aggression in Chad. As head of the OAU Committee on the Chad/Libya border dispute, Bongo was instrumental in moving the majority of African states off the fence and into the pro-Habre anti-Libya column. He also did not hesitate to allow French military forces to utilize Gabonese facilities as staging bases for their movements into Chad.

In southern Africa, Bongo has been a regular supporter of the American policy of promoting non-violent negotiations leading to an end to apartheid.

In the economic area, Bongo has brought in over \$700 million in American private investments, which is not bad for a country with only a million people. Most of this investment is in oil production, but there are also U.S. private interests in telecommunications, computers, heavy equipment, and hotels. His enlightened policies have given Gabon a per capita income of \$3,300, the highest in Africa. Recent declines in oil prices as well as the value of the dollar have made it necessary for Gabon to institute an IMF austerity program, but experts feel the country can weather the storm.

During the visit, Bongo is likely to focus on economic issues and he will probably ask for more U.S. investment and official U.S. assistance beyond the 80 Peace Corps volunteers there now. The latter is not possible because Gabon is a relatively wealthy OPEC country, but we have every reason to encourage additional American business interests to look seriously at Gabon.

Bongo will also have attended the annual OAU summit conference a few days before his visit to Washington. That will give you an opportunity to explore the mainstream of African thinking, especially on issues such as Libya/Chad, southern Africa, and the debt problem.

President Bongo is self-confident, ebullient, and unusually direct for an African leader. It should be relatively easy to get down to basics and have some frank discussions on a number of African subjects.

III. PARTICIPANTS

List of participants at Tab C.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Photo opportunity in Oval Office.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- o 11:10 - 11:30 a.m. Briefing - Oval Office
- o 11:30 - 11:45 a.m. Brief One-on-One and  
Photo Opportunity -  
Oval Office
- o 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Plenary Meeting -  
Cabinet Room
- o 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon - Residence
- o 1:30 - 1:40 p.m. Departure Statements -  
Diplomatic Entrance

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- Tab A Secretary Shultz Memorandum to the President
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MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: HERMAN J. COHEN *HJC*

SUBJECT: President Bongo of Gabon - Departure Statement

Attached at Tab A is the draft departure statement with our suggested changes. One change is just technical. The other strengthens the reference to Gabon's desire for more U.S. investment; this is a real priority for Bongo. (A clean copy of the State draft is also included at the request of the speechwriters, Tab B.)

*Sf for*  
Steve Danzansky and Marybel *M.B.* Barjer concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I forwarding the revised departure statement to ~~Rhett Dawson~~ *Tony DeLa*.

Approve *S* Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by:  
Alison P. Rosenberg

Attachments

Tab I Green/Dawson Memorandum  
Tab A Departure Statement with NSC Changes  
Tab B Statement Submitted by State

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Tab B Incoming Departure Statement from State

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President's Draft Departure Statement

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(~~Rose Garden~~ Remarks)

*Diplomatic Reception Room*

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FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

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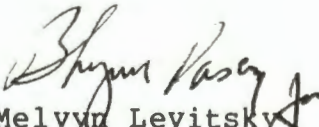
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Briefing Materials for the President's Meeting with  
Gabonese President Bongo, July 31, 1987

As requested, we hereby forward to you the following  
briefing material for the President's use in his meeting and  
lunch with Gabonese President Bongo on July 31, 1987:

1. Talking Points for the President
2. Departure Statement for the President

  
Melvyn Levitsky  
Executive Secretary

Attachments: 2

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THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON

TALKING POINTS

RECOGNIZE A LONG-STANDING FRIEND IN AFRICA

-- This visit symbolizes the traditional friendship between Gabon and the U.S., and underscores our esteem for you.

-- For twenty years, you have presided over political stability and economic prosperity in Gabon - this is a remarkable tribute to your ability to govern.

-- The wise and prudent course you have charted at home and abroad sets an encouraging example for other nations which wish to pursue their economic and social development in peace.

-- We respect and appreciate the important role you are playing in behalf of national reconciliation in Chad, and your promotion of peace throughout the region through your bilateral relationships and in multilateral councils, including the OAU.

CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA

-- Gabon and the U.S. clearly share a basic interest in and commitment to peace and economic progress in Africa.

-- We have been heartened by the similarity of views between Gabon and the U.S., including the need for a peaceful resolution of the great problems of South and southern Africa.

-- We look forward to continued consultation and political cooperation with you in the future.

-- You have been deeply involved in Chadian national reconciliation and, as chairman of the OAU Ad Hoc Committee on the Chad-Libya Border Dispute, you recently hosted a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee in Libreville. How do you think Qadhafi will pursue his political and territorial ambitions in the aftermath of his defeat? What steps do you think the Chadians will take in regard to the Aozou Strip?

-- You have just come from the OAU Summit in Addis Ababa, what is your analysis of current African views on the situation in southern Africa, especially Angola and South Africa?

THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGE

-- Congratulations on the determined, responsible fashion in which Gabon has faced up to its recent economic challenges.

-- For Gabon to maintain the economic prosperity which has made it the envy of Africa, it must stick to its economic adjustment program and diversify its economy.

-- We support your efforts to attract U.S. investment to Gabon. A stable, favorable investment climate with minimal government intervention in the economy will encourage American businessmen to invest in Gabon.

-- Africa's economic crisis has been an issue of concern and discussion within the OAU. How was the issue addressed during the OAU Summit, and what steps will African nations be taking to cope with the crisis?

U.S. ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE (IF RAISED)

-- We are sympathetic to your desire to strengthen your defense capabilities and to begin a development assistance program in Gabon.

-- Because of our own budgetary constraints, we cannot promise a renewal of foreign military sales credits; however, we are talking to Congress in this regard.

-- Besides our budget limitations, Gabon's per capita income is still so high that we cannot begin a USAID assistance program. Nevertheless, we do want to be helpful, as shown by the long history of Peace Corps activity in Gabon.

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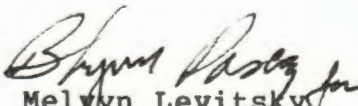
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Proposed State Department and Gabonese Participants  
in White House Events, July 31, 1987

As requested, we hereby forward to you a list of the proposed State Department and Gabonese participants in the President's meeting and lunch with Gabonese President Bongo on July 31, 1987.

  
Melynn Levitsky  
Executive Secretary

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- State:
1. Secretary George P. Shultz
  2. Assistant Secretary Chester A. Crocker
  3. Ambassador Larry C. Williamson

MEETING AND LUNCH WITH GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO

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  4. Deputy Assistant Secretary Kenneth L. Brown

- Gabon:
1. H.E. Omar Bongo, President of the Gabonese Republic, Head of State
  2. H.E. Martin Bongo, Minister of Foreign Affairs
  3. H.E. Jean-Robert Odzaga, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the U.S.A.
  4. H.E. Jean-Francois Ntoutoume Emame, Minister of State, Minister of Commerce and Technological Transfer
  5. H.E. Jean-Pierre Lemoumba-Lepandou, Minister of Finance and Budget
  6. H.E. Pascal Nze, Minister of Planning and Economy
  7. H.E. Ali Ben Bongo, Personal Representative of the President of the Republic
  8. H.E. Jean Ping, Chief of Staff to the President of the Republic

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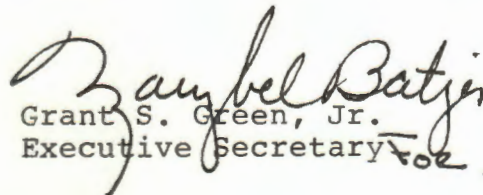
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