



MEMORANDUM

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TO: RN  
FROM: HARLOW

Dr. Kissinger talked with Serge Shriver on the request of Bill Rogers.

Kissinger finds Shriver "very tempted." Shriver is, however, going to raise certain specific questions in his conversation with you:

- (1) Will he have Cabinet rank?
- (2) Will he attend NSC Meetings?
- (3) How do you visualize the role of the U.N. -- and also the role of the Ambassador?
- (4) Assurances are needed that your domestic program will be sufficiently "humane" as to be salable to the world community!
- (5) Will he be the only Democrat in the Administration?
- (6) How do you visualize the role of the "Third World" -- the underdeveloped nations?

Kissinger has reactions to various of these questions, if you would like to discuss them with him before your visit with Shriver.

Dr. Kissinger is convinced that Shriver remains extremely ambitious politically -- therefore, that it is unreasonable to expect him to stay in his new position beyond a couple of years. Considering this, considering also Chuck Percy's expression of concern about it, you may wish to clear this matter up with Ev Dirksen before going beyond the point of no return.