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SUBJECT: LIBERIA: FOREIGN MINISTER RESPONDS TO
- SECRETARY HAIG'S MESSAGE

REF: STATE 270034

1. DURING OCTOBER 16 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MATTHEWS (REPORTED SEPTELS), THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO REF MESSAGE WAS GIVEN THE AMBASSADOR:

2. QTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

- YOU HAVE MY SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE INFORMING MY GOVERNMENT THAT, IN SPITE OF THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF PRESIDENT SADAT, THERE WILL BE CONTINUITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS BOTH HEARTENING AND TIMELY.

- PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT LIBERIA REMAINS COMMITTED TO ALL EFFORTS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHEREBY ALL OF THE PEOPLES IN THE AREA CAN ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND PROSPERITY.

- WE WELCOME FURTHER THE ASSURANCES OF YOUR COUNTRY'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO HER FRIENDS.

- SINCERELY YOURS,

- G. BACCUS MATTHEWS

HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 5, 1982

SECRET P10: 31

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment Request for the President:
Samuel K. Doe, Head of State of the Republic
of Liberia

Samuel Doe, Head of State of the Republic of Liberia since April 1980, has asked to meet with the President in Washington in May following official visits to South Korea, the PRC and the Philippines. In view of our strategic assets in Liberia, Doe's admiration for the President and his sensitivity at having been refused a meeting with the President last year, we strongly recommend that you approve a working visit and that an appointment with the President be arranged.

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A visit to the U.S. and a brief meeting with the President will help achieve this objective. The United States has adopted a high profile in Liberia, greatly increasing our bilateral assistance in the form of a special Economic Support Fund, PL-480 food aid, and concessional military assistance, all totaling an estimated \$80 million for FY 1982.

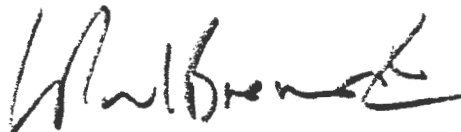
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A meeting between the President and Doe would highlight our commitment to a close African friend and would allow us to emphasize at a high level our views on a number of pressing bilateral economic and political issues.

Recommendation:

That the President agree to a working visit by Doe to Washington in mid-May, including a 30-minute office call on the President.



L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
Biographic Information

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Samuel Kanyon DOE

LIBERIA

Head of State; Chairman,
People's Redemption Council;
Commander in Chief,
Armed Forces of Liberia

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Addressed as:
Mr. Chairman



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March 9, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

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THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON

FROM: FRED WETTERING

SUBJECT: Schedule Outline: Proposed Presidential Meeting with Liberian Head of State Doe (U)

State advises in a memo to you that the Chief of State of Liberia, Sam Doe, has once again requested a meeting with the President (he asked and was turned down last year). (C)

Doe will visit the U.S. on a private visit beginning 16 May, and would like to come to Washington. State strongly recommends that he be granted a working visit and be given a 30-minute meeting with the President. (C)

I fully agree with State's argumentation and recommendation. Liberia under Doe is the most pro-U.S. government in Africa and the most susceptible to our influence. We also have real strategic interests in Liberia (for example, it has the only airfield in Africa from which we could stage aircraft on a no-question-asked basis). Finally, for all his admiration of the President and pro-U.S. feeling, Doe is very young (30) and in some ways politically immature. It is quite possible that another turndown might provoke a serious reaction in him which would do real damage to our access and interests in Liberia. (C)

If it came to choosing between the Doe request and the Ahidjo (Cameroon) request, I would clearly rate Doe the more important to us. State, of course, would like both. (C)

There is one (I believe small) downside to a meeting. Black American opinion leaders are ambivalent towards him; many were connected or sympathetic to the regime he overthrew.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached memo to Mike Deaver (Tab I) supporting the State request for a Presidential meeting with Liberia's Chairman Doe.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

