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Dear Dick,

My thanks to you for your letters of January 15th and 22nd.

Vice Chancellor and Minister of Economy Dr. Ludwig Erhard who is making his first visit to Egypt and has had a wonderful reception, was going to call on me today with the German Ambassador. Unfortunately he arrived from Bonn with influenza and had to go to bed immediately. He is in the palace for State guests and Nasser has sent his own personal physician. This of course, has disarranged the elaborate program made for him. He arrived with a staff of German economic experts and 12 reporters whom President Nasser received before he went to bed and upon whom he made an excellent impression.

This is the first genuine effort that West Germany is making to participate in the economic development of Egypt and Syria. Erhard is slated as the successor of Adenauer who being 84 is expected will retire after the crises of this year in the East-West negotiations are over.

Now that the financing of the second stage of the Asswan High Dam is assured by Russia, Nasser's position as the outstanding Statesman in the Middle East is firmly established. There was hope among Americans and especially of the Embassy that America would participate in the second stage. Action in Washington was too slow, too uncertain and too indecisive, Nasser lost hope and faith in the sincerity of Washington, that is really why he gave it to Russia. There was no concrete offer from the West on which he could rely and determined to ensure the construction of the High Dam should anything happen to him, Nasser's decision was in the circumstances a logical and practical one.

There have been considerable friction over different matters between Moscow and Cairo, details of which I cannot give here but are interesting. Krushchev and Nasser had some sharp exchanges but Nasser could not be budged on his neutralist standpoint and insisted that the deal must remain on an economic and not on a political level. There is now more or less an unwritten truce between Moscow Peking and Cairo. Nasser remains toughly anti-communist but limits his attacks to within the borders of the United Arab Republic. He is disappointed that American does not always follow an American policy in the Middle East, but in some matters supports colonial powers which he thinks must inevitably loose in the end in Africa and in Asia.

A confidential report has been received here privately that Red China is working on the atomic bomb and it would not surprise here if the next sensation before May 16th, may be an announcement that China "has the atomic bomb". I am following up the matter both here and in Europe to see what basis there is for this although it has long been believed in Hongkong that China was working on

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nuclear research. I thought some of these things might interest you.

What is the reaction at home to Eisenhower's going to Russia a second time?

With my warmest and highest regards.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Karl

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1156 -Attention White raw copy Berlin Sundayer Karl von Wiegand C A I R O
 All Africa is rising morally against for freedom independence against domination by European white mand and Colonial Powers as consequence of four years rebellion nine million Moslems Algeria & which has developed into present insurrection million French settlers against mother country France and President DeGaulle stoppera stoppera White supremacy & over ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ second largest continent on globe now vanishing with startling rapidity stop Just as Asia was lost to western political influence and domination through blunders of policy by western powers so Africa of 150 million negroes 45 million Arabs six million Asiatics five million whites is going same way stoppera The more positive better ~~di-~~directed influence of of Communist Sovrussia and of Red China with its appeal quote we are colored race and closer brothers to you unquote is quietly almost unobtrusively but effectively moving in stoppera In the statesmen seem unable to see the greatest and grimmest problem that has ever faced statesmen in 2000 years of Christian Era stop They hold endless conferences while Heads States scurry from capital to capital like shuttle over the Loom of Time and History vainly trying weave pattern of fabric & Destiny in their minds without realizing that it has become obsolete stoppera In Algeria the France of DeGaulle is fighting against two fronts dash the four rebellion of Moslems Berbers Kabyles which nearly half million French army unable downput and insurrection ultra French settlers enjoying sympathy French Army on which DeGaulle has to rely dash who resist DeGaulles planned concessions to rebels and possible plebicit stop Outnumbered eight one settlers know such methods democracy would mean that Algeria would pass from under Frances rule to independent Arab state stop This would mean continous Arab Front & of 70 to 80 million strong Arab Front from Morocco through Norafrika to Persian Gulf with Cairo as main center and citadel for Arab cooperative unity stoppera No where are developments in Algeria more closely watched or with greater interest than in Cairo seat of exile Provisional Rebel Algerian government stop This government operates extraordinarily quietly but optimism is high that no matter what DeGaulles and his government may do it will bring realization independence Algeria nearer stoppera stoppera

