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TO:

Henry Kissinger

FROM:

Richard F. Kennedy

SUBJECT:

Action to Combat Terrorism

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September 23, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: RICHARD T. KENNEDY *Ken*
SUBJECT: Action to Combat Terrorism

Although useful work is now in process (through two State-chaired working committees) for preventing terrorism here and abroad, this is only one dimension of the total problem. The other dimension is what we do if an act of terrorism against U.S. diplomats or installations abroad, or against foreign diplomats and installations, or others in the United States does occur, as it may in spite of our best efforts at prevention.

We need to harness the bureaucracy and assure its full participation and support in the development of a comprehensive effort to deal with both aspects of the problem -- prevention of and response to acts of terrorism. This involves the foreign policy, intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

There are two ways to approach the problem:

- A Cabinet Committee on the model of the Cabinet Committee on Drugs.
- Designation of Secretary Rogers in overall charge of the effort, directing the participation of senior representatives of all Agencies in a Working Group responsive to him.

The Cabinet Committee has appeal in that it directly involves Cabinet Officers and suggests by its very designation a dramatic attack on the problem. As a practical matter, however, a Working Group of senior representatives would be absolutely essential to get the work done and there would have to be staff support to the Cabinet Committee through such a working group. In effect it would still have to be coordinated by a senior man who would have the backing to bring all Agencies along. Because of State's high level of involvement in all aspects of the problem (even on the domestic U.S. side in contrast to the drug situation), it would be logical for State to provide the Working Group chairman, but

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he would need direct access to the White House staff to assist in breaking any bureaucratic log jam which might arise. The alternative would be to follow the Drug Committee model and appoint a Working Group chairman from the White House staff, but this would require designation of an individual to work full time (and with someone to assist him).

Delegating the full responsibility directly to Secretary Rogers would have a slightly lower profile but, on the other hand, would enhance his personal role which will be all important in the coming weeks in dealing with other nations and international institutions on this issue. To bring together ongoing efforts, secure direct cooperation and support from other Agencies, and to provide the staff support he would require, a high-level working group would be necessary. This solution would accomplish the same purpose as the Cabinet Committee provided that (a) Rogers designated as the Working Group chairman a senior man with the clout to harness not only the various elements of State which are involved, but other elements of the bureaucracy. (Macomber, who is already involved in the problem in State would seem a logical choice -- he would be able to sit over the Bureau chiefs and report directly to the Secretary.) He would need support from the White House staff and this could be provided whenever required. We would also visualize, as with the Cabinet Committee Working Group, the White House staff and the NSC staff would participate in the Working Group.

We have provided two complete packages:

- At Tab I, the package that recommends to the President that he establish a Cabinet Committee.
- At Tab II, a package which recommends to the President that he direct Secretary Rogers to take overall charge and establish a senior level interagency working group to assist him.

Both packages include a memorandum which the President would send to heads of concerned Departments and Agencies directing their full support to the Cabinet Committee or Secretary Rogers, as appropriate.

Both packages have been prepared for submission jointly by you and John Ehrlichman. We have done this because Ehrlichman's office (Krogh in particular) have been working vigorously with the law enforcement agencies and State in the effort thus far directed at intelligence and prevention. Ehrlichman's office will be involved continuously in this effort because of their relationship with the law enforcement agencies.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That you indicate to us the preference as to the proposal you wish to submit to the President and authorize us to complete final coordination of that package with Ehrlichman's office.

APPROVE:

Package I (Cabinet Committee) ✓

Package II (Rogers Designation) _____

DISAPPROVE (See me) _____

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN

SUBJECT: Action to Combat Terrorism

As you are aware there is now a considerable effort being made within the Government to move ahead vigorously against the problems of combating terrorism here and abroad. On 18 September Secretary Rogers reported to you on measures he has taken, and intends to take, toward this end. I am reasonably confident that we are proceeding with due speed and efficiency in coping with one major element of the total problem: that is, how to prevent or limit terrorism. In this regard two interagency committees, chaired by senior State Department officers, are working on specific means to thwart terrorism on a worldwide basis. These committees are considering what can be done not only domestically but also in coordination with other governments and international organizations.

However, the total problem transcends the matter of trying to prevent terrorism. We must not only take every possible step to prevent such acts but also we must prepare to react quickly and effectively to an act of terrorism that directly involves the United States -- for instance, the kidnapping of an American diplomat abroad or a foreign diplomat here.

