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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT RICHARD M. NIXON TO PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA:

QTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON MY ELECTION TO THE PRESIDENCY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUANCE OF THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH SO HAPPILY EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS AND HOPE THEY MAY BE STRENGTHENED IN THE YEARS AHEAD. SINCERELY, RICHARD M. NIXON UNQUOTE

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3. FYI: INCOMING MESSAGE FROM SIR SERETSE FOLLOWS:

QTE: HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ELECTION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE. SERETSE KHAMA, PRESIDENT, REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA. UNQUOTE.

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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO SIR SERETSE KHAMA: BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE ON MY INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THE YEARS AHEAD WILL BE CHALLENGING ONES FOR ALL OF US. OUR FOREMOST TASK WILL BE TO BUILD A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND. MY ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE A SOLEMN COMMITMENT TO PURSUE THIS TASK WITH ALL ITS ENERGY AND STRENGTH. I HOPE AND TRUST THAT OUR LINES OF COMMUNICATION WILL REMAIN OPEN AS WE SEEK A WORLD IN WHICH NO PEOPLE WILL LIVE IN ANGRY OR UNWANTED ISOLATION. SINCERELY YOURS, RICHARD M. NIXON END QUOTE..

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JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

1. Department appreciates information supplied reftel on Shashi developments and President Khama's proposed visit, which we have not (repeat not) divulged to IBRD.
2. Recent contact with IBRD indicates late March meeting between McNamara and Khama somewhat premature. Although Dean due back later this week, Bank decision on future course of project will not be made in early April as indicated reftel. If Bank receives BRST firm plans and power requirements by end March, probable Bank will propose informal meeting of possible donors late April prior to despatch of its appraisal mission now tentatively scheduled for May. Thus, assuming agreement with GOB and BRST on capital costs and preliminary indications of financing, ~~decision on~~ ^{decision on} project

Hand by: *[Signature]* rjp 3/4/69
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not likely to be made before early May.

3. Department will keep Embassy informed of developments here and requests Embassy do same, especially re Khama visit.

4. When date finally determined for Khama/IBRD talks, Dept. will do all possible arrange call on President Nixon for Khama, but can give no assurances now. Focus of call, however, should be on general ~~ix~~ situation of Botswana rather than seeking assurances on US role in Shashi complex which President would be unable specify.

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TO: Mr. Kenneth Cole

FROM: Chief of Protocol

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY
TO THE REMARKS OF THE
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR OF
THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
CHIEF LENCHWE MOFELI^X KGAFELA II
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION
OF HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE - *filed - oversize*

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Mr. Ambassador:

It is a great pleasure to receive from you the
Letter of Credence by which His Excellency President
Sir Seretse Khama accredits you as the Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United
States of America.

I warmly welcome your desire to promote and
solidify the good relations that exist between our
two countries and I am confident that you will be
successful in discharging the responsibilities en-
trusted to you as Ambassador of Botswana to the United
States.

I am well aware of the desire of the Government

of Botswana

of Botswana to establish a politically stable and economically viable democracy. There are special problems which will require the best efforts of your countrymen. I wish to assure you that my Government will follow these developments with special interest, and, if possible, assist in the attainment of the high goals you have set, which are entirely consistent with those of my own country.

Again, Mr. Ambassador, I wish to welcome you to the United States and express the hope that your association with us will be a pleasant and fruitful experience - one which will contribute materially to the cordial relations we share with you.

President Sir Seretse Khama has chosen well, I am sure, in your appointment and I extend to you my very best wishes, as well as those of the people of the United States, for a prosperous, peaceful and happy future.

REMARKS OF THE
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR
OF
THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
CHIEF LENCHWE MOFELI KGAFELA II
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION
OF HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

I have the honour to present to you this my
Letter of Credence appointing me as Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic
of Botswana to the United States of America in
succession to my predecessor, Dr. Z. K. Matthews,
who died in office.

It gives me great pleasure to bring to you,
Mr. President, the cordial greetings of my President,
His Excellency Sir Seretse Khama, and the Government
and people of Botswana.

As Ambassador of Botswana

As Ambassador of Botswana to the United States

I am deeply conscious of the great responsibility entrusted to me and it will be my earnest endeavour to discharge that responsibility with respect and diligence. My duty is happily made light by the friendly relations which exist between our two countries and I will make every effort to further promote and solidify these good relations.

As you well know, Mr. President, the new State of Botswana is confronted with a variety of problems which with your aid and support we hope to surmount. I am to convey to you, Mr. President, my Government's appreciation for the very positive interest the United States has shown in the development of Botswana.

Allow me, Mr. President, to congratulate you on your election to the Presidency of this great country
and participation

and participation in the leadership of the world,
and to wish you success in your high office and in
your search for just and lasting solutions to the
various problems of our times which especially
confront you.

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS
BY AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE OF BOTSWANA
CHIEF LENCHWE II

THE WHITE HOUSE

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1969

THE PRESIDENT:

At 11:45 a.m. you will be escorted to the Roosevelt Room and stand with your back to the South wall. The Chief of Protocol will be positioned to your left.

