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15	5	n.d.	Other Document	handwritten notes for speech to Republicans in honor of Roy Bliss. 12 pages.
15	5	01/13/1969	Letter	Nixon to President-elect Rafael Caldera re: good wishes for new administration. 1 page.
15	5	01/11/1969	Letter	Nixon to Mayor Wallace Puchalski re: thanks for congratulatory wire. 1 page.
15	5	01/13/1969	Letter	Nixon to W. Donald Maxwell re: appreciation for friendship & counsel. 1 page.
15	5	01/11/1969	Letter	Nixon to Robert Anderson re: response to 01/10/1969 letter regarding bureaucracy issues in the State Department, with attachments. 4 pages.
15	5	01/13/1969	Letter	Nixon to Priscilla Kidder re: appreciation for arranging Julie's wedding. 1 page.

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15	5	01/08/1969	Letter	Nixon to Jerry Burns re: thanks for congratulations after the election. 1 page.
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January 13, 1969

#### Dear Mr. President-Elect:

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I want to tell you how much I appreciated the very friendly message which you sent to me through our mutual friend, Frank Shakespeare. I remember our first meeting when I was in Venezuela in 1958 as well as the very helpful and constructive counsel you gave to me when you called on me in Washington later in that year.

I hope sometime either before your inauguration or shortly thereafter that I may have the opportunity of seeing you again in Washington.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending our very best wishes to you for great success in your new administration. Because of our personal friendship, I am sure that our two countries will have the closest of relations in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rafael Caldera Avenida Kachimbo Q.T.A. Tinajero Los Chorros Edo. Miranda Venezuela

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January 11, 1969

Dear Mayor Puchalski:

My daughter, Julie, showed me your very kind wire and I just want to express to you and the people of your city my grateful appreciation for the warm reception which was extended to Mrs. Mixon and me when we visited Northampton on my birthday.

The friendly crowd which waited for us standing in the snow left memories which we shall always treasure in the years whead.

I would particularly appreciate it if you would extend my special thanks to the members of the Northampton Police Force who handled the arrangements for our visit with such efficiency and courtesy. I know this kind of event puts an extra burden on the members of the force and I am most grateful for the services they rendered me behond the call of duty.

With every good wish for the New Year,

Sincerely.

Wallace J. Puchalski Mayor Northampton, Massachusetts

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# January 13, 1969

Dear Don:

When I was in Chicago for the dinner honoring Dave Kennedy and George Schultz, I learned for the first time that you were leaving your post as Editor of the Tribune.

The purpose of this note is to express my grateful appreciation for your friendship and wise counsel over the years. No one in political life could have had a better friend than you have been to me. I look forward to seeing you at the White House -- perhaps when you come down to the next Gridiron Dinner.

Pat joins me in sending our best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Mr. W. Donald Maxwell Editor CHICAGO TRIBUNE Chicago, Illinois

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January 11, 1969

Dear Bob:

Your letter of January 10 makes a great deal of sense. I would like for you to have a straight from the shoulder talk with Bill Rogers at your earliest convenience.

With best personal regards, Sincerely,

The Henorable Robert B. Anderson One Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10020

### ROBERT B. ANDERSON ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, N. Y. 10020

January 10, 1969

President-elect Richard M. Nixon (By Hand)

Dear Mr. President,

One of the characteristics of our system of government is the fact that whenever anyone is appointed to Cabinet responsibility they necessarily inherit a well established and long experienced bureaucracy. For the most part these are dedicated civil servants who have given a lifetime career to their particular department. However, immediately a Cabinet officer is appointed he goes on trial by the permanent staff. It is a test really to determine whether he in fact is going to be the master of his department making the primary policy decisions, or whether he is going to rely substantially upon his staff to make recommendations which are then translated into policy decisions by his signature. Obviously, the permanent staff would prefer that they be the guiding masters in each department. They are making a serious effort to accomplish this result. I suppose this is human because they live with the department's problems permanently.

On the other hand, if a Cabinet official makes it clear that he is going to be the master of his own department and make his own independent decisions, he arouses a certain amount of hostility at bureaucratic levels who feel that they are being directed by a man of lesser experience than they.

It is obvious that perhaps the most entrenched bureaucracy in our government is the State Department. Traditionally these people believe that the moment any problem arises offshore it is automatically within the custody of the policy making power of the State Department. They propose to have people who can cope with the world's best in financial matters, commercial matters, military matters, labor, or anything else so long as it is offshore. On the other hand, nations dealing with us for the most part do not send their foreign staff officers when the matter is economic, but they send their very best people out of their Ministry of Finance. If the matter is military, they send the best man from their military services.