- Tab I - Memo to Deaver
- A - Schedule Outline
- B - State Memo

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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Schedule Outline: Proposed Presidential Meeting with
Liberian Chief of State Chairman Samuel Doe (U)

At Tab B is a State Department memorandum recommending that the President meet with Liberian Chief of State Chairman Samuel Doe for 30 minutes during his private U.S. visit beginning 16 May 1982. State also requests that Chairman Doe's Washington visit be granted "working visit" status. (S)

I support this request, schedule permitting, for the following reasons:

-- The U.S. has a special relationship with Liberia, both historically and in real terms. We have several important facilities in Liberia and Liberia is a beneficiary of major Administration aid efforts.

-- Liberia under Chairman Doe has been our strongest ally and supporter in Black Africa.

-- A turndown of this second request by Chairman Doe (he requested a meeting last year and was refused) could conceivably alienate this young (30) leader and damage our interests. (S)

There is one downside to a Doe meeting. Although Chairman Doe has ameliorated his authoritarian rule considerably and, in response to U.S. pressure, released most if not all political prisoners, he did take over the government in a bloody coup in 1979. The predecessor regime had close and longstanding contacts with Black American society, and Doe is not popular with many Black American opinion leaders. However, many Black Americans do support the concept of a special U.S. relationship with Liberia. (S)

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the request and forward the Schedule Outline (Tab A) to Greg Newell for scheduling on the President's calendar.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

- Tab A - Schedule Outline
- B - State Memo

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OUTLINE

TO: GREG NEWELL

FROM: MICHAEL K. DEEVER

REQUEST: Thirty-minute meeting with Chairman Samuel Doe, Liberian Chief of State

PURPOSE: The meeting would enable the President to reinforce the special relationship between the U.S. and Liberia and reinforce Chairman Doe's strong support for the U.S. (Doe is a personal admirer of the President as well).

BACKGROUND: Chairman (of the People's Redemption Council) Samuel Doe led a successful coup in Liberia in 1979. Since then he has followed an increasingly pro-U.S. policy and is responsive to U.S. advice. Since 1981 we have directed extraordinary aid to Liberia to strengthen ties and to resuscitate a dormant economy. This is Chairman Doe's second request to meet the President (a request last year was denied). An outright denial of this request might produce negative consequences.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATE: Approximately a five-day period beginning May 17, 1982

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: U.S.: Secretary Haig, Assistant Secretary of State Crocker, William Clark, Fred Wetters (NSC). Liberia: Chairman Samuel Doe, Ambassador Joseph Guannu, possibly Foreign Minister Henry Fahnbulleh.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Brief informal meeting

MEDIA COVERAGE: Photo opportunity; meeting will be announced

RECOMMENDED BY: State and NSC

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 5, 1982

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WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOMMEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

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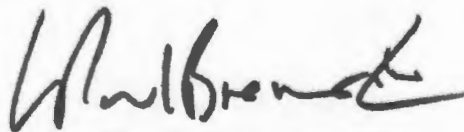
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Washington, D.C. 20520

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May 6, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment Request for the President: Samuel K. Doe,
Head of State of the Republic of Liberia

Liberian Head of State Samuel Doe has enthusiastically accepted the President's invitation to pay an official working visit to Washington, but was unable to take up either of the two dates offered because of commitments he could not break (a Far East visit and Liberian National Day). He did, however, express a strong desire to come as soon as possible. We believe a date in September or early October would be well received and enhance relations with the pro-Western government. Doe's inability last year to meet with the President, who he greatly admires and regards as a father figure, created strains in our relationship which took several months to overcome. Our inability to agree soon on a date for him to visit the U.S. will damage our relationship and play into the hands of leftist elements seeking to reduce Western influence in Liberia.