Ambassador Designate of Botswana, Chief Lenchwe II, will then arrive at the Roosevelt Room accompanied by Mr. Robert C. Moore, Deputy Assistant Secretary African Affairs Bureau. The Chief of Protocol will announce the Ambassador.

You will shake hands with the Ambassador and exchange informal greetings while pictures are being taken. The Ambassador will then hand you the Letter of Recall, the credentials and written remarks. Upon accepting these you will pass them to Ambassador Mosbacher, who in turn will hand you your written reply. You will present this to the Ambassador.

You, the Ambassador, Ambassador Mosbacher and Mr. Moore will then be escorted to your office for a brief informal discussion.

It is estimated that your participation will take 10 minutes.

NOTE: There will be photo coverage of the presentation of credentials.

No formal remarks are required.

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PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

THE WHITE HOUSE

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1969

THE PRESIDENT:

You are scheduled commencing at 11:45 a.m. to receive at ten minute intervals the following newly appointed Ambassadors for the purpose of accepting their credentials:

Chief Lenchwe II, Botswana

Kul Shekhar Sharma, Nepal

Ernesto V. Lagdameo, Philippines

Mothusi Thamsanqa Mahologu, Lesotho

Individual schedules are attached.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL

April 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DWIGHT L. CHAPIN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: The President's appointments to receive
credentials from four newly-Appointed
Ambassadors

The President has agreed to receive four newly-Appointed Ambassadors for the purpose of accepting their credentials as chiefs of mission at Washington. The first appointment is scheduled at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 17, 1969, and three others follow at ten minute intervals on the same day. Names, countries and order of precedence are -

- // NO. 1 - Chief Lenchwe II, BOTSWANA //
- NO. 2 - Kul Shekhar Sharma, NEPAL
- NO. 3 - Ernesto V. Lagdameo, PHILIPPINES
- NO. 4 - Mothusi Thamsanqa Mashologu, LESOTHO

Mr. Clement Conger, Deputy Chief of Protocol, will escort Chief Lenchwe II, Botswana; Mr. Samuel King, Deputy Chief of Protocol, will escort Mr. Sharma, Nepal; Mr. Harold Pace, Assistant Chief of Protocol, Mr. Lagdameo, Philippines; and Mr. Marion Smoak, Assistant Chief of Protocol, Mr. Mashologu, Lesotho. The Ambassadors and their escorts will arrive at the Diplomatic Entrance of the White House via the South West Gate.

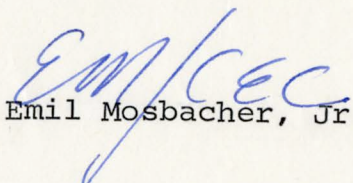
At 11:45 a.m., I will await the arrival of the Ambassador of Botswana in the Cabinet Room (he will be escorted there by Mr. Conger). Mr. Robert C. Moore, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs Bureau, will be with me. I will invite the Ambassador to sign the Guest Book. When the President is ready, I will join him in the Theodore Roosevelt Room and Ambassador Moore will follow with the Ambassador of Botswana. I will announce the Ambassador of Botswana, and will hand an envelope containing his reply to the Ambassador's remarks to the President to exchange for the Ambassador's envelopes which he has handed to the President. This exchange

is made in the presence of the press and photographers in the Theodore Roosevelt Room. Afterwards, the President will invite Ambassador Lenchwe into his office for a few minutes of conversation. Ambassador Moore and I will join them. When the conversation is at an end, Ambassador Lenchwe will leave the President's office through a door leading to the porch where his escort awaits him to make the return trip to his Embassy.

In the meantime, Mr. King will have escorted the Ambassador of Nepal for an 11:55 a.m. appointment with the President. The presentation ceremony will be repeated; however, Deputy Assistant Secretary Handley will represent the Near East Bureau.

The next Ambassador, Philippines, will be escorted to the Cabinet Room by Mr. Pace. The 12:05 p.m. appointment arranged for the Philippine Ambassador will duplicate the two prior ones. Mr. William Bundy, Assistant Secretary of the Near East Bureau will be present.

At 12:15, Mr. Smoak will bring the fourth Ambassador, Lesotho, to the Cabinet Room. Deputy Assistant Secretary Moore of the African Affairs Bureau expects to represent the geographic area on this occasion also. This Ambassador will be presented to the President in the same manner as the others and the same courtesies extended.


Emil Mosbacher, Jr.

Copies to - Mr. Kenneth Cole (with official documents)
Mr. Hugh Sloane

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 9, 1969

Wednesday - 1:30 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE EMIL MOSBACHER, JR.

RE: Request for appointments with the President for presentation of
credentials of Appointed Ambassadors

The President will receive the following three Ambassadors on Thursday,
April 17, at 11:45 for a presentation of their credentials:

Chief LENCHWE Molefi Kgafela II, BOTSWANA
Kul Shekhar Sharma, NEPAL
Ernesto V. Lagdameo, PHILIPPINES

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CC: Mr. Henry Kissinger
Mr. Kenneth R. Cole

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 9, 1969
Wednesday - 2:00 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SANFORD FOX

On Thursday, April 17, at 11:45 a.m. the President will receive the following three Ambassadors for a presentation of their credentials:

Chief LENCHWE Molefi Kgafela II, BOTSWANA

Kul Shekhar Sharma, NEPAL

Ernesto V. Lagdameo, PHILIPPINES

Will you please prepare the envelopes?