Our State Department is willing for some of the representatives of the other departments to tag along but they want the final responsibility for themselves. It is my view that the Lord did not endow any of us with such a variety of capabilities that any one department is capable of dealing with all of the matters offshore which confront a highly complex country like ours.

I call this to your attention because in my experience with President Eisenhower I frequently found in my discussions with him that things which he thought had been ordered done, or policies which he thought had been ordered implemented, were either lost or substantially modified by the bureaucracy of the Department of State. Other Cabinet officers disclaim full responsibility because of the State Department's insistence that they have experts in every field.

I could go on about this for a long time because I know it was one of the most difficult experiences of the Eisenhower years and one which President Eisenhower has discussed with me a great deal since he left office.

Unless you as the Chief Executive are absolutely sure of the people in every responsibility in this and other departments where decisions are actually made on a day-to-day basis, you will find yourself the custodian of policies which you do not recognize and the object of criticism both within and without the government on matters and policies to which you might not personally subscribe.

I am taking the liberty of discussing the matter at some length and in some detail with Henry Kissinger and will be glad, if you want me to, to discuss it with Bill Rogers.

I do not want to be in the position of condemning any department of government, but I do want to spare you the travail and difficulties that may occur unless a firm-handed policy is undertaken from the beginning.

With great respect,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Priscilla:

This is just a note to tell you how much I appreciated the superb way in which you handled all of the arrangements for Julie's wedding.

I have noticed that some of the columnists and commentators have described it as the "wedding of the century." If their appraisal is correct, much of the credit is yours:

Mrs. Nixon and I will look forward to seeing you in the White House.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Norton Kidder 18 Brooks Street Winchester, Massachusetts Dear Terry and Gail:

It was most gracious and thoughtful of you to send the beautiful floral arrangement to Julie's apartment when I visited Northampton on my birthday.

I wish you would extend my best wishes to all of the members of the Smith Young Republican Club for success in the years ahead, both politically and academically:

Sincerely,

Miss Terry Pelson
Miss Gail Gordon
Smith Young Republican
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Smith College
Northampton, Massachusetts

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Dear Allie and Jerry:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful telegram of November 9.

I just want you to know how much I have appreciated your friendship and support through the years.

Fat and I will look forward to seeing you both at the White House.

Sincerely,

Major General and Mrs. Wilton B. Persons 43 Royal Palm Drive Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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Dear Ralph:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful letter of November 22.

I want you to know how much I have appreciated your friendship and wise counsel through the years. I hope that you will continue to give me the benefit of your good judgment on the critical issues in the months ahead.

Pat joins me in sending our very best wishes to Gwen and to you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ralph J. Cordiner 155 Bayview Drive, Belleair Clearwater, Florida 33516

#### Dear Walter:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful letter of November 7.

I just want you to know how much I have appreciated your friendship and support through the years.

Pat and I will look forward to seeing you both at the White House.

Sincerely,

Mr. Walter N. Thayer
Room 4600
Time & Life Building
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York 10020

Dear Ray:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful letter of November 13.

Your friendship and wise counsel through the years have been a source of strength and encouragement to me. I will never forget that you were just as loyal a friend in defeat as you are now in victory.

Pat joins me in sending our best wishes to Frances and to you for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Raymond Moley 444 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022

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## January 8, 1969

Dear Leo:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful letter of November 11.

I want you to know how grateful I am for the wise counsel you have given me through the years. I only regret that our schedules have been so busy that we have not been able to get together for a personal visit. I hope we can do better in this respect once I get to Washington:

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Mr. Leo Cherne
Executive Director.
The Research Institute of
America, Inc.
589 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10017

P.S. Your analysis of the "Nixon style" in your report of November 8 was right on the mark.

Dear Thatcher:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful telegram of November 7.

I just want you to know how much I have appreciated your friendship and support through the years.

Pat and I will look forward to seeing you at the White House.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thatcher Longstreth Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Dear Felix:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful letter of November 13.

I appreciated your warm comments with regard to Herb Klein. As you nowdoubt have noted, he will play a major role in seeing that we maintain an "open Administration" in the years ahead.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. Felix R. McKnight Co-Publisher and Editor The Dallas Times Herald Dallas, Texas 75202 January 8, 1969

Dear Sammy:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful telegram of November 6.