e situation Africa extremely unfavorable for European Colonial Powers
stop British Premier MacMillan received unfriendly welcome in numer places
on his tour personal inspection study sy British Kenya scene ruthless
British military supression Mau Mau uprising against European settlers now
demands independence stop There have been riots killing & in British Ugan-
-da stop To maintain quote White Supremacy unquote South African Union
white minority governs undemocratically by not giving franchise to over-
-whelming number natives stop Natives Belgian Congo of ~~200~~ 904757
sqmiles population around fifteen million richest European colony Africa
is enforcing demand independence also Spanish Mauretania stop Quote Free-
-dom Fever unquote has become contagious epidemic Africans stoppera
Some African congresses calling for ~~for~~ volunteer quote Liberation Bri-
-gades unquote to reinforce SLM rebels stop DeGaulles power in Algeria
rests on French Army's loyalty obedience stop Armys sympathy largely with
and their quote Algeria must remain integral part France unquote stop
Usually French Army traditionally very patriotic but now crucified
stop According information here unliky army fire on settlers or on each
other stoppera Moscow Peking watching African developments closely stop
Africans know two worlds greatest nations Sovrussia Redchina are with them
stoppera Egypt northeast ~~ENR~~ strategic corner is steadiest calmest part
in turbulent continent stop Gamal Abdul Nasser President UAR much praised
for his quote wise statemanship/in accept^{unquote}ing Russias bid second stage
High Dam while West was faltering hesitating stop Nassers decision declared
been practical logical inthat Dam has behind it big nation that will
assure its completion quote should anythiing happen to President whose
name will always stand in history as builder this great economic peace
monument unquote stoppera If America would follow an all American policy
it would be in position draw itself warmest friendship all Africa Middle
East stop Westgermany only other noncolonial power who can and is taking
steps to take advantage this great opportunity withi~~n~~ its limited financial
resources stop Minister Economy Erhard who came with twelve economic and
foreign office experts was warmly received stoppera end Bill no editorials
clippings moren month Karl von Wiegand

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1154 Attention White raw copy Berlin --Karl von Wiegand - C A I R O -
Soviet Unions Premier Nikita Khrushchevs announcement Communist Russia
will demobilize one million 200 thousand of its three and half million
standing army is no reduction of Soviet military might or ~~quote~~ quote
partial disarmament unquote as an example to America stoppera Its an ad-
-justment or readjustment of branches of Russias great quote War Machine
unquote stoppera Khrushchev is not lessening or reducing Russias offensive
or defencive striking power stoppera Khrushchev with approval Central
or Grand General Staff of Army Navy Airforce is shifting quote Center of
Gravity unquote of Russias striking power to quote Rocket and Missiles
Force unquote in war machine of which Soviet may indeed have largest
in world today stop Khrushchev wants at least American people think so
and shiver in fear stoppera Khrushchevs announcement at this time largely
for propogandistic effect on West as matter fact shows Russia is jump
ahead in trend this era from numericly superior manpower bombers to
intercontinental and medium rockets missiles stoppera Few days before
Khrushchevs announcement prominent Swede called on me during exchange
views he said Sweden had fourth large airforce world and that its Com-
-manderchief recently told him quote Sweden has placed its last orders
for bombers stop We are going over to rockets missiles fast as possible
unquote stop Sweden is not in Nato stop Like Switzerland its sel-
-reliant in national defense stoppera Khrushchevs approach to Summit
which he so long persistently pursued and after Eisenhowers long re-
-rejected until persuaded to accept by Communist Soviet Premier
is indeed extraordinary in history diplomacy stoppera Its continuatio
of Marshal Bulganins policy of warnings threats intimidations barrage
of notes to many nations which at time ~~was~~ outturned as bluffing
and ended in his fall stoppera Khrushchevs unilateral reduction one
third Russias army his statement Soviets Rocket Missiles Force now power-
-ful enough obliterate any assailant of Soviet Union his dramatic

emphasis that Russia has in the works new weapons of quote incredible power of destruction unquote tends to place Disarmament conference of ten powers in March and Summit May 16 under what comes close to shadow of Russian intimidation stop This new quote diplomacy unquote as approach peace disarmament meetings together with Moscows warning of shooting long range rockets midpacific is bad for lessening tension to put it mildly stopper Washingtons announcement Eisenhowers visit Russia again June tenth came as surprise at this time in some quarters stop Was believed been given to show Presidents confidence in promises made to him by Khrushchev at A Camp Davis has not been shaken Total disarmament is an Utopia which no thoughtful man who knows anything of history human nature or military affairs can take seriously unquote stop So writes one of the greatest military authorities Europe in letter stopQuote Eye do not believe Unitedstates will prematurely give up its Nuclear armament the only deterrent for which Russia any respect stop To follow Russias announced demobilization by America its allies would be to play Kremains game unquote stopper end