Many thanks.



DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

CC: Mr. Ken Cole

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL

April 7, 1969

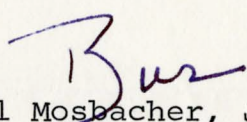
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DWIGHT L. CHAPIN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Request for appointments with the
President for presentation of credentials
of Appointed Ambassadors

There are now three Appointed Ambassadors in
Washington who have assumed their duties and are
anxious to present credentials to the President.
They are, in order of precedence -

Chief LENCHWE Molefi Kgafela II, BOTSWANA
Kul Shekhar Sharma, NEPAL
Ernesto V. Lagdameo, PHILIPPINES

As soon as there is a convenient time for the
President to receive credentials from these foreign
chiefs of mission, please inform me. Official
credentials documents will accompany my confirming
memorandum.


Emil Mosbacher, Jr.

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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

Subject: Your Meeting with the Appointed Ambassador of Botswana, Chief LENCHWE (Lench-Way) Molefi Kgafela II

1. The Ambassador understands that this is a courtesy call and he should, accordingly, raise no questions of substance.
2. You may wish to express -
 - a. your pleasure at meeting Ambassador Lenchwe;
 - b. regret at the death of Ambassador Lenchwe's distinguished predecessor, Dr. Z. K. Matthews, which occurred in Washington last June;
 - c. your hope to have had a longer talk with President Sir Seretse Khama last week which was prevented by circumstances beyond control;
 - d. your pleasure upon learning that President Khama was able to conduct useful talks with the President of IBRD and the Secretary of State while he was in Washington;
 - e. your deep interest in the progress of Botswana since its independence in 1966 in establishing a politically stable, nonracial democracy in the heart of Southern Africa; and
 - f. your continued confidence in our Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Charles H. Pletcher, a Foreign Service Officer assigned to Gaberones since Botswana's independence (biographic sketch attached).

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AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA: None

CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES: Charles H. Pletcher, FSO

First assigned to Gaberones February 1966. With granting of independence to Botswana in 1966, appointed Chargé d'Affaires - recently this assignment was extended for another year.

CHIEF LENCHWE MOLEFI KGAFELA II

AMBASSADOR

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

Born: Mochudi, Botswana (then Bechuanaland, a British Protectorate) on May 2, 1935

Language: English

Education: Secondary education in South Africa
Studied in United Kingdom at Woodchester
and Southend Technical College

Marital Status: Wife and one daughter

Career: 1963 - Installed Chief of the Bakgatla Tribe
1965 - Member of the Constitutional Committee
Chairman of the Bakgatla District Council and,
subsequently, First Chairman of the House
of Chiefs

Other: Visits to Scandinavian countries, France and
West Germany, in addition to residence in
United Kingdom

Leading patron of the Botswana Football (soccer) Association

Very fond of sports

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

American Chargé d'Affaires: Charles H. Pletcher, FSO

Capital: Gaberones

Population: (Capital: 23,000; country: 600,000)

President: Sir Seretse Khama, K.B.E.

Vice President: Mr. Quett Masire

Country Ambassador: Chief LENCHWE Molefi Kgafela II

Economy: Agrarian

Foreign Aid Donors: US - AID, 1 multi donor project
1 reg'l project Self-help fund
Peace Corps - 65 PCV's
Other: United Kingdom, Scandinavia,
UN, Canada, Australia



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

BACKGROUND NOTES

Population: 600,000 (est.)

Capital: Gaborone (pop. 18,000)

The Republic of Botswana is situated in southern Africa. It is bounded on the south and east by the Republic of South Africa, on the northeast by Southern Rhodesia and Zambia, and on the west and north by South West Africa. The country, which has never been surveyed completely, has an estimated area of 238,805 square miles (approximately the size of Texas).

Botswana, a vast tableland with a mean altitude of 3,300 feet, is a natural habitat for most species of African fauna. The Kalahari Desert, consisting of rolling sandy country with some semidesert and extensive grassy areas, covers much of the southwest. In the northwest and north the Okavango and Chobe Rivers water the land, the former spreading over a great inland delta (6,500 square miles commonly called the Okavango Swamps). In general, the eastern and northern regions have the best agricultural land and the most favorable rainfall.

The climate is generally subtropical, but varies with the latitude and altitude. Average annual rainfall is 18 inches and ranges from 25 inches in the north to 9 inches or less in the Kalahari Desert. The territory lies in the summer rainbelt, with rains beginning in October and ending in April. May to September are normally completely dry months. Temperatures range from in excess of 100° F. in summer to below freezing in winter.

Botswana's flag has a blue field divided by a black horizontal band with a narrow white stripe on either side.