It is particularly heartwarming to receive the good wishes from someone who worked as hard as you did for my good personal friend, but political opponent, Hubert Humphrey. I hope we can all work together on those issues which may unite the country in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Mr. Sammy Davis, Jr. 8721 Sunset Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90069

P.S. I shall always remember the magnificent performance you gave when I saw you many years ago at the Copacabana.

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Dear Mrs. Cole:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful telegram of November 6.

hs one of your late husband's great admirers I want you to know that I shall do everything in my power to "bring our country together" in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nat King Cole 401 S. Muirfield Road Los Angeles, California 90005

Dear Mike:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful letter of November 7.

It is particularly heartwarming to receive the good wishes from someone who worked as hard as you did for my good personal friend, but political opponent, Hubert Humphrey. I hope we can all work together on those issues which may unite the country in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Michael V. DiSalle 932 Pennsylvania Building Washington, D. C. 20004

P.S. I shall always be very proud to be known as the Republican Mike DiSalle! You might pass that on to our mutual friend, Jack Howard.

Dear Lynn:

I suppose it is appropriate for me to address you by your first name after all these years:

I just wanted you to know how greatly I appreciated your participating in my homecoming birthday party last week. You gave me some very good instruction but beyond that a great deal of encouragement in those transdously important formative years when I attended Fullerton High School. I recall, too, that your wife once gave me a much needed pat on the back after I had lost one of those contests you referred to in your remarks.

I only hope I can measure up to the eloquent and perceptive words of Carl Sandburg which you included in your letter of November 8.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Mr. H. Lynn Sheller President Fullerton Junior College 321 East Chapman Avenue Fullerton, California 92634

Dear Jerry:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful letter of November 7.

I want you to know how much I appreciated your good wishes. My only regret is that our great and good friend, Gene McCovern, could not have been with us when the good news came through on November 6. Only the fact that I had to be at the hotel to make a post-election statement on television kept me from attending his funeral.

I agree with you that he will "be watching over us from above" when I am sworn in on January 20.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeremiah J. Burns 118 Arrandale Road Rockville Centre, New York Dear Brownie:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful letter of November 6.

I want you to know how much I appreciated your good wishes. I shall always be grateful for the friendship we have enjoyed through the years.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Mr. Lyman Brownfield Brownfield, Kosydar & Yearling 88 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear John:

Your letter of December 27 was most gracious, but you can be sure there are no outstanding bills which should be borne by the family of the groom rather than the family of the bride. Barbara and you can indeed be proud that you have raised such a fine young man as David. We think that, clearly apart from the names they happen to bear, they make a great couple!

I am delighted that you will be going to Brussels. I understand the plan is to announce several of the European appointments at the same time and, consequently, there will be some but not any significant delay before the public announcement is made. I am going to urge that Julie and David take a trip to Europe this summer. One of the dividends will be that they will be able to visit you there.

Pat joins me in sending our best wishes,
Sincerely,

Colonel John S. D. Eisenhower Valley Porge, Pennsylvania 19481 January 3, 1969

Dear O. J.

I tried to call you the morning after the Rose Bowl game but you had already taken off for Hawaii. I just wanted you to know that I thought you were just as great in defeat as you have been so often in victory. Your sportsmanlike gesture of visiting the Ohio State dressing room after the game was a superb example for millions of youngsters across the country who have to learn how to lose as well as to win, not only in sports but in all areas of life.

I wish you the very best in your career in pro football, and hope I have the opportunity to see you play against the Redskins sometime in the future.

With every good wish for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Mr. O. J. Simpson University of Southern California Los Angeles, California

December 16, 1968

## MEMORANDUM TO MISS WOODS

From: Henry A. Kissinger

This is for your files. There is no need to show it to the President-Elect, from my point of view, unless you think it might interest him.

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December 19, 1968

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## Dear Mr. President:

I was distressed to read in the paper this morning the paper this morning that you were to buy. Everybody in the having a bout with the flu bug. Everybody in the country seems to be destined to go through this ordeal whis ordeal and I only hope and I only hope that by the time this note reaches you you will be well on the way to the way to recovery.

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The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson The President c/o Bethesda Naval Hospital Bethesda, Maryland

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#### Dear Stuart:

It was only because someone had sent me a copy of the very generous editorial in the American on my Cabinet selections that I learned of your retirement as Publisher of the American.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt best wishes to you in whatever you undertake in the years ahead. I have appreciated your friendship and wise counsel through the years. I hope there will be occasions when we shall meet again.