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 Quote The Peoples Republic of China and its 650 million people will
 not participate in ^{World} in/Disarmament Conference ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxxx~~ that is not preceded by or does not its full recog-
 -nition as a Great World Power stop pera Quote China will not adhere
 to any resolution decision taken by Disarmament Conference in which
 its Peoples Government has had no part in the deliberations stoppera
 Quote The Peoples Republic of China will not accept an invitation
 to Ten Powers Disarmament Conference scheduled meet in March unless
 it includes such recognition unquote stoppera Whether source from
 which above unofficial or seiofficial statement comes ~~xx~~ has authority
~~to~~ behind it eye cannot verify because of confidential channel
 through which it came stop Its interesting in view Secstate Herters
 remarks stop Some observers link it with Khrushchevs visit Peking
 immediately after Russian Premiers talk with Eisenhower at Camp Davis
 stop Same source said stoppera Quote Moscow London Washington are well
 informed on attitude Chinas attitude in being ignored as if did not
 exist stop There will be no disarmament by any Asian nation without
 China stop Two great world nations SovRussia India many smaller ones
 stand behind Peoples Republic of China on this question unquote stoppera
 & Red China operating silently behind its own quote bambo curtain
 unquote and its allys Iron Curtain appears to be k
 rating high its influence power to make or doom disarmament conference
 which in turn could have disastrous effect on Summit in May stoppera
 Quote Sovrussia Redchina are like Siamese Twins and dont underestimate
 that alliance in its working together unquote says in message tome
 Dr. Martin Fischer accounted one of very best authorities on China on
 basis his many years experience in China as German Minister Consul-
 -general stop Speaks reads Chinese fluently stop Now head Asian Insti-
 -tute Hamburg few men know past present Chinese character psychologically
 politically economicly

as well as he stop Fischer and a British Consulgeneral were only two Europeans whom eye ever knew belonged to some of Chinas a powerful secret organizations ~~xxx~~ called quote Tongs unquote stoppera Quote Peking Moscow working very closely together unquote says Fischer stop ~~xxx~~ Quote Dont be misled by reports of friction between Redchina Russia stop Of course theres friction there always is on lower levels between Allies but between two such coldly calculating Communist regimes as Russian Chinese that seldom affects magnitude of overall policy in hands of few men who tolerate no criticism from within stop One best examples even between two such democratically governed great nations ~~xx~~ is revealed in Memoirs & British Expremier Anthony Edens sharp criticisms of Britains ally Unitedstates in Anglofrench Israel attack on Egypt 1956 stop Imperative necessity by Britain maintain alliance with America overruled all other considerations and emotional bitterness stop That applies even more to two Totalitarian Communist Russia China unquote stoppera In his recent brochure quote The Economic Integration of Peoples Republic China with Soviet Union unquote published by Institute for Asia Fischer shows how close Red Chinas industrialization and economy is interwoven with Russian stoppera Not Fischer but another noted Chinese and Russian expert who speaks both languages equally well stated to me that seven thousand Russian engineers technical experts teachers managers planners were loaned to Redchina stop These he told me were now down to about fourthousand stoppera end

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January 19, 1960

Dear Dick:

I want to thank you through this note for sending on to me the copy of Karl von Wiegand's dispatch from Cairo.

There is no question but that he has put his finger squarely on the danger of the siren song of "coexistence", namely, that definition of its meaning is entirely different on the part of the Communists on one hand and the free world on the other. In addition, I am against a concept such as this which envisions the separation of the world into two armed camps until Communism can achieve world domination. I believe that we must have a dynamic position which competes, not just coexists.

With every best wish,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

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HEARST NEWSPAPERS NEWYORK.