THE PEOPLE

The estimated total population (projected beyond the 1964 census) is 600,000. Aside from approximately 29,000 Bushmen, 5,000 Europeans, 500 Hottentots, 526 Asians, and some 4,700 mixed, the people are Bantu and are divided into eight main tribal groupings of the Batswana. The main tribes of the Batswana are the Bamangwato, the Bakwena, the Batawana, the Bangwaketse, the Bakgatla, the Bamalete, the Barolong, and the Batlokwa. The great majority of the people live in the eastern part of the country; about one-half live in villages of 1,000 or more. There are 10 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants. The largest are Serowe and Kanye, with about 35,000 each. Population density is approximately 2.5 persons per square mile.

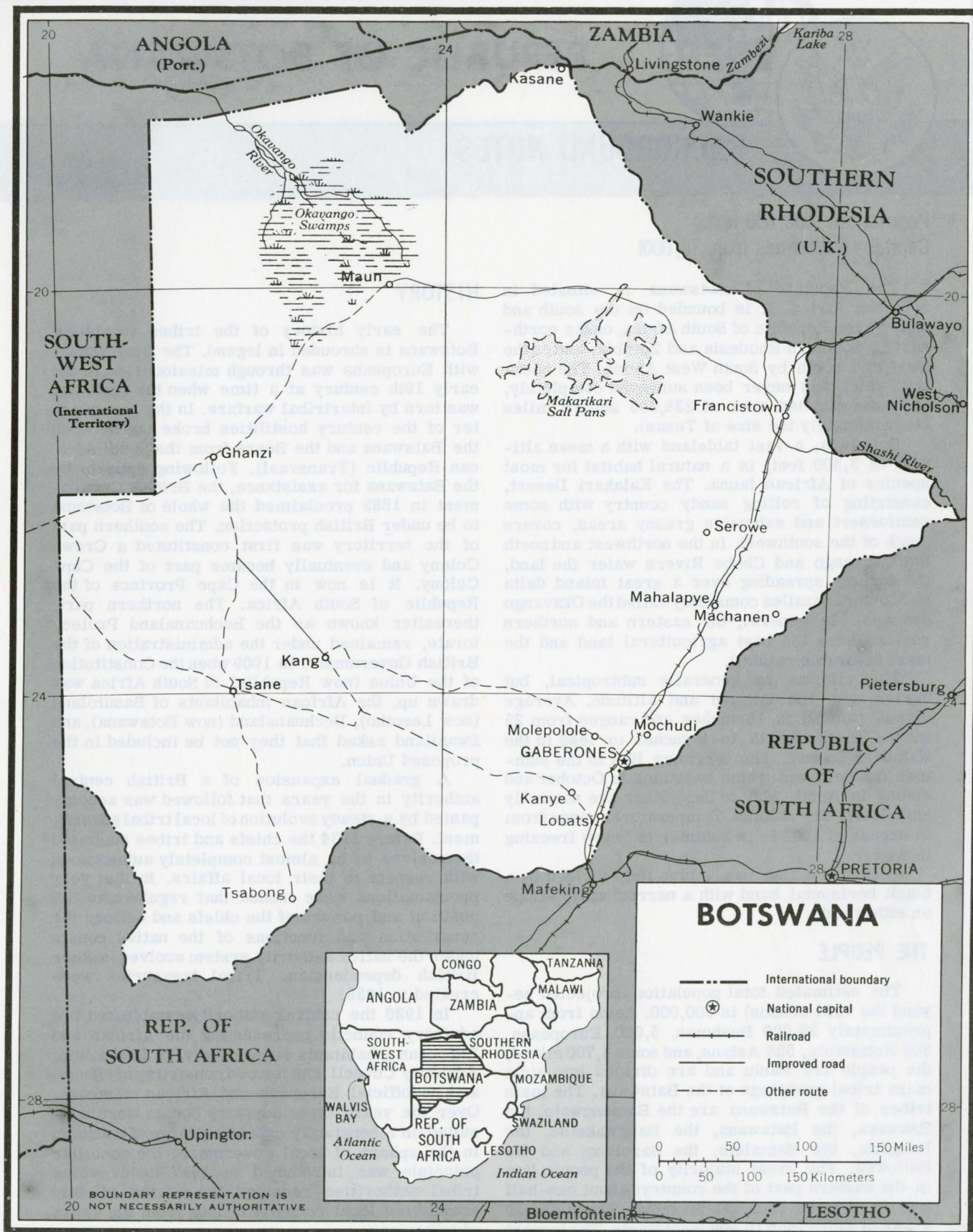
HISTORY

The early history of the tribes inhabiting Botswana is shrouded in legend. The first contact with Europeans was through missionaries in the early 19th century at a time when the territory was torn by intertribal warfare. In the last quarter of the century hostilities broke out between the Batswana and the Boers from the South African Republic (Transvaal). Following appeals by the Batswana for assistance, the British Government in 1885 proclaimed the whole of Botswana to be under British protection. The southern part of the territory was first constituted a Crown Colony and eventually became part of the Cape Colony. It is now in the Cape Province of the Republic of South Africa. The northern part, thereafter known as the Bechuanaland Protectorate, remained under the administration of the British Government. In 1909 when the Constitution of the Union (now Republic) of South Africa was drawn up, the African inhabitants of Basutoland (now Lesotho), Bechuanaland (now Botswana), and Swaziland asked that they not be included in the proposed Union.

