

DUKE

January 6, 1969

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Senator Cooper has passed on to me your letter of November 12. I very much appreciate your kind words about me, and your thoughtful comments on the American political process.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

The Honorable
Angier Biddle Duke
American Ambassador
Copenhagen

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Subject: Offer of support
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UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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December 11, 1968

Dear Mr. Prud'Homme

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 Ambrose Duke (W. May) asked
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If you could spare some
 time, says the
 need deliver both, it
 would be appreciated.

John M. Coffey

Letter to President Elect from John Sherman Cooper, December 11, 1968

Dear Mr. President-Elect:

When I was in Brussels Ambassador Duke (Norway)(HK comment: he means Denmark) asked that I deliver the enclosed letter to you. I also saw him at the Salute to Churchill Dinner on Monday evening. He made a strong statement for you at the dinner. I consider him a loyal American who would serve you well if the opportunity arose.

Yours sincerely,

John Sherman Cooper

PS If you could write him, saying I had delivered letter, it would be appreciated.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

November 12, 1968

Dear Mr. President-elect:


The first thought of many of us serving overseas in this post-election period concerned our responsibilities and our opportunities in interpreting the great events that are taking place at home. My statement to the Danish press on November 6 (copy attached) is an illustration in this regard. Those of us who have closely followed your international policies with interest and understanding feel, I can assure you, the fullest measure of confidence in the leadership of those policies in your hands.

As one who came to appreciate your qualities at first-hand during the refugee crisis following the Hungarian revolution, I have no hesitancy in responding positively to your words of last September setting forth the principle that your administration would draw on the talents of all Americans regardless of Party affiliation.

Having served our government in one capacity or another for seventeen years, I wholeheartedly offer my support, either in this post, another, or in private life. The needs and dangers during these times for our country are too many for narrow partisanship. My pro-forma resignation will shortly be forwarded to you, but if it is thought that I can be helpful here in the transitional period or beyond, I would want you to know that I wish to be of service to you and your administration.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,


Angier Biddle Duke
Ambassador

Statement Made by Ambassador Duke, November 6, 1968, 6:00 p.m. GMT
American Embassy, Copenhagen, Denmark

Once again, the United States has proved the durability of the democratic process. Friends of freedom of choice, of the Open Society, of the multi-party system, will take heart today that some 60 million voters have expressed themselves at the polls in an act which reflects the people's decision.

In Richard Nixon, the American people have decided upon a man who has clearly demonstrated a proven record of responsibility in government and a talent for leadership during significant years at the centre of executive power. He is well-known as a widely experienced internationalist and a supporter of the liberal enlightenment which has continued within the United States since the 1930's.

Danes can be confident that in the President-elect, Europe has a staunch friend, a supporter of NATO and an admirer of Denmark who was the principal speaker at the celebration at Rebild in 1962. He exemplifies that aspect of the American system which makes it possible to reach our highest elective office without a background of economic advantages. His family was not affluent and he had to work hard for his education and his livelihood. He will require no apprentice period to learn his job as President and will, I am sure, move decisively to develop and carry out those programs for economic security and peace which are essential to the welfare of people everywhere.

I know him as a man of compassion and as a man who can get things done.

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December 17, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT ELECT

From: Henry A. Kissinger *H*

Subject: Letter from Senator Cooper Transmitting Letter from
Ambassador Duke

Senator Cooper asked me to pass on the attached letter (Tab A) enclosing a letter from Ambassador Duke (now our Ambassador to Denmark). Since Cooper suggests that you acknowledge receipt of the Duke letter, I have attached a proposed reply at Tab B.