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001a. memo	Samuel Berger to the President, re: Letter to French Prime Minister Jospin (1 page)	<del>08/01/1998</del>	P1/b(1) v2 4/3/2020
001b. letter	English translation of letter from Prime Minister Lionel Jospin of France to President Clinton (2 pages)	06/24/1998	<del>P1/b(1)</del> v2 11/26/2019
001c. letter	Prime Minister Lionel Jospin of France to President Clinton [in French] (1 page)	<del>06/24/1998</del>	P1/b(1) v2 11/26/2019
001d. memo	Samuel Berger to the President, re: Letter to French Prime Minister Jospin [draft of 001a] (1 page)	07/29/1998	P1/b(1) v2 4/3/2020
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001g. letter	Draft letter from President Clinton to Prime Minister Lionel Jospin of France [draft of 001e] (2 pages)	07/00/1989	P1/b(1) v2 11/26/2019
001h. memo	Samuel Berger to the President, re: Message to French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin [draft of 001a] (1 page)	07/00/1998	P1/b(1) v2 4/3/2020
001i. cable	Draft cable, re: Presidential Message to French Prime Minister Jospin [draft of 001e] (2 pages)	07/00/1998	P1/b(1) v2 11/26/2019
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002a. letter	[duplicate of 001b] (2 pages)	06/24/1998	<del>P1/b(1)</del> v2 4/3/2020

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TO: JOSPIN, LIONEL

FROM: PRESIDENT

DOC DATE: 03 AUG 98  
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September 11, 2006

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By KDE NARA, Date 03/13/15  
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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 24 JUL 98 STATUS: C

STAFF OFFICER: BUTLER

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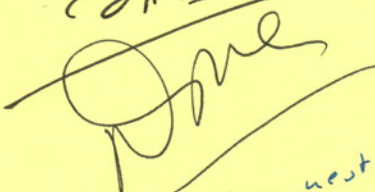
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002	BUTLER	Z	98072316	FOR FURTHER ACTION
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 3, 1998

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your kind letter. I too appreciated the opportunity to discuss with you some of the critical challenges that our two countries face as we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In particular, I appreciate your July 30 announcement of approval of the two U.S. GMO corn applications. This alleviates an extremely important matter for the United States, especially given our troubled corn exports this year.

In the broader diplomatic arena, a vigorous U.S.-European partnership remains essential to addressing positively the difficult challenges ahead in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa. The ties we are forging between the United States and France are helping to strengthen that partnership and to make it more effective.

Hillary and I were delighted to be able to spend time with you and Sylviane, and I hope we will soon have the opportunity to meet again. I wish you a well-deserved August holiday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Clinton".

His Excellency  
Lionel Jospin  
Prime Minister of the  
French Republic  
Paris

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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REFERRAL

DATE: 03 AUG 98

MEMORANDUM FOR: KENNEY, K

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: JOSPIN, LIONEL

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 03 AUG 98

SUBJ: AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

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DUE DATE: 04 AUG 98

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FROM: NSC West Wing Desk (202) 456-9425 WH Situation Room  
(NAME) (PHONE NUMBER) (ROOM NO.)  
MESSAGE DESCRIPTION: Potus ltr to PM Jospin  
NSC LOG # 5002

<u>TO (AGENCY)</u>	<u>DELIVER TO</u>	<u>DEPT/ROOM NO.</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
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August 1, 1998

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER (K) For

SUBJECT: Letter to French Prime Minister Jospin

Purpose

Respond to Jospin's letter expressing appreciation for his action to approve the U.S. bio-engineered corn varieties and expressing interest in a transatlantic dialogue on products of biotechnology.

Background

Prime Minister Jospin wrote to thank you for your hospitality and for your discussions on the challenges faced by modern democracies. He also raises the issue of bio-engineered corn ("GMOs") that you discussed in your meetings. As you recall, you pressed Jospin to approve the licenses for two U.S. biotech food products.

The French government acted July 30, announcing that while it would approve the two U.S. corn varieties, it was declaring a two-year moratorium on GMO rapeseed plants (a Canadian problem). In your reply, you thank him for his action on the corn and expressing interest in a transatlantic dialogue on the products of biotechnology.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Prime Minister Jospin at Tab A.

Attachments

- Tab A Letter to Prime Minister Jospin
- Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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E.O. 13526, Sec. 3.5 (b)  
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006  
By VJ NARA, Date 11/21/2009  
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White House Guidelines,  
September 11, 2006

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

By KOE NARA, Date 3/13/15  
2013-0836-F

FROM:

LAWRENCE E. BUTLER

SUBJECT:

Presidential Letter to French Prime Minister on  
GMO Corn Exports

This covers your memo to the President conveying his reply to Jospin regarding the approval of our biotech food products. The letter has been vetted with USTR, USDA and State.