We need to get the highest level of attention focused now on this problem, for the purpose of expediting the work already underway -- preventing and reacting quickly and effectively to terrorism -- as well as taking action that will pull the teeth of potential critics who might use an act of terrorism as a basis for raising the cry that Government leadership is inadequate to meet such emergencies.

We considered the establishment of a Cabinet Committee under Secretary Rogers but believe that assignment of the responsibility directly to Secretary Rogers directing him to form a working group of senior

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representatives of departments and agencies (the same departments and agencies as those which would comprise a Cabinet Committee) would accomplish the purpose and give even greater weight to Rogers' role as concerns his important contacts with other nations in the weeks ahead.

He is already in the lead on this matter, and it is appropriate that the effort already underway continue under his purview. To this end he should be directed to establish a committee of senior representatives of concerned department and agency heads which would serve a senior level Working Group under his direction. The Working Group chairman must be able to devote to the problem all the time it requires and have the stature and weight to move the bureaucracy. Macomber would be a good choice and he is already involved in State on the problem. It should be left to Secretary Rogers how he wishes to utilize the two interagency committees, under State chairmen, now working on the problem of terrorism, and what additional groups may be required. We will provide the White House support for Secretary Rogers whenever it is required to break any bureaucratic log jam.

Many other agencies will be concerned, and to ensure that they will provide Secretary Rogers the fullest support, we believe you should inform Cabinet Secretaries and Agency heads of the importance you attach to the problem of terrorism and direct them to give Secretary Rogers their fullest cooperation.

A proposed press release which Ziegler could give is at Tab C.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab A directing Secretary Rogers to take full charge of the government-wide effort and to establish an Interagency Working Group to develop and coordinate action to combat terrorism, and the memorandum to Cabinet members and agency heads instructing them to support this effort (Tab B).

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September 23, 1972

MEMO FOR GENERAL HAIG

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Here are the fully revised packages on terrorism.

- Package I (with its Tabs A, B and C) is the package which HAK approved and revised to include HAK and Ehrlichman as members of the Cabinet Committee.
- Package II is the alternate. It is clean and updated in the event there is a change of signals.

I talked with Krogh. He emphasized again the need for strong White House push and support. He thinks the arrangement in Package I will do it but says we must have someone associated with the Working Group who will be able to help push it and identify problems which need to either get White House leverage to solve with other Departments or need to be brought to the President's attention.

You were going to touch base with Ehrlichman which I urge you do before this goes in for signature. We have not had time to check it with all of the Cabinet officers as was done in the drug case, but think it less necessary because the bureaucratic problems are not as intense (except for Rogers.)


Richard T. Kennedy

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1972

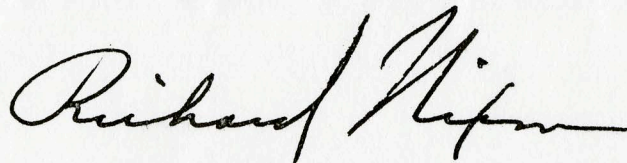
MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF
DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Action to Combat Terrorism

As I stated in the attached memorandum to the Secretary of State, I have today directed the establishment of a Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism, to be chaired by Secretary Rogers. I consider it to be of the utmost importance that we move urgently and efficiently to attack this worldwide problem.

This Committee will consider the most effective means by which to prevent terrorism here and abroad, and it will also take the lead in establishing procedures to ensure that our Government can take appropriate action in response to terrorist acts swiftly and effectively. In this regard, Secretary Rogers will be in touch with other governments and international organizations.

I expect that you will be fully responsive to the requests of the Secretary of State and assist him in every way in his efforts to coordinate government-wide actions against terrorism.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Richard Nixon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "R" and "N".

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

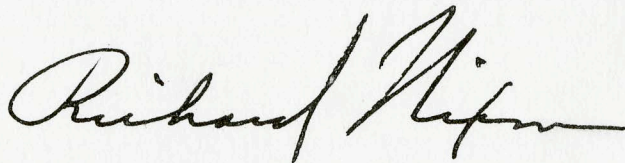
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT

Action to Combat Terrorism

Your report to me on the measures that are being taken to combat terrorism indicates that we are moving effectively against the problem of thwarting acts of terrorism both here and abroad. The two committees you have set up to cope with this major problem are making commendable progress toward this end.