A gradual expansion of a British central authority in the years that followed was accompanied by a steady evolution of local tribal government. Before 1934 the chiefs and tribes supposed themselves to be almost completely autonomous with respect to their local affairs. In that year proclamations were issued that regularized the position and powers of the chiefs and defined the constitution and functions of the native courts under the native authority system evolved in other British dependencies. Tribal treasuries were created in 1938.

In 1920 the central authority established two advisory councils representing the African and European inhabitants respectively. In 1950 a Joint Advisory Council was formed consisting of official and nonofficial European and African members. Over the years these advisory bodies were consulted on a constantly expanding range of matters. In the sphere of local government the conciliar principle was introduced in 1957 under which tribal authorities received the advice of duly constituted local councils chosen from the ranks of tribesmen.

In 1958 the Joint Advisory Council passed a resolution "that the time had come when a Legislative Council should be formed and empowered



to assist in the government of the territory." Following study and recommendations of a constitutional committee, a constitution establishing a Legislative Council was promulgated and became effective May 2, 1961. The Legislative Council held its first session at Lobatsi on June 21, 1961.

In April 1963 the Secretary of State for the Colonies announced to the British Parliament Her Majesty's Government's intention to review the Botswana Constitution with a view to further political advance. Her Majesty's Commissioner subsequently met with members of the local political parties and other groups; there was unanimous agreement on the specifics of a constitutional revision; and the conclusions were published in a local White Paper in Botswana in November 1963.

In June 1964 the British Government announced its acceptance of proposals for a form of self-government for Botswana which provided for a ministerial system and was designed to lead naturally to independence. These proposals had been agreed upon unanimously during discussions in Botswana between Her Majesty's Commissioner and representatives of the chiefs, political parties, and important minority communities. In February 1965 the seat of government was moved from Mafeking in the Republic of South Africa to the new capital at Gaborone. The new Constitution came into effect in March 1965, and general elections were held.

Botswana became independent on September 30, 1966, at which time it changed its name from Bechuanaland.

GOVERNMENT

Under the Constitution the executive government of Botswana is controlled by a Cabinet presided over by a President and consisting of a Vice President and nine other ministers drawn from the National Assembly.

The National Assembly has 36 members (excluding the Speaker)—31 directly elected, four elected by the elected Members of the Assembly, and the Attorney General, who may speak but not vote in the Assembly.

For the purpose of electing members of the National Assembly, Botswana is divided into 31 single-member constituencies on the basis of an equal population quota per constituency. A single voters' roll based on universal adult suffrage is maintained for each constituency. The first general election was held on March 1, 1965. A total of 140,789 people voted; 28 seats went to the Botswana Democratic Party, and three to the Botswana Peoples Party. Neither the Botswana Independence Party nor the Botswana National Front gained any seats.

Under the Constitution there is also a House of Chiefs. The Chiefs of the eight principal tribes of Botswana are permanent *ex officio* members, and four other members are elected by and from the subchiefs in the Chobe, Francistown, Ghanzi,

and Kgalagadi districts. The House of Chiefs is available to advise the Government in the exercise of its responsibilities. The National Assembly is prohibited from proceeding with any bill which concerns a defined range of subjects relating to matters of tribal concern unless a draft has been referred to the House of Chiefs.

The Constitution contains a code of fundamental human rights which is enforced by the High Court of Botswana.

The national budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1968, was R14 (\$20.8) million. United Kingdom aid, largely in grant form, provides 60 percent of the budget, but the aid agreement is to be reviewed in 1970. Less than 10 percent of budget revenue comes from customs duties. Under a 1910 customs union agreement with South Africa, Botswana receives a fixed percentage of total customs revenue collected by the Republic. This agreement, which includes Swaziland and Lesotho, is being revised.

ECONOMY

Gross national product is estimated at \$35 million; per capita income at \$50.

With a national herd of about 1.1 million cattle, Botswana's economy depends almost entirely on exports of cattle and animal byproducts. Crop agriculture, mineral exploitation, and tourism are undergoing development. Only about 2,000 square miles of arable land are cultivated, while some 50,000 square miles of potentially productive land lie unused.

Four, and in places 5, years of drought ended with the rainy season of 1966-67, which was abnormally heavy. Assisted by large-scale international drought relief efforts, agriculture—particularly stockraising—is making a good recovery.

A geological survey is underway to determine the country's mineral resources. Two large mining companies—Roan Selection Trust (RST) and the Anglo-American complex—are examining major mineral finds in the east and north with the hope of developing a sizable mining industry. Botswana RST is preparing to exploit ore bodies containing at least 30-40 million tons of copper-nickel ores. Anglo-American has located several kimberlitic diamond pipes and is investigating diamond mining.