Concurrences by: Kerri-Ann Jones, Malcolm Lee

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Presidential Memorandum

Tab A Presidential Letter to Prime Minister Jospin

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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*[Please accept, Mr. President, the assurance of my highest consideration.]*

*Yours sincerely,*

*signed: Lionel Jospin*

*Le Premier Ministre*

Paris, le 24 JUIN 1998

N° 1 0 4 5 4

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*Respectueusement et cordialement à vous,*

*L. Jospin*

Lionel JOSPIN

Son Excellence  
Monsieur William CLINTON  
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*Ambassade de France  
aux Etats-Unis*

PLEASE STAFF

*L' Ambassadeur*  
JP01584/AA

Washington, July 9, 1998

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*With regards,*



*François Bujon de l'Estang*

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*The Honorable  
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Assistant to the President for  
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The White House  
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DATE: 13 JUL 98

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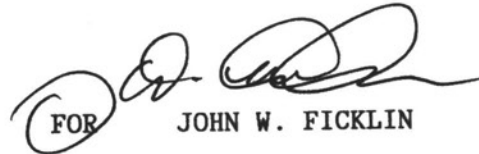
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FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 29, 1998

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*

SUBJECT: Letter to French Prime Minister Jospin

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E.O. 13526, Sec. 3.5 (b)  
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006  
By VZ NARA, Date 11/26/2014  
2016-0529-IM (3,41)

Purpose

Respond to Jospin's letter expressing his appreciation for his visit and reiterating his interest in a ~~bilateral~~ dialogue on products of biotechnology.

*action to approve the U.S. ~~for~~ bio ~~tech~~ engineered corn varieties*  
*transatlantic*

Background

Prime Minister Jospin wrote to thank you for your hospitality and for your discussions on the challenges faced by modern democracies. He also raises the issue of bio-engineered corn ("GMOs") that you discussed in your meetings. As you recall, you pressed Jospin to approve the licenses for two U.S. biotech food products.

*two weeks ago July 30, announcing that*

The French government ~~has not yet acted~~. The Vice President spoke to Jospin ~~last week~~ to urge him to follow through before we lose the \$200 million in corn sales to Spain this summer. Jospin was non-committal, though we believe they are nearing a decision.

*while it could approve the two U.S. corn varieties, but it was declaring a two year moratorium on geo rapeseed plants. (a Canadian problem)*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Prime Minister Jospin at Tab A.

Attachments

- Tab A Letter to Prime Minister Jospin
- Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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*alleviates*  
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Sincerely,

His Excellency  
Lionel Jospin  
Prime Minister of the  
French Republic  
Paris

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

July 21, 1998

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: DONALD K. BANDLER *B*

FROM: LAWRENCE E. BUTLER *(D)*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to French Prime Minister on *(P)*  
GMO Corn Exports

*Pub -*  
*See if UPATIS will*  
*respond*  
*POTUS should send*  
*brief friendly letter*  
*w/ details for UPATIS -*  
*check w/ Fran*

This covers your memo to the President conveying his reply to Jospin regarding biotech food products. The message has been vetted with USTR, USDA and State. It builds on the Vice President's call to Jospin Tuesday.

Concurrences by: Kerri-Ann Jones, Malcolm Lee *(L)* *(L)*

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By KDE NARA, Date 3/13/15  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Letter to French Prime Minister Jospin

Purpose

Respond to Jospin's letter *reiterating his appreciation for his visit and reiterating* his interest in a bilateral dialogue on products of biotechnology ~~and to maintain pressure on the French government to approve the licenses for two U.S. biotech food products.~~

Background

*secret pay*  
\* You discussed our problems with French delays in licensing two varieties of bio-engineered corn ("GMOs") during your meeting last month with Prime Minister Jospin. Jospin noted his political problems with the whole issue of biotechnology and food products, but admitted that the corn varieties appeared to be safe. His science minister proposed that we enter into a cooperative dialogue on issues related to biotechnology. You expressed interest, but noted that we should focus first on moving ahead with approvals on the products that we both agree are safe. Subsequently, the French told the press that we had agreed to a bilateral dialogue, and Jospin wrote you seeking to confirm your commitment to this.