Liberia, our oldest and closest friend in black Africa, has consistently adopted pro-Western positions on international issues. The Doe government has released all political prisoners and committed itself to a firm date for return to civilian rule. It has the best record in Africa of compliance with an IMF program. A meeting between Doe and the President would highlight the Administration's commitment to our friends in Africa and demonstrate our support for a leader who is adamantly opposed to Libyan adventurism and Soviet blandishments.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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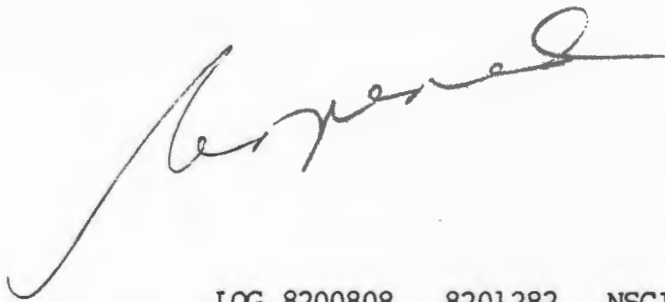
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SUBJECT: DOE REQUESTS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AND
- SECRETARY

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY: ON FEBRUARY 4 HEAD OF STATE SAMUEL KANYON DOE, THROUGH HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, FORMALLY REQUESTED A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN AT WASHINGTON IN MID-MAY. DOE ALSO HOPED TO MEET WITH SECRETARY HAIG AND UN SEC GEN CUELLAR. DOE WILL ALSO BE VISITING THE PRC, SOUTH KOREA AND THE PHILIPPINES ON THIS SAME TRIP. THE AMBASSADOR UNDERTOOK TO REPORT DOE'S REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES OUR RATIONALE IN SUPPORT OF DOE'S REQUEST. END SUMMARY.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER FAHNBULLEH CALLED THE AMBASSADOR TO THE MINISTRY FEBRUARY 4 TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST IN BEHALF OF HEAD OF STATE DOE FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN IN WASHINGTON AROUND MAY 15 DURING TWO-DAY US VISIT EN ROUTE HOME FROM OFFICIAL VISITS TO THE PRC (MAY 3-8), SOUTH KOREA (MAY 9-12), AND THE PHILIPPINES (MAY 13-14). FAHNBULLEH EMPHASIZED THAT A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WAS ESSENTIAL TO GIVE CREDENCE TO THE MUCH TOUTED "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN THE US AND LIBERIA.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

HE ALSO RECALLED THE EARLIER FAILURE OF DOE TO BE RECEIVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING AND DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE SHOULD DOE AGAIN BE REBUFFED.

4. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT DOUBT MINISTER'S POINT THAT DOE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT COULD OFFER A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO REPORT THE REQUEST TO WASHINGTON AND, TO THE EXTENT APPROPRIATE, TO SUPPORT IT. HOWEVER, THE AMBASSADOR REMINDED THE MINISTER, THAT THE PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR IS EXTREMELY FULL. IN ANY EVENT AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS IN NO POSITION TO MAKE COMMITMENTS.

5. COMMENT: THIS LATEST REQUEST FOR A MEETING BETWEEN

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DOE AND THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT WHOLLY UNEXPECTED. WE HAVE KNOWN IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THIS ISSUE IN OUR RELATIONS REAPPEARED. THIS SAID, WE BELIEVE A DOE/REAGAN MEETING WOULD ADVANCE OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS IN LIBERIA. CONVERSELY, A FURTHER REBUFF OF DOE IN HIS DESIRE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT WOULD CERTAINLY DO INCALCULABLE -- AND POSSIBLY IRREPARABLE -- DAMAGE TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND CALL INTO QUESTION OUR INTERESTS AND PROGRAMS HERE.

6. THERE ARE MANY POSITIVE RESULTS WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD EMERGE FROM SUCH A MEETING:

- -- THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS ON DOE THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EARLY RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE;
- -- A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OUR SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT LIBERIA'S ECONOMY AND EXTERNAL IMAGE;
- -- BY HIS PRESENCE IN THE US, DOE WOULD HAVE OCCASION TO REASSURE US INVESTORS.