Because of the great importance and urgency I attach to dealing with the worldwide problem of terrorism, which encompasses diplomatic, intelligence, and law enforcement functions, I am hereby establishing a Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism.

The Cabinet Committee will be chaired by the Secretary of State and will comprise

The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Attorney General
The Secretary of Transportation
The United States Ambassador to
the United Nations
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The Assistant to the President for
Domestic Affairs
The Acting Director of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation

and such others as the Chairman may consider necessary.

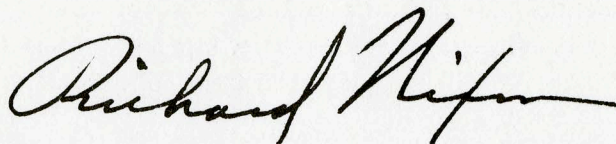
The Cabinet Committee will be supported by a Working Group comprised of personally designated senior representatives of the members of the Committee, chaired by the designee of the Secretary of State.

The Committee will consider the most effective means by which to prevent terrorism here and abroad, and it will also take the lead in establishing procedures to ensure that our government can take appropriate action in response to acts of terrorism swiftly and effectively. The Secretary of State will be in touch with other governments and international organizations toward this goal.

Federal officers and Federal departments and agencies are to cooperate fully with the Cabinet Committee in carrying out its functions under this directive, and they shall comply with the policies, guidelines, standards, and procedures prescribed by the Cabinet Committee.

More specifically, the Cabinet Committee shall:

- (1) Coordinate, among the government agencies, ongoing activity for the prevention of terrorism. This will include such activities as the collection of intelligence worldwide and the physical protection of U.S. personnel and installations abroad and foreign diplomats, and diplomatic installations in the United States.
- (2) Evaluate all such programs and activities and where necessary recommend methods for their effective implementation.
- (3) Devise procedures for reacting swiftly and effectively to acts of terrorism that occur.
- (4) Make recommendations to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget concerning proposed funding of such programs; and
- (5) Report to the President, from time to time, concerning the foregoing.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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It is vital that we take every possible action ourselves and in concert with other nations designed to assure against acts of terrorism. It is equally important that we be prepared to act quickly and effectively in the event that despite all efforts at prevention an act of terrorism occurs involving the United States either at home or abroad.

Because of the great importance I attach to finding satisfactory solutions for dealing with the worldwide problem of terrorism, I direct that you establish a senior level Interagency Working Group, comprising senior representatives of concerned departments and agencies and chaired by one of your principal assistants, to coordinate the various activities already being undertaken by you and throughout the government. In this regard I am instructing all Cabinet Secretaries and concerned agency heads to give you their fullest support in this matter.

The Interagency Working Group will not only consider the most effective means by which to prevent terrorism here and abroad but it will also implement procedures so that our government can take appropriate action in response to acts of terrorism quickly and effectively. As appropriate, I expect that you will be in touch with other governments and international organizations toward this goal.

Federal officers and Federal departments and agencies shall cooperate fully with you in carrying out your functions under this directive and shall comply with the policies, guidelines, standards, and procedures prescribed by you.

More specifically, I direct that you:

- (1) coordinate, among the government agencies, ongoing activity for the prevention of terrorism. This will include such activities as the collection of intelligence worldwide and the physical protection of U. S. personnel and installations abroad and foreign diplomats and diplomatic installations in the United States.
- (2) evaluate all such programs and activities and where necessary recommend methods for their effective implementation,
- (3) devise procedures for reacting swiftly and effectively to acts of terrorism should they occur, despite preventative measures,
- (4) make recommendations to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget concerning proposed funding of such programs, and
- (5) report to the President, from time to time, concerning the foregoing.

You can be assured of my full personal support in this vital undertaking.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR

SUBJECT: Action to Combat Terrorism

As I have indicated in the attached memorandum to the Secretary of State, I consider it to be of utmost importance that we find satisfactory solutions for dealing with the problem of terrorism. Accordingly, I have today directed Secretary Rogers to establish at once a Senior Interagency Working Group responsive to him and to be chaired by one of his principle assistants.

This Working Group will not only consider the most effective means by which to prevent terrorism here and abroad but it will also implement procedures so our Government can take appropriate action quickly and effectively should acts of terrorism occur. In this regard, Secretary Rogers will be in touch with other governments and international organizations.

I expect that you will be fully responsive to the requests of the Secretary of State and assist him in every way in his efforts to coordinate government-wide actions against terrorism.