With every good wish for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Mr. Stuart List, Publisher Chicago American 445 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Kup:

Your gracious comments with regard to the program in which I presented my Cabinet have just come to my attention. I just wanted you to know of my appreciation.

It was good to see you for a moment at the dinner for Chicago's Cabinet members last week.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Mr. Irv Kupcinet Chicago Sun-Times Chicago, Illinois

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January 8, 1969

Dear Mr. Molloy:

One of your readers was good enough to send me a tear sheet of your column of December 13 in which you commented so generously on the program in which I introduced my Cabinet to the nation.

No one knows better from personal experience how difficult it is to master the TV medium. It was most gratifying to get such high marks from an expert observer!

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Molloy Chicago-Sun-Times Chicago, Illinois

#### December 19, 1968

#### Dear Harold:

Only the long ordeal of selecting a Cabinet has delayed my response to your very gracious letter of November 6th.

Your letter brought back many pleasant memories of our visits during the days you were in Washington, and particularly of that memorable occasion when I came to London for the dedication of the American Chapel of St. Paul's.

I was particularly touched by your suggestion that I might have the "qualities that all Englishmen admire -- a capacity to stick it out no matter whether things are going ill or well." I hope your appraisal is correct because I shall certainly need such qualities in great abundance over the years ahead.

I hope that my Administration will see a new era of closer ties between Britain and the United States. As you probably are aware, I am somewhat of an Anglophile. When some of the pessimists proclaim that "Britain is finished" my answer is that no one would make such a comment if he had had the opportunity which has been mine to have known some of the men in the British Foreign Service in posts around the world who, in terms of brains, sophistication and character simply are unsurpassed.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending our very best wishes to you both. We hope it will not be too long before we meet again.

Sincerely,

Lord Harold Caccia Provost of Eton College Windsor, England

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Dear Pat:

Only the long ordeal of selecting a Cabinet has delayed my response to your very gracious letter of November 7.

From the time our paths crossed on the campaign trail in 1950, I have had the warmest regard for you personally, and after what happened in 1962, a healthy respect for you politically!

I look forward to seeing you on some occasion in Washington. Pat joins me in sending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Ball, Hunt, Hart and Brown 9418 Wilshire Boulevard Beverly Hills, California 90212 Dear Jock:

Only the fact that I have had to go through the ordeal of selecting a Cabinet has delayed my response to your very thoughtful letter of November 14.

The editorial from the International Hessid Tribune reminded me again of the very generous support you have given to my campaigns through the years. And, I particularly recalled our visit to London ten years ago when Betsey and you received us so graciously at Clarence House.

I hope once we get past the Inauguration we can get together for a visit.

Pat joins me in sending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

The Honorable John Hay Whitney 110 West 51st Street New York, New York

# January 3, 1969

Dear George:

I don't know what the controversy between you and Dan Reeves involves, but from where I sit the Rams' loss will be some other team's gain.

You have had remarkable success in your coaching career because of your ability to inspire your players to make that extra effort.

I wish you the very best in whatever assignment you may undertake in the future, whether with the Rams or with some other club.

With kindest regattds,

Sincerely,

Mr. George Allen Los Angeles Rams Los Angeles, California Dear Mr. President:

I want you to know how much Pat and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending us the album of photographs taken at the time of our meetings in Washington after the election.

We shall treasure this book as a constant reminder of what was probably the most cooperative transition relationship in American political history.

With every good wish, Sincerely,

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

The mass of mail which inundated my office after the election has delayed my response to your very thoughtful letter of November 9.

I want you to know how much I have appreciated your friendship and wise counsel through the years. I agree, incidentally, with the recommendations you made in your letter for changes in both foreign and domestic policy.

Pat joins me in sending our very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Rev. John F. Cronin, S.S. St. Mary's Seminary 5400 Roland Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Dear Pyxie:

This year, as you might imagine, I received more Christmas cards than I have ever received in my life -- thousands from all over the world. But yours, without doubt, was the most unusual and most meaningful. I am taking it with me to the White House and we shall put it on display every Christmas.

With best wishes for the years ahead,

Sincerely,

Miss Pyxie Oldenburger 2728 Henry Hudson Parkway Bronx, New York 10463 Dear Julie:

As the inaugural day approaches, one of my major regrets is that you will be unable to be with us.