1150 Attention White Sundayer Karl von Wiegand C A I R O At midnight

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Thursday this week the great curtain began to uproll on global stage heaped with greatest number major and secondary political military economic social religious problems world ever seen at one time before stoppera They are strung around globe from Washington to Tokyo thence again Washington stop They are the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ necklace of troubles and crises around worlds neck stop Their solution or nonsolution and methods used will determine future destiny nations hundreds millions peoples stoppera Those uppled problems mark grave errors of victor governments and their leaders during and end World War Two their shortsightedness lack vision bad judgment stop The blunders of Casablanca Cairo Teheran Yalta Potsdam quote personal contacts ~~and~~ secret talks unquote ~~and~~ and consequences must be faced in 1960 stop Fast and furious may be developments once unrolling begins ~~and~~ stoppera Heads governments America Russia Britain France doing utmost create universal optimism stop According their words predictions we seemingly are entering brighter era stop Hopes illusions faith great doubts skepticism marching side by side into Newyear stop ~~is~~ Thoughtful realism has relatively ~~is~~ small place in that parade stoppera Surface trends and universal popular demands are for peace stop Big Four Eisenhower/MacMillan Krushchev DeGaulle in rivalry but together want go into history as having given world that peace beginning with series of ~~for~~ ~~four~~ four quote Summit unquote personal talks stop Teheran Yalta Potsdam will ever be monuments in history of such conferences stoppera The basis of coming "Summits" is mainly "hope" stoppera The realities of Past and Present are gravely grim stop Communist Sovrussia with Red China its ally in back of iron curtain will not renounce world revolution stoppera Krushchev will not renounce Communism stop Those two facts alone mean ~~and~~ atheistic Communism of which Russia is father will remain an aggressive militant force and instrument ~~of~~ ~~the~~ of national policy in hands masters in Kremlin and in Peking with all implications stoppera Sitting in victors seat believing he has trumps his hands what possible concessions can Khrushchev make that would justify American government people and West in approving such peace with Khrushchevs kind of quote coexistence unquote stop India is experiencing that quote Coexistence unquote with Red China Russias great ally stoppera Pope John 23 with clear vision and spiritual moral courage in sombre language in world Christmas broadcast warned against such quote fictitious unquote peace stoppera ^{Summits will be} trial of spiritual moral strength as well as faith in superior armaments stop America Canada and nations western coalition have

the armed strength should Communist Russia force the calling on it comma to defeat quote fictitious unquote peace but Moscow sees signs ~~xxxx~~ in Unitedstates Britain Westgermany encourage Russia to believe that western armaments do not have that strong upstanding morale and fighting spirit essential to animate to highest degree for freedom those weapons stoppera Its still time to disabuse that thinking in Kremlin stopperaNineteen sixty will be record Afroasian year stop It will be knell of Colonialism stop Fever of independence however

premature in some states is sweeping former Dark Continent stop Impossi- -ble improvise true democratic thought action and government over- in people ninety percent illiterate stop Theres no substitute for experience and tradition stop Wholesale admission African states will change and darken complexion United Nations stop Already there are predictions printed that colored races will dominate it stop- ~~XX~~

-pera All big powers are courting those backward peoples in astonishing manner stop When eye in Bonn recently government delegation of ~~the~~ of newly independent prominent African state arrived enroute ~~stop~~

thinly clad in robes shawls stop They shivered in cold stop German foreign office gave each of the nine 300 Deutch Marks about 75 dollars to buy overcoat stop Instead each bought gold wrist watch continued shivering but were happy stop German officials then bought nine over- coats gave them stop There was double happiness stoppera India of 400 million will have hard difficult year externally internally stop Reports inspired ~~by~~ by some foreign embassies that India likely upbreak into

number ~~of~~ independent Republics is discounted in official circles stop Next to United States India is Communisms greatest target stoppera Middle East especially United Arab Republic enters 1960 confident Nasser determined in his stand against Communism and encouraged by warmer winds blowing from Washington stop January ninth Nasser will lay foundation stone ~~of~~ Nile High Dam Aswan greatest undertaking its kind on earth stop Will take fifteen years complete stop All hotels Luxor Aswan

numer ous Nile passenger boats z other special accomodations already overfilled stoppera Nasser beginning crack whip over his ministries in effect telling ministers department chiefs not wear out trousers in office but get out into country meet people learn study help solve their problems stoppera There z are signs that foreign m inisters and Chiefs ~~there~~ western big three so preoccupied with ~~piece~~ piecemeal details German other problems they forgetting real problem dash continuous red front from NorthVietnz. Pacific to Norway stoppera end Karl von Wiegand

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September 10, 1959

Berlin, Richard E.

Dear Dick:

This is just a note to thank you for your letter of August 19 passing on to me the information you had received from Karl von Wiegand. You may be sure that I found it most interesting and will certainly bear it in mind.

I might add that one of my own conclusions was confirmed by the report in your letter. There is no doubt in my mind that Khrushchev is and will remain a dedicated Communist and will continue to pursue Communism's long term objective of world domination. What we must do is convince him that the Marxist view of a divided, exploitive and decadent Free World is hopelessly outmoded and that the only rational course of action in a world of nuclear weapons is peaceful competition rather than his present tactic of unilateral aggression.

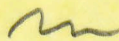
Pat joins me in sending to you and Honey our very best wishes,

Sincerely,



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