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President has today directed Secretary Rogers to form, under his aegis, a Senior Interagency Working Group to coordinate the various activities already being undertaken throughout the Government for finding solutions to deal with the worldwide problem of terrorism, a problem to which the President attaches the utmost importance.

The Working Group, to be chaired by a senior State Department officer, will comprise senior officials from the various government agencies which are concerned with this problem. The President has instructed all Cabinet Secretaries and concerned agency heads to give Secretary Rogers the fullest support in this matter.

Under the Secretary of State's direction, the Working Group will not only consider the most effective means by which to prevent terrorism here and abroad but it will also implement procedures so our government can take appropriate action quickly and effectively should acts of terrorism occur. In this regard, Secretary Rogers will be in touch with other governments and international organizations.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. JOHN EHRLICHMAN
MR. HENRY KISSINGER ✓

FROM: BRUCE KEHRLI BAF

SUBJECT: Cabinet Committee to Combat
Terrorism

Your memorandum to the President on the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism has been reviewed and the recommendations were approved with the addition of the Acting Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a member of the Committee.

This addition was noted in the press release, as well as the memoranda that were sent to Secretary Rogers and the Cabinet ✓ members and concerned Agency heads.

cc: H.R. Haldeman
Alexander P. Butterfield

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Additional participation may be required but we would leave this to Secretary Rogers discretion for now. We also will be members.

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Secretary Rogers may wish the two committees already working on the problems of terrorism to continue their present functions while the Cabinet Committee and its working group provide overall guidance.

To assure the fullest cooperation with Secretary Rogers we recommend you send a separate memorandum to the head of each of the Departments and Agencies concerned, emphasizing again your commitment to a full-scale attack on this problem.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve establishing a Cabinet Committee for Action to Combat Terrorism.

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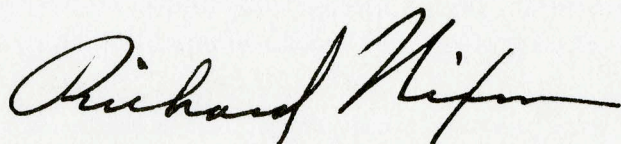
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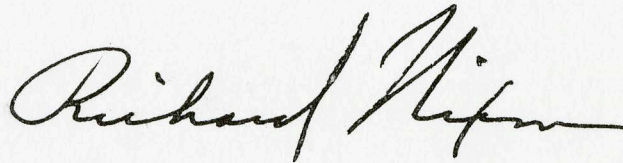
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September 26, 1972

FOR THE RECORD:

The following-named persons received persons received by receipted messenger on 9/26/72 an individually addressed memo from the President, dated 9/25/72, such as "attachment #1", together with a copy of the President's memo to the Secretary of State - "attachment #2."

Secretary of Defense, Attorney General, Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Representative to the UN, Director of Central Intelligence, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs, Acting Director of the FBI.

Copies of the receipts obtained upon delivery of each of these are attached.

All of the above are indicated on the attached list by an * .

(not crossed off)

All others on the attached list/received a memo from the President "attachment #3" together with a copy of "attachment #2". Each of these was receipted for by the W.H. messenger room and copies of those receipts are retained by them. They were also delivered on 9/26/72.

Tom Jones
Records Office

September 28, 1972

On this date Noble Melencamp informed the Records Office that whoever had prepared the Memo to the Secretary of State for the President's signature apparently had inadvertently omitted from the membership listed in the memo the Secretary of the Treasury. They should have listed him immediately after the Secretary of State. He asked us to fix up a new front page which he would send to the State Dept and another new front page which would be used to send to the Secretary of the Treasury in the same fashion as was done for the above named members on 9/26. Both new pages were sent to him on this date for disposal. Copies of the corrected front page were not sent to anyone else.

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TO Honorable Richard G. Kleindienst
The Attorney General

9/26/72

(Date)

RECEIVED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE:

Memo from the President concerning "Action to Combat Terrorism," together with a copy of the President's memo to Secretary of State concerning the establishment of the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism.

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E. J. Casper

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B. Rosen

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TO Honorable Melvin R. Laird

Secretary of Defense

9/26/72

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TO

Honorable William P. Rogers
Secretary of State

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(Date)

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Memo from the President re: Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism, together with a copy of a Memo which the President has sent to each of the Members of the Cabinet Committee on the same subject.