I want you to know how deeply grateful Pat and I are for the friendship that George and you have extended to us for over twenty years. On one of my future trips to California, I hope we can drop by for a visit.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Mrs. George Murphy 807 North Rodeo Drive Beverly Hills, California

December 14, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS WOODS
From: Henry A. Kissinger

Attached are the original and edited versions of the Dayan statement to the U.J.A. I see no reason to bother the President-Elect with this, but thought you might want them for your records.

December 14, 1968

# Minister Dayan's Statement Before U.J.A. Convention

I had the pleasure and honor of calling on the President-Elect this morning. Mr. Nixon asked me, on that occasion, to convey to you his greetings and to express once again his long interest in the State of Israel and his friendship for its people. The events in the Middle East are of great concern to him and he considers its problems and the need for the achievement of peace as being of the highest priority for his incoming administration.

December 14, 1968

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 3, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY

Subject: Request for Meeting with the President-elect by the President of Honduras

- I received this morning in your behalf the Honduran Ambassador who wished to convey a request from President Lopez of Honduras to call on the President-elect during his unofficial visit to the United States, December 15-23. The Ambassador said he had received this word from Vice President Zuniga of Honduras who is now being treated in a Miami hospital for a gallstone problem.
- I explained that  ${\tt Mr.}$  Nixon would much appreciate the suggestion but would be unable to see President Lopez prior to his inauguration. I emphasized that this was an across-the-board decision as the President-elect felt it would be inappropriate for him to hold such meetings, even unofficially, until he assumes office.

William Leonhart

Photo: Miss Rose Mary Woods'

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# MEMORANDUM TO MISS WOODS

From: Henry A. Kissinger

This is for your files. There is no need to show it to the President-Elect, from my point of view, unless you think it might interest him.

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

From: Henry A. Kissinger

Subject: Your Call on Secretary General U Thant; Tuesday, December 17; 4:00 P.M.

Like his predecessor Dag Hammarskjold, U Thant favors a UN with an executive capacity to act -- an organization that involves itself in peacekeeping and economic development. However, he has taken considerably less initiative than Hammarskjold. Specifically, he has tried to stay out of conflicts involving the US and the USSR and has used his position and the Secretariat to move into issues when there is at least a modicum of US-USSR agreement. The only exception is his rather persistent criticism of our Vietnam policy. While he has been critical of the Soviet Union's action in Czechoslovakia, he has been on the whole more restrained vis-a-vis the Soviet Union.

The Secretary General may touch on the following subjects:

# Your views on the prospects for a Vietnam settlement and any UN role in it.

(Thant has had a long record of attempts to mediate. In April 1965, he considered a trip to Hanoi and Peking, but was sharply rebuffed by both capitals. In March 1967, he formally proposed a standstill truce, preliminary talks, and reconvening of the Geneva Conference, but the reception was no better. A trip early this year to New Delhi (where he met with the North Vietnamese Consul), Paris, London and Moscow was unproductive. Presumably, however, Thant would not rule out a UN role in guaranteeing and implementing any settlement -- provided the funds were available and the Communist Chinese could be brought along.)

#### Your views on the prospect for a settlement in the Middle East

(As you know, Thant's special representative, Ambassador Jarring, has been hard at work for some months trying to get the parties to the conference table. He has had little success. Thant may want to get some idea from you as to whether the new Administration will continue to support the Jarring Mission.)

#### Disarmament

(Thant strongly favors the Non Proliferation Treaty as a step toward general and complete disarmament and will be interested in your views on US ratification.)

#### UN "constitutional" crisis

(A persistent and ever more difficult problem for the UN has been the increasing use of procedural votes to deal with substantive issues. Recently, for example, the Afro-Asian states sought to oust South Africa from the UN Conference on Trade and Development -- a procedural step aimed at showing UN disapproval of apartheid in South Africa. The move was beaten by only four votes. Thant played an extremely helpful role in bringing about the defeat of the resolution. Should he raise this subject with you, you might tell him that you share his view of the dangerous precedent such moves set.)

#### Chinese representation

(Thant favors Peking's admission to the UN. A resolution to expel the Chinese Nationalists was defeated fairly easily in the Assembly this session, but Taipei is concerned that their credentials may be challenged in the Security Council next year. The make-up of the new Council -- which will be seated next month -- is less favorable to the Chinese Nationalists.)

At some point during the conversation you may want to indicate your strong support for the UN and your intention to work closely with the Secretary General in the years ahead.

Because of the intense press interest in your meeting with Thant, you may want to consider issuing a short statement after your call. A proposed statement is at Tab A.