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Washington, D.C. 20520

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January 3, 1969

Dear Henry:

Ambassador Bowles in New Delhi has sent a memorandum on United States relations with India to the Secretary-designate. He has also forwarded copies for the President-elect, for Ambassador Murphy, for Mr. Ellsworth and for you. I enclose your copy.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Bill
William Leonhart

Enclosure

The Honorable
Henry A. Kissinger
Office of the President-elect
Hotel Pierre
New York, New York

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EMBASSY
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
New Delhi, India

December 27, 1968

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Honorable Henry Kissinger
Washington, D. C.

Dear Henry:

First, let me congratulate you on your appointment. I was greatly pleased that the position was offered to you and that you accepted it. In the minds of your many friends, it is a reassuring omen.

I will, of course, resign on January 20 and plan to be back in the United States by early spring. However, I thought it might be useful to prepare a memorandum for Secretary Rogers (whom I do not know) outlining my views on the situation in Asia, with particular reference to India's prospects and problems.

Although I know the mountain of material that must be on your desk, I earnestly hope that you will have an opportunity to read it and that if you feel it worthwhile you will ask other appropriate members of the new Administration to read it also.

Although there are still many serious problems, the situation here is in many ways encouraging and offers an important opportunity to the incoming Administration in its efforts to create a stable Asia.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Bowles".

Chester Bowles

P.S. I am also sending copies of this memorandum to Mr. Nixon, William Pierce Rogers, Parker T. Hart, Robert Murphy, Robert F. Ellsworth, Christopher Van Hollen.

Enclosures