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TO Honorable Richard Helms
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Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Committee, to be chaired by Secretary Rogers, will comprise:

- The Secretary of State
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- The Secretary of Defense
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Others may also be included as Secretary Rogers may require. The Committee will not only consider the most effective means by which to prevent terrorism here and abroad but it will also implement procedures so our government can take appropriate action quickly and effectively should acts of terrorism occur. In this regard, Secretary Rogers will be in touch with other governments and international organizations.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 9/25/72

TO. ROSE WOODS

FROM BRUCE KEHRLI *BK*

The attached memos at Tabs A and B were rewritten and we will need to have them resigned. The original versions are attached for your use.

Thanks.

① TO Rogers —
memo

② TO Dept + Agency
heads specifically identified
Second memo plus
copy of memo to
Rogers

③ TO all other Dept and
Agency heads
Second memo



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Action to Combat Terrorism

Your report to me on the measures that are being taken to combat terrorism indicates that we are moving effectively against the problem of thwarting acts of terrorism both here and abroad. The two committees you have set up to cope with this major problem are making commendable progress toward this end.

Because of the great importance and urgency I attach to dealing with the worldwide problem of terrorism, which encompasses diplomatic, intelligence, and law enforcement functions, I am hereby establishing a Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism.

The Cabinet Committee will be chaired by the Secretary of State and will comprise

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and such others as the Chairman may consider necessary.

The Cabinet Committee will be supported by a Working Group comprised of personally designated senior representatives of the members of the Committee, chaired by the designee of the Secretary of State.

The Committee will consider the most effective means by which to prevent terrorism here and abroad, and it will also take the lead in establishing procedures to ensure that our government can take appropriate action in response to acts of terrorism swiftly and effectively. The Secretary of State will be in touch with other governments and international organizations toward this goal.

Federal officers and Federal departments and agencies are to cooperate fully with the Cabinet Committee in carrying out its functions under this directive, and they shall comply with the policies, guidelines, standards, and procedures prescribed by the Cabinet Committee.

More specifically, the Cabinet Committee shall:

- (1) Coordinate, among the government agencies, ongoing activity for the prevention of terrorism. This will include such activities as the collection of intelligence worldwide and the physical protection of U.S. personnel and installations abroad and foreign diplomats, and diplomatic installations in the United States.
- (2) Evaluate all such programs and activities and where necessary recommend methods for their effective implementation.
- (3) Devise procedures for reacting swiftly and effectively to acts of terrorism that occur.
- (4) Make recommendations to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget concerning proposed funding of such programs, and
- (5) Report to the President, from time to time, concerning the foregoing.

/s/ Richard Nixon

SEPTEMBER 25, 1972

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR

SUBJECT:

Action to Combat Terrorism

As I stated in the attached memorandum to the Secretary of State, I have today directed the establishment of a Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism, to be chaired by Secretary Rogers. I consider it to be of the utmost importance that we move urgently and efficiently to attack this worldwide problem.

This Committee will consider the most effective means by which to prevent terrorism here and abroad, and it will also take the lead in establishing procedures to ensure that our Government can take appropriate action in response to terrorist acts swiftly and effectively. In this regard, Secretary Rogers will be in touch with other governments and international organizations.

I expect that you will be fully responsive to the requests of the Secretary of State and assist him in every way in his efforts to coordinate government-wide actions against terrorism.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Action to Combat Terrorism

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Because of the great importance and urgency I attach to dealing with the worldwide problem of terrorism, which encompasses diplomatic, intelligence, and law enforcement functions, I am hereby establishing a Cabinet Committee on Terrorism.

For Action to Combat Terrorism

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The Assistant to the President for
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and such others as become necessary in the opinion of the Chairman.

The Cabinet Committee will be supported by a Working Group comprising personally designated senior representatives of the members of the Committee, chaired by the designee of the Secretary of State.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mon 9/25
11:00 AM

Bruce Kehrli:

Here's a quick edit on the terrorism memos in case they're put out today. I think we should hold them for tomorrow -- so we get a ride today on the Secretary's UN speech, and then a second ride tomorrow.

