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1	Letter	The President to Robert C. Hill. [4 copies]	2/16/71	possible B
2	Letter	The President to Generalissimo Francisco Franco. [4 copies]	2/16/71	possible B
3	Letter	Draft of # 1.	n.d.	possible B
4	Letter	Draft of # 2.	n.d.	possible B
5	Notes	Stenographic for items #1 and #2.	n.d.	possible B
6	Memo	6 } Maj. Gen. V.A. Walters to the President re visit to GEN. Franco. (5pp.)	3/4/71	possible B
7	Memo	7 } Typewritten draft of # 6 (3pp.)	n.d.	possible B
8	Memo	8 } Handwritten draft (partial) of # 6 (4pp.)	n.d.	possible B
9	Letter	Richard Nixon to General Franco re law of the sen proposat. (2pp.)	10/19/71	B (S-2pp.)

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February 16, 1971

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With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Honorable Robert C. Hill
American Ambassador
Madrid, Spain

RN dictated/ma

February 16, 1971

Dear Generalissimo Franco:

I have asked General Walters to deliver to you orally a strictly personal message. I would greatly appreciate it if you could arrange to see him alone. I have instructed him that no written record of any sort should be made and he should communicate whatever reply you may wish to make in person to me alone.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending our warmest personal regards to Senora de Franco and to you,

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Generalissimo Francisco Franco Bahamonde
Chief of the Spanish State
Madrid

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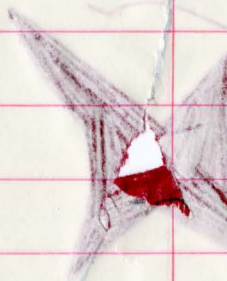
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Rose Mary Woods

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SECRET

October 19, 1971

Dear General Franco:

As you know, the United States has put forward a law of the sea proposal which would provide for a right of free transit through and overflight of international straits. The successful negotiation of this right and of our proposal for a twelve mile territorial sea at the Law of the Sea Conference scheduled for 1973 is of the highest importance to the United States and, we believe, to the security of the West. I was disturbed, therefore, to learn that Spanish officials have expressed opposition to this proposal at various international gatherings, including the General Assembly of the United Nations.

We believe that the right of free transit is essential for preserving the mobility of both our general purpose and nuclear deterrent forces, not only in meeting our commitments in Western Europe, but in fulfilling our responsibilities in other parts of the world as well. This right would be an objective one, established by international agreement and applicable to all straits used for international navigation. We do not think that the present international law right of innocent passage is sufficient for Western security requirements because it is a subjective standard, does not include the right of overflight, and carries a requirement that submarines must navigate on the surface.

Your Government has closely identified itself with the Western defense effort and we are pleased to know that you anticipate an even more active role in the future. I am confident, too, that Spain shares the concern of many

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By GAB NARA, Date 1/9/98

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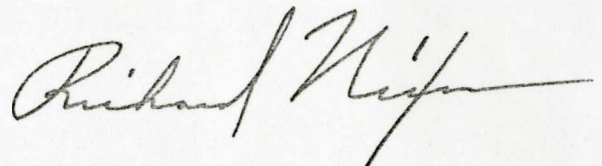
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Western nations over the recent increase in Soviet naval strength in the Mediterranean. It is to counter this potential threat by maintaining the maximum strategic flexibility for our own forces and those of our allies that we have proposed a right of free transit through and over international straits. We have concluded that an international agreement recognizing this right would benefit all countries interested in maintaining the political and military balance on which world stability is presently based.

We have discussed these issues with officials of your Government and will continue to do so, but I wanted you to know of my deep personal concern. I will welcome your views on this subject and have therefore asked Ambassador Hill to deliver this letter personally to you and to provide you with any additional information on this issue which you may require.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Nixon", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

His Excellency
General Francisco Franco Bahamonde
Chief of the Spanish State
Madrid

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