To create the roads, power, water sources, and other infrastructure required to develop a mining industry, the Botswana Government, together with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the World Bank (IBRD), is conducting a preinvestment survey to determine how best to provide these facilities. Preliminary estimates place the cost of mining infrastructure at \$50-60 million.

The cattle industry operates through the Botswana Meat Commission, the largest meat company in Africa, and its subsidiary, Export and Canning Co., Ltd. The Meat Commission is a consortium formed by the Botswana Government,

the United Kingdom Commonwealth Development Corporation, and the livestock producers.

Exports of carcasses and live cattle reached a record high of R6.6 (\$9.3) million in 1965, due mainly to accelerated culling to avoid deaths from starvation during the drought. Production in 1966-67 fell off to a total value of R4.2 (\$5.9) million as herds were rebuilt. Exports in 1967 of canned beef and meat extract were worth R1.6 (\$2.2) million.

Total 1967 exports were R9.2 (\$12.8), consisting of animal products (85 percent), deferred pay and other cash savings of Botswana workers in South Africa (9 percent), minerals (4 percent) and agricultural produce (2 percent). About 45 percent of total exports went to South Africa.

Total 1967 imports were R20 (\$28) million, mainly foods and grains, minerals and fuels, motor vehicles, textiles and clothing.

Botswana has about 15 miles of paved roads and 4,839 miles of gravel or dirt roads. A \$3.6 million loan from the International Development Association (IDA) in 1964 was used to construct a new road from Francistown to Maun in the northwest and to improve the north-south road from the Southern Rhodesian border to South Africa. Further road construction and improvements in the north are planned.

The Cape Town-Bulawayo railroad runs through Botswana for 394 miles, paralleling the main north-south road. Airstrips serve most towns and settlements, but none are suitable for jet transport aircraft yet.

Botswana uses the same currency as the Republic of South Africa: Rand 1 = \$1.40. On July 24, 1968, Botswana became the 108th member of the International Monetary Fund and the IBRD. It also joined the IDA.

RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA

The South Africa Act of 1909, which established the Union of South Africa, envisaged the transfer of the Bechuanaland Protectorate, Basutoland, and Swaziland to the Union. However, the British Government pledged that transfer should not take place until the inhabitants of the territories had been consulted.

In 1963 the South African Prime Minister stated that if South Africa were to become their guardian instead of Britain, it could lead the territories more effectively and quickly to independence and economic prosperity. In the same year a British statement in the United Nations said: "There is no question of these territories being incorporated into South Africa against the wishes of their peoples."

Owing to its geographic position Botswana, like Lesotho and Swaziland, has close economic links with South Africa. About 30,000 of the population are employed in the mines in South Africa. Forty-

five percent of Botswana's exports are sold to South Africa. With Lesotho and Swaziland it is joined with South Africa in a customs union (presently being renegotiated); it uses South African currency; and there is close cooperation on various practical matters including transport, agriculture, and health.

U. S. POLICY

The United States desires to expand and strengthen its present friendly relations with the people of Botswana. It wishes to encourage the country's progressive political, economic, and social development as a nonracial, democratic, independent nation. The United States furnishes nominal aid and has an investment guarantee agreement with the Botswana Government.

PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

President—Sir Seretse Khama

Vice President—Dr. Q. K. J. Masire

Ministers:

Home Affairs—A. M. Dambe

Finance—M. K. Segokgo

Education, Health, and Labor—B. C. Thema

Works and Communications—A. M. Tsoebebe

Agriculture—T. T. Tsheko

Commerce, Industry, and Water Affairs—J. G. Haskins

Local Government and Lands—E.M.K. Kgabo

Development Planning—Dr. Q. K. J. Masire

Min. of State for External Affairs—M.P.K. Nwako

Botswana maintains an Embassy in the United States at 1701 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. Phineas Makepe is Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

PRINCIPAL U. S. OFFICIALS

The United States established a consulate at Gaberones, Bechuanaland, on April 7, 1966. The consulate was raised to embassy status on Botswana's independence September 30, 1966. Charles H. Pletcher is Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

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SUBJECT:

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Republic of Botswana -
Chief Lenchwe Moteli Kgafela

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1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT DATED APRIL 17 TO PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS AND YOUR GENEROSITY IN COMING TO WASHINGTON TO TAKE PART IN THE FUNERAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL EISENHOWER. ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS WELL AS FOR MYSELF I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR THIS MOVING DEMONSTRATION OF THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES. IT WAS VERY KIND OF YOU TO ALTER YOUR PLANS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION IN ADAPTING TO THE DEMANDS OF AN UNAVOIDABLY HEAVY SCHEDULE.