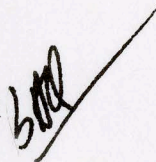
I do think it's important that the name of the committee be changed, as I've indicated, to the Cabinet Committee on Combatting Terrorism. Otherwise it invites unpleasant interpretations.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 9/25/72

TO. MR. RAY PRICE
FROM BRUCE KEHRLI 

May we have your approval of the text of the attached memos -- as soon as possible. The Press Office will release them at 11.00 this morning.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR

SUBJECT: Action to Combat Terrorism

Combating
As I stated in the attached memorandum to the Secretary of State, I have today directed the establishment of a Cabinet Committee *to combat* ~~on~~ Terrorism, to be chaired by Secretary Rogers. I consider it to be of the utmost importance that we move urgently and efficiently to attack this worldwide problem.

This Committee will ~~not only~~ consider the most effective means by which to prevent terrorism here and abroad, *and* but it will also ~~imple-~~ *take the* ~~ment~~ *lead in* *establishing* procedures so our Government can take appropriate action in response to terrorist acts swiftly and effectively. In this regard, Secretary Rogers will be in touch with other governments and international organizations.

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The Chairman may consider
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- (3) Devise procedures for reacting swiftly and effectively to acts of terrorism *that* ~~should they occur, despite preventative measures.~~
- (4) Make recommendations to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget concerning proposed funding of such programs, and
- (5) Report to the President, from time to time, concerning the foregoing.

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

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SEPTEMBER 25, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF
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Richard Nixon

9/25/72

Whoever prepared this final memo for signature
either accidentally or purposely omitted the
Secretary of the Treasury from the membership.

In the press release issued and earlier draft material
he had been included.

Tom Jones

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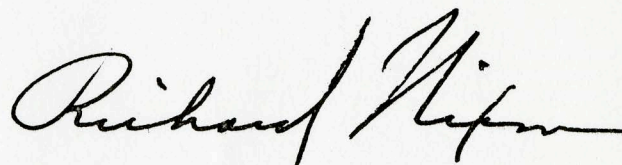
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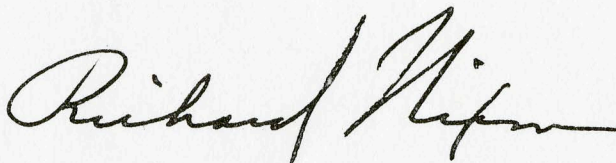
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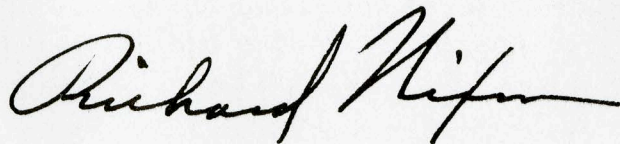
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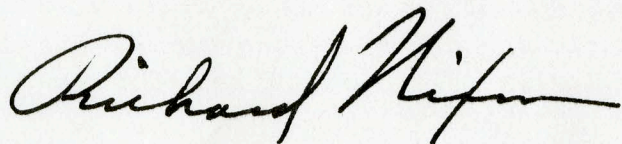
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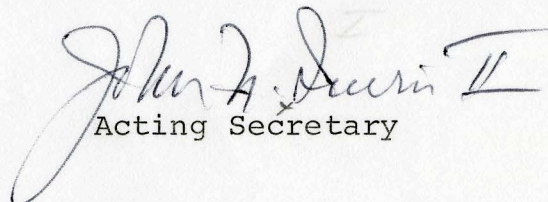
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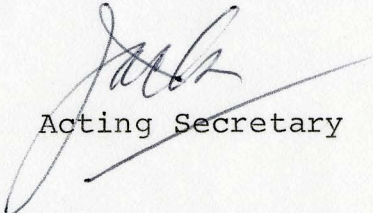
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THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
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October 5, 1972

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JOHN A. VOLPE

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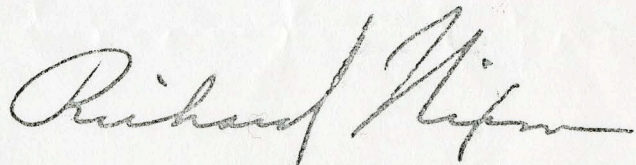
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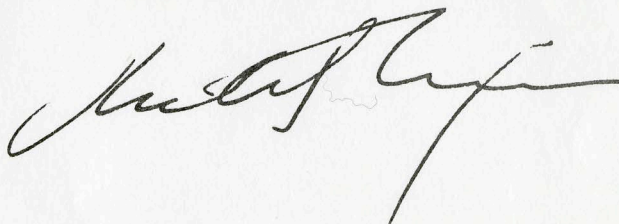
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