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August 18, 1974

UGANDA - UNITED STATES RELATIONS

Question: Why do we continue to keep our Embassy in Uganda closed?

Answer: As you know, we wish good relations with Uganda as with all other African states that reciprocate this wish. Even though we closed our Embassy in Kampala, we did not object to the Ugandan Government's decision to retain its Embassy here. Taking all factors into consideration, we do not feel it is appropriate at this time to reopen our Embassy. We do, naturally, keep the matter under constant review.

(FYI: In November, 1973, we withdrew all U.S.

Embassy personnel from Uganda. We indicated at that time that certain actions of the Ugandan Government prompted this move, including public threats by top Uganda officials against our diplomatic representatives (the President of Uganda, General Amin, threatened to jail all official Americans at one point during the Arab-Israeli war), repeated unfounded accusations against the United States by these officials and the sudden and unjustified expulsion from Uganda of the Embassy Marine security guards. We do not expect to reopen our Embassy until we can be reasonably sure past practices of the Ugandan Government will not be repeated. END FYI.)

member of foreign affairs Com.

Diggs: Appreciate change in mood-outlook in country on New pres & vice Pres. of our country. Stressed need for staff Asst. to work with Caucus. Concept of an open adm. - Expanded employment of minorities, Blacks & others. Represent 11 of 15 largest cities in the country. Needs of Urban communities are of primary concern.

International Front - Africa: Africa - Arab unity. (Two way communication with minority community.)
* Welcome opportunity for reconciliation.

* Pres: found Caucus no slight mist in failure to maintain Black Africa in Congressional address.

Pres: Question of Conciliation -

1. Has to talk with somebody ... wanted opp. to meet with Caucus. Glad to open channels of communication

Frank & Howard is solving difficulties -

2. In process of chng. - How Scott conduct with Caucus. Views will get to me promptly -

Reiterated his open door policy specifically to the Caucus

Rouge: - welcome opp. to share our concerns with you - Sincerely hope that when you make decisions we will have somebody with access to Pres. as liaison -

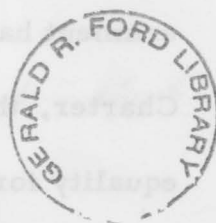
Left a position paper - package of concerns



promote respect for human rights in Burundi and to focus attention of other governments and the United Nations on this objective.

Since May of 1973, the situation has been relatively calm, although there have been sporadic reports of continued intimidation of the Hutus. Both our Embassy and other foreign observers long resident in Burundi do not foresee a major outbreak in the future. The Burundi Government has a new constitution which supports the UN Charter, the UN Declaration of Human Rights, and declares equality for all Burundi people. END FYI.)

Porren Mitchell - Sign SBA Bill, Mr. Pres.
Housing must be tied into Mass Transportation



* Gus Hawkins - Restoration of maximum production & employment
Called for "economic common sense" Inner City is economic disaster.
Reject policy of trade off of jobs for profitability.
Major gains of Blacks being eroded by inflation & unemployment.

OEO - Minimum economic necessity

Public Service Employment - one million jobs - \$10-B price tag.

Tax reduction for low income

Stranger enforcement EEOC

PRES. - Do consider Defense Dept. Secretariat - Assured H.

Rosen :

Porren :

DeHans :

Defense + Econ "Disturbances" - Honors Program
Title II - Historically many jobs have not gone to people
Do not cut anything - Includes Black Caucus Rep. in
25 individuals in w/Honors meetings. Inflation -
Defense Budget - Avoid cut Honors + Social Programs.

NOTES FROM MEETING FOR TALKING POINTS

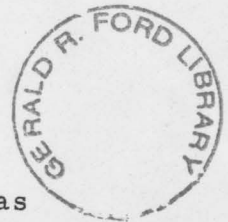
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Important Remarks From Meeting With Congressional Black Caucus

President Ford welcomed the 16-member Congressional Black Caucus to the White House today for an open and frank exchange of ideas.

He told the Congressmen that he wanted to establish "open lines of communications."

The President said he intended to take the position he feels important, although there might be opposition, apparently in direct reference to his call for a study of conditional amnesty for Vietnam service evaders. He said, "Lincoln made what was considered an unpopular decision at that time. So did Harry Truman."



The President told the Black Caucus that Stan Scott was helpful to him when he was Vice President. Stan Scott will be an integral part of his staff in his new capacity.

RANGEL: Called for the President to appoint a Black to a position where he would have access. "This, Rangel said, "would permit the Black members of Congress to get their word in to him."

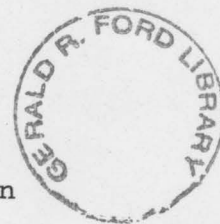
DIGGS: Praised the President for the change in the mood throughout the country. He asked for continuous dialogue with the minority component.

He asked the President to insure the appointment of Blacks in key policy-making roles throughout the White House staff and all departments within the Executive Branch.

He urged the President to expand and bring Blacks into key posts in the domestic, foreign and executive areas.

He called for the President to refocus the prior mechanism on the international front for better insight into the third world developing nations of Africa.

He asked President Ford to make sure that his open door policy included Africa and called on him to assume leadership for third world nations.



Concerning Rhodesia: Diggs tabled his planned remarks in view of the President's statement calling for repeal of the Byrd Amendment. Diggs told the President that the issues they brought before him on behalf of Blacks were not new; they have gotten worse -- asked the President for clear intentions, and affirmative action -- Diggs said, "Blacks have gotten to the point where they are looking for 'show me.'"

DELLUMS: Appreciated meeting -- cited the need to come together -- asked for Black representation in all areas.

Asked President not to cut human programs.

Dellums said there would be serious opposition to a move to cut social programs if he did not consider cut in defense budget.

President Ford assured the Black Caucus that he did not consider the defense budget to be 'sacrosanct.'

MITCHELL: Urged President to sign SBA Bill on his desk.

CLAY: Urged concentration on housing for minority and poor.

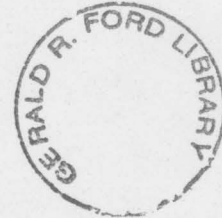
BURKE: Deal with inflation.

COLLINS: Wants expanded public service employment.

HAWKINS: Asked President to focus on economic needs and unemployment.

Called for a new agency, similar to OEO, to deal with specific needs of the poor.

Asked for 1 million public service jobs.



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