WHILE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR VISIT OFFERED LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER MATTERS, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I GREATLY ENJOYED OUR CONVERSATION AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY,
RICHARD NIXON

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DEVS HQ* PRESIDENT:

1. TO PRESIDENT BY SECRETARY KENNETH ROBERTS:

1. THESE FOLLOWING TEXT OF LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT DATED 1967

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BY SECRETARY KENNETH ROBERTS

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June 13, 1969

Dear Joe:

A month or two ago, I wrote to you and suggested several friends of mine as possible staff members for you. One of them, Michael^x Knapp, has just recently been asked by the Botswana government to leave that country. From all that I have been able to gather from Mike, the reason is that he and his colleagues took a bit too much initiative in trying to reform the teacher education system of Botswana. Normally, I would certainly not consider being expelled from a country a good recommendation for a staff position. But in this case, knowing Mike as well as I do, I think that it is Botswana's lost. Just at the moment, he is wondering what to do next, and would very much like to stay with the Peace Corps. He wrote me, wondering if I was aware of any jobs -- not necessarily with the Peace Corps -- that he might take up should he come back to the States. The only reason for this note is to point out that if you should be looking for an extremely capable young staff member just at this moment, Mike is available, and would probably be interested. He can still be reached in Botswana, at least for another couple of weeks.

Sincerely,

Chester E. Finn, Jr.

Staff Assistant to the President

Honorable Joseph Blatchford

Director

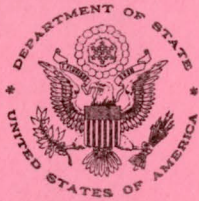
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TO AMEMBASSY GABERONES

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KHAMA. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND ESPECIALLY ASTRONAUTS ARMSTRONG, ALDRIN AND COLLINS, I THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR KIND THOUGHTS ON THE MANNED LUNAR LANDING. THIS FLIGHT HAS ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO HUMAN EXPERIENCE. LET US HOPE IT WILL ALSO USHER IN AN ERA OF INCREASINGLY FRUITFUL INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. SINCERELY RICHARD NIXON END QUOTE

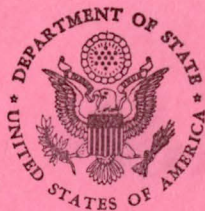
2. FOLLOWING FYI IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT KHAMA'S MESSAGE:

QUOTE ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST LANDING ON THE MOON, I SHOULD LIKE TO CONVEY TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA AND ON MY OWN BEHALF THEIR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS. THIS REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT HAS INSPIRED OUR ADMIRATION AND WE WISH YOUR FUTURE SPACE PROGRAM ALL SUCCESS. SERETSE, KHAMA END QUOTE

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TO PC HIS EXCELLENCY SIR SERETSE KHAMA K.B.E.,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA GABERONES

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ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AND WARM WISHES
TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA ON THIS THIRD ANNIVERSARY
OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF BOTSWANA. IT IS A FITTING DAY ON WHICH
TO CALL ATTENTION ONCE AGAIN TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE
PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
RICHARD NIXON

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TO AMEMBASSY GABERONES

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FYI FOLLOWING MESSAGE WILL BE SENT DIRECT VIA COMMERCIAL CHANNELS TO PRESIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 29. QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AND WARM WISHES TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA ON THIS THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF BOTSWANA. IT IS A FITTING DAY ON WHICH TO CALL ATTENTION ONCE AGAIN TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. RICHARD NIXON. UNQUOTE.

DEPARTMENT WILL RELEASE UPON CONFIRMATION BY EMBASSY OF RECEIPT BY PRESIDENT UNLESS OBJECTION PERCEIVED.
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TO:

Mr. Kissinger

FROM:

Exec. Secy. State

SUBJECT:

Congratulatory Message to
President of Botswana

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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SERETSE KHAMA FROM PRESIDENT NIXON:

QTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RE-ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF BOTSWANA.

MAY YOUR YOUNG NATION CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD UNDER YOUR DEDICATED LEADERSHIP. I KNOW THE WARM FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL GROW IN THE YEARS AHEAD. BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, RICHARD NIXON. END QTE.

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CHANGES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

BOLIVIA:

His Excellency
General Alfredo Ovando Candia,
President of the Revolutionary Government
of the Republic of Bolivia,
La Paz.

Dear Mr. President:

His Excellency
General Cesar Ruiz Velarde,
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship
of Bolivia,
La Paz.

Dear Mr. Minister:

BOTSWANA:

The spelling of the capital was changed by law on August 15, 1969 from "Gaberones" to "Gaborone".

His Excellency
E.S.K. Masisi,
Minister of State for External Affairs,
Gaborone.

Dear Mr. Minister:

NOTE: Mr. Masisi is handling foreign affairs matters, but the President of the Republic Sir Seretse Khama, continues to be also Foreign Minister. There is no separate "Ministry of Foreign Affairs".

BRAZIL:

His Excellency
General Emilio Garrastazu Medici,
President of the Federative Republic of Brazil,
Brasilia.

Dear Mr. President:

His Excellency
Mario Gibson Barbosa,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil,
Rio de Janeiro.

Dear Mr. Minister:

CAMBODIA:

His Highness
Prince Norodom Phurissara,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the
Royal Government of Cambodia,
Phnom Penh.

Dear Mr. Minister: or
Dear Prince Norodom:

COSTA RICA:

His Excellency
Fernando Lara Bustamante, (spelling)
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica,
San José.

Dear Mr. Minister:

GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC:

His Excellency
Willy Brandt,
Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany,
Bonn.