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cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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~~I understand that~~

→  
With regard to the biotechnology issue ~~you mentioned in your letter~~, I understand that ~~Vice President Gore spoke to you and Vice President Gore~~

✓ ~~SECRET~~ (X)

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Sincerely,

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Prime Minister of the  
French Republic  
Paris

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Message to French Prime Minister Jospin

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E.O. 13526, Sec. 3.5 (b)  
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006  
By VL NARA, Date 11/20/2014  
2016-0529-01 (3.44)

Purpose

Respond to Jospin's letter reiterating his interest in a bilateral dialogue on products of biotechnology and to maintain pressure on the French government to approve the licenses for two U.S. biotech food products.

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PREC: IMMEDIATE CLASS: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE  
TO: AMEMBASSY PARIS  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO FRENCH PRIME MINISTER JOSPIN

1. AMBASSADOR OR DCM: PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRIME MINISTER JOSPIN AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. NO SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR LIONEL:

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I KNOW FROM OUR DISCUSSION THAT MANY IN FRANCE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRODUCTS OF MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY. I WAS PLEASED, THEREFORE, TO LEARN THAT THE PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM FRENCH PARLIAMENTARIAN LE DEAUT GAVE A POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE SAFETY OF THE TWO GMO VARIETIES AWAITING FINAL FRENCH APPROVAL. WITH THE FINAL OBSTACLE TO APPROVAL CLEARED AWAY, I HOPE YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL ACT ON THE GMO CORN APPLICATIONS SO THAT U.S. EXPORTS CAN ENTER THE EU DURING THESE FINAL WEEKS BEFORE SPAIN'S IMPORT SEASON CLOSES. AS VICE PRESIDENT GORE NOTED IN HIS CALL TO YOU, THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MATTER FOR THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY GIVEN OUR TROUBLED CORN EXPORTS THIS YEAR.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, I WELCOME YOUR INTEREST IN TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION <sup>IN</sup> EXPEDITING <sup>THE</sup> FUTURE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS. THIS WOULD BE HASTENED BY FRANCE'S ACTION ON THE TWO PENDING APPLICATIONS. ✓

IN THE BROADER DIPLOMATIC ARENA, A VIGOROUS U.S.-EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP REMAINS ESSENTIAL TO ADDRESSING POSITIVELY THE DIFFICULT CHALLENGES AHEAD IN EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST, ASIA AND AFRICA. THE TIES WE ARE FORGING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND

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TO: PRESIDENT

FROM: JOSPIN, LIONEL

DOC DATE: 24 JUN 98  
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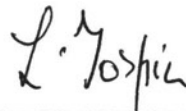
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MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

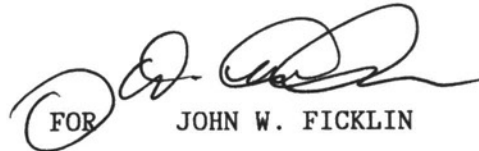
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*Le Premier Ministre*

Paris, le 24 JUIN 1998

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Monsieur le Président, *cher ami,*

Je souhaite vous remercier vivement pour l'accueil que vous avez bien voulu me réserver, ainsi qu'à la délégation qui m'accompagnait lors de mon séjour à Washington.

J'ai été particulièrement sensible au temps que vous avez bien voulu consacrer à nos entretiens, qui ont été l'occasion d'échanges de vues passionnants sur l'évolution des sociétés démocratiques modernes et les défis auxquels elles sont confrontées.

J'ai relevé avec plaisir une grande convergence entre nos analyses et notre volonté commune de construire un monde véritablement multipolaire, au sein duquel les Etats-Unis et l'Europe pourront approfondir leur partenariat, élément fondamental de la prospérité et de la stabilité du monde.

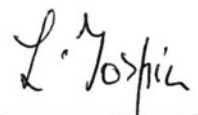
Je vous suis très reconnaissant de la franchise avec laquelle nous avons pu aborder les quelques différends qui subsistent entre nos deux pays et je me réjouis que des pistes aient été trouvées pour les surmonter ensemble. Je pense en particulier à la difficile question des organismes génétiquement modifiés, pour lesquels nous avons décidé de créer un groupe de travail franco-américain.

Soyez assuré de la volonté du gouvernement français de continuer à oeuvrer, avec le Président de la République, pour que le renforcement du dialogue franco-américain qui s'est manifesté au cours de ma visite, se poursuive et s'enrichisse, dans tous les domaines, à un niveau digne de la longue histoire d'amitié entre nos deux pays.

Mon épouse se joint à moi pour vous transmettre, ainsi qu'à Mme CLINTON, l'expression de notre profonde gratitude.

Je vous prie de croire, Monsieur le Président, à l'assurance de ma très haute considération.

*Respectueusement et cordialement à vous,*



Lionel JOSPIN

Son Excellence  
Monsieur William CLINTON  
Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique

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