7. WE ALSO CONSIDER THE TIMING, CONTEXT AND PACKAGING OF THE PROPOSED MEETING TO BE GOOD:

- -- THE MEETING COULD BE BILLED AS MARKING THE 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF US/LIBERIAN RELATIONS -- BOTH DATES OCCURRING IN 1982;
- -- A MAY MEETING SHOULD CAUSE FEWER PROBLEMS THAN ONE IN SEPTEMBER ON THE MARGINS OF THE UNGA WHEN MANY HEADS OF STATE ARE SEEKING BILATERALS WITH THE PRESIDENT;

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

- -- IN ADDITION, A WHITE HOUSE MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF SIMILAR VISITS BY DOE -- AND THESE TO SEVERAL OF OUR FRIENDS, SOUTH KOREA AND THE PHILIPPINES, AND A MAJOR ANTI-SOVIET POWER, THE PRC. SWING

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1982

Presidential Determination
No. 82-16

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.
The Secretary of State

SUBJECT: Economic Support Fund Assistance for Liberia

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the Act), I hereby:

(1) determine under Section 614(a)(1) of the Act that the furnishing of up to \$14.9 million in assistance for Liberia under chapter 4 of part II of the Act from funds earmarked under Section 539 of the Act, and without regard to the provisions of Section 539, is important to the security interests of the United States; and

(2) authorize the furnishing of such assistance.

You are requested to report this determination to the Congress immediately in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and none of the assistance provided for herein shall be furnished until after such report has been made.

This determination shall be published in the Federal Register.

Ronald Reagan

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SIGNED

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Authorization to Issue Presidential Determination
to Permit Assistance for Liberia from Funds
Earmarked for Nicaragua

Issue

Do you reprogram \$14.9 million Economic Support Fund (ESF) money earmarked for Nicaragua for assistance to Liberia?

Facts

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The agencies are still working on an agreed position with respect to the provision of the \$5.1 million ESF assistance to Nicaragua.

Recommendation

That you sign the Presidential Determination at Tab A.

OK _____

NO _____

Attachment

Tab A Presidential Determination

Prepared by:
Henry R. Nau

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

May 25, 1982

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APPROVE _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1982

Judge Clark

Subject: Presidential Determination Allowing
Reprogramming of Funds for Liberia From
Nicaragua

The attached package is relatively urgent.
If the Liberians don't get this money by Friday,
they will fail to qualify for an IMF loan, without
which they are virtually bankrupt.

If you seek the President's approval, we can take
care of the rest.

Bud
[Handwritten signature]

Florence

Subject: Presidential Determination Authorizing
Reprogramming Funds for Liberia

Admiral Poindexter called to say that the
President had approved (orally) the PD on
reprogramming funds now earmarked for Nicaragua
to Liberia.

John asks that you get the package out and
ask Sara to have it machined. It is imperative
that it go out today or Liberia will be unable
to qualify for an IMF loan, without which
the country will go bankrupt.

Many thanks

Bud

SIGNED

[Handwritten initials]

National Security Council
The White House

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WASHINGTON

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Jacque Hill	_____	_____	_____
Judge Clark	_____	_____	_____
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cc: VP Meese Baker Deaver

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PLEASE DEX THE ATTACHED PACKAGE WITH
COVERING NOTE TO ADMIRAL POINDEXTER
FOR THE JUDGE.

MANY THANKS

Bud

Please return the package to Dona or
Florence

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TO/LOCATION/TIME OF RECEIPT

1. RADM JOHN POINDEXTER FOR JUDGE CLARK/LOS ANGELES TOR 260100Z

INFORMATION ADDRESSES/LOCATION/TIME OF RECEIPT

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS:

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Judge says the President approves this. Dushin sign it.
Passed to Bud.

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997
By smf NARA, Date 7/24/07

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