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

His Excellency
Walter Scheel,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the
Federal Republic of Germany,
Bonn.

Dear Mr. Minister:

December 5, 1969

EXEC
SP3-56

CO 20

Dear Mr. Pletcher:

In my address to the American people on November 3, I explained our efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace in Vietnam in considerable detail. Much of the information may be familiar to you, but I know you are deeply interested in the constant and patient search for solutions to the Vietnam conflict and I thought you might like to have a copy of the speech.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Charles H. Pletcher, Esquire
American Charge d'Affaires ad interim
Gaborone *BOTSWANA*

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December 5, 1969

EXEC.
SP3-56

0020

Dear Mr. President:

Our past conversations have assured me of your deep interest in peace for Vietnam. In view of our mutual pursuit of this goal, I thought you might like to have a copy of my recent address to the people of the United States.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

His Excellency
Sir Seretse Khama, K.B.E.
President of the Republic of Botswana
Gaborone

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February 4, 1970

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Dear Mr. Habib:

The years ahead present both new and familiar challenges to our country: the opportunities as well as the demands before us are exceptional. My recent address to the Congress on the State of the Union indicates a number of the goals we must achieve, together with approaches planned and already under way, and I hope you will find a copy of the speech useful.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Michael J. Habib
American Charge d'Affaires ad interim
Gaborone

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February 18, 1970

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Dear Mr. President:

Early in each year, by tradition, the President addresses the Congress of the United States on the State of the Union. This year I have sent a separate message to the Congress on the subject of United States foreign policy and I thought you might find a copy of the message useful, given the deep and shared desire of our peoples to live in peace with our neighbors throughout the world.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

His Excellency
Sir Seretse Khama, K.B.E.
President of the Republic of Botswana
Gaborone

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TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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SUBJ: APOLLO XIII MESSAGE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT KHAMA FROM PRESIDENT NIXON:

QUOTE: ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES
I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE CONCERNING THE
APOLLO XIII MISSION. WHILE WE ARE NATURALLY DISAPPOINTED
THAT THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF THE FLIGHT WERE NOT
ACHIEVED, IT HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNIZED THAT THE COMPLEXITIES
OF SUCH AN ENDEAVOR MAKE IT NECESSARY TO BE PREPARED FOR
THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DIFFICULTIES.

WE ARE MOST GRATIFIED THAT THE MEN INVOLVED IN THE
FLIGHT HAVE RETURNED SAFELY TO EARTH AND WE LOOK FORWARD
TO PROCEEDING TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF THE GOALS OF THE
APOLLO MISSION. END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING FYI IS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FROM
PRESIDENT KHAMA: QUOTE: PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS
AND THOSE OF THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ON THE
SAFE RETURN OF YOUR BRAVE ASTRONAUTS, AFTER THEIR
GRUELLING ORDEAL WHICH WE ALL FOLLOWED CLOSELY. END QUOTE

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Dear Mr. President:

Knowing your interest in the progress of efforts for peace in Vietnam, I am enclosing a copy of the text of the interim report on the Cambodia operation which I made to the people of the United States on June 3. It comes to you with my warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

His Excellency
Sir Seretse Khama, K.B.E.
President of the Republic of Botswana
Gaborone

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July 9, 1970

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Dear Mr. President:

Withdrawal of the last United States forces from Cambodia by June 30 has made it possible for me to give the American people a final report on the purposes and results of this operation. I am sending you a copy of the report with the hope that it will prove helpful in our mutual quest for a just peace among nations.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

His Excellency
Sir Seretse Khama, K.B.E.
President of the Republic of Botswana
Gaborone

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July 9, 1970

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The report I gave to the American people on June 30 expresses the purposes and accomplishments of the Cambodia operation. I think you may find the complete text of the report interesting and I am enclosing a copy with this note. It comes to you with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

His Excellency
Chief Linchwe II Molefi Kgafela
Ambassador of
Botswana
1701 New Hampshire Avenue, NW.
Washington, D.C.

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September 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Marshall Wright *mw*

SUBJECT: Independence Day Message to President Khama of Botswana

September 30 is Botswana's Independence Day. State proposes to send the following routine message of congratulations from President Nixon to President Khama. Ray Price concurs.

"It gives me great pleasure to extend to you my personal congratulations and those of the people of the United States on the fourth Anniversary of the Independence of Botswana. I am happy that my country is able to assist Botswana by participating in the development of roads and water distribution facilities. The close and growing bonds of friendship between our two countries are a source of reassurance to me in our progress toward peace and cooperation throughout the world."

RECOMMENDATION: That you approve the above text for transmission.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Notified Helen Brown 5/5 9/24
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TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING TO PRESIDENT KHAMA ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30. QUOTE IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO YOU MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND THOSE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF BOTSWANA. I AM HAPPY THAT MY COUNTRY IS ABLE TO ASSIST BOTSWANA BY PARTICIPATING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROADS AND WATER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES. THE CLOSE AND GROWING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE A SOURCE OF REASSURANCE TO ME IN OUR PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE AND COOPERATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. RICHARD NIXON. UNQUOTE

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