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THE WHITE HOUSE
 CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 11, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JAMES L. KETELSEN

SUBJECT: WRITES FURTHER REGARDING POSSIBLY EXTENDING
 INVITATION TO PRESIDENT OMAR BONGO OF GABON
 FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

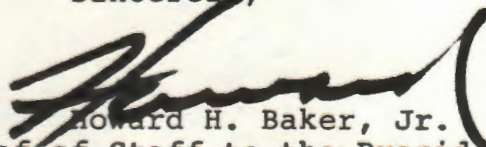
May 20, 1987

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of May 6 regarding a possible invitation to the President of Gabon for an official visit to the United States.

In view of my former membership on the Tenneco Inc Advisory Council, and since you state that Tenneco has production in Gabon, I am advised that it would be appropriate for me to recuse myself from consideration of your inquiry in order to avoid any appearance of impropriety. Accordingly, I have referred this matter to Ken Duberstein, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Frank Carlucci, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, for their consideration.

Sincerely,



Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. James L. Ketelsen
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Tenneco Inc.
P.O. Box 2511
Houston, Texas 77001

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: FRANK C. CARLUCCI

SUBJECT: Letter from President of Tenneco
Regarding Visit by Gabonese
President

Tenneco Chairman J. L. Ketelsen has written to recommend an official visit by President Bongo of Gabon. At Tab A is a suggested reply which says that Bongo is well regarded as a friend of the U.S., that we would like to have him make an official visit, but that we cannot fix a time right now.

Attachment

Tab A Suggested Reply to Ketelsen
Tab B Incoming from Ketelsen

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your note of May 6, 1987 about President Bongo of Gabon.

I want to assure you that President Bongo is considered a good friend of the United States. His pro-Western foreign policy and his strong support for the private sector have given him an excellent image in this country for the past fifteen years. It would be a real pleasure to have him come to Washington for an official visit.

As you know the worldwide demand and competition for official visits by foreign heads of state is very intense. Sometimes, a desirable visit has to be delayed because we need to slip someone ahead of the line to work on an urgent problem.

President Bongo is very high on the list of African chiefs of state whom we hope to invite before the end of this Administration. I wish I could give you a better fix on the time, but that is not possible at the moment. I will let you know when we focus in on a specific date.

Thank you for your interest in U.S./Gabon relations.

Sincerely,

Mr. James L. Ketelsen
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Tenneco, Inc.
P.O. Box 2511
Houston, Texas 77001

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,



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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Tenneco, Inc.
P.O. Box 2511
Houston, Texas 77001

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

May 15, 1987

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: HERMAN J. COHEN 

SUBJECT: Letter to Howard Baker from President of
Tenneco Promoting Official Visit by President
Bongo of Gabon

Howard Baker has received a letter from Tenneco Chairman J. L. Ketelsen promoting an official visit to the Oval Office for President Bongo of Gabon (Tab B). This letter is one of a number of calls and letters from businessmen interested in Gabon, all of whom want Bongo to be invited. Congressman Gray of Pennsylvania has also made such a recommendation.

Bongo is number three on the list of AF heads of state recommended by State for official visits. The first two are Habre of Chad who is slated to come in June, and Babangida of Nigeria who is on the request list for October. If either of those drop out, Bongo could easily be slipped in, and I would recommend it. He is a staunch friend of the West and a prime example of the benefits that come from a positive attitude toward the private sector

Paul Thompson concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you send the note at Tab I to Howard Baker with suggested language for a reply to Chairman Ketelsen at Tab A.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Your Note to Howard Baker
Tab A Suggested Reply to Ketelsen
Tab B Incoming from Ketelsen

Tenneco Inc

Tenneco Building
P. O. Box 2511
Houston, Texas 77001
(713) 757-3563



James L. Ketelsen
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

May 6, 1987

The Honorable Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Howard:

I appreciate very much having the chance to discuss with you last week the possibility of extending an official invitation to President Omar Bongo of Gabon for an official visit to the United States.

Gabon, while small, is becoming a more important factor as an oil exporter. We, ourselves, will be putting into production some 15,000 barrels of additional oil from Gabon this fall. In my visit with President Bongo recently, he expressed interest in furthering his relations with the United States.

From my vantage point I think this could be a mutually advantageous relationship and would hope that a visit could be scheduled in the future to bring this about. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim", is written above the printed name "J. L. Ketelsen".
J. L. Ketelsen

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SUBJECT: LTR TO BAKER FM TENNECO INC SUGGESTING OFFICIAL VISIT PRES GABON

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 12, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOHN P. TATUM

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT CONSIDER INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, EL HADJ OMAR BONGO, PRESIDENT OF GABON, FOR AN OFFICIAL STATE VISIT PRECEDING OR FOLLOWING THE SEP 87 MEETING IN*

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June 22, 1987

Dear Mr. Tatum:

Thank you for your letter of April 30, 1987 to Senator Baker recommending that President Bongo of Gabon be extended an invitation for an official visit to the United States.

As one of Africa's longest serving leaders, President Bongo has guided his country on a pro-Western, moderate course which has brought Gabon political stability and relative economic prosperity. The cooperation and goodwill which, you note, characterize your relations with the Government of Gabon are evidence of such a sound course. We consider Gabon an important friend in the region.

We hope to be able to invite President Bongo for an upcoming visit, but regrettably are not yet in a position to name a specific date.

Thank you for your interest in this important matter. With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. John P. Tatum
Triton Energy Corporation
1400 One Energy Square
4925 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX 75206

SW/NSC/GG/HHB/WJB/CAD f/AVH/jz 6HHBC
cc: Fred Ryan
cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

SW / ~~Ans~~ / ~~lh~~

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Thank you for your interest in ~~U.S./Gabon relations.~~

~~We will keep your letter here for further reference~~
Sincerely,

With Senator Dicker's best wishes,

this important matter

Mr. John P. Tatum
Triton Energy Corporation
1400 One Energy Square
4925 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75206

SW [Signature]

cc: Fred Ryan.

SW / NSC / GG / HNB / wje / CAD / AOH / _____

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Mr. John P. Tatum
Triton Energy Corporation
1400 One Energy Square
4925 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75206

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

June 12, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR. *Botfor*

SUBJECT: Letter from Official of Triton Energy Corporation
Regarding Visit by Gabonese President

Another businessman, John P. Tatum, has written to the Chief of Staff to recommend an official visit by President Bongo of Gabon. At Tab A is a suggested reply which says that Bongo is well regarded as a friend of the U.S., that we would like to have him make an official visit, but that we cannot fix a time right now.

Attachment

Tab A Suggested Reply to Tatum
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

June 11, 1987

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: HERMAN J. COHEN *HJC*

SUBJECT: Letter to Howard Baker from Official of
Triton Energy Corporation Promoting Official
Visit by President Bongo of Gabon

Howard Baker has received a letter from John P. Tatum, another of the businessmen we have heard from who are promoting an official visit to the Oval Office for President Bongo of Gabon (Tab B).

You will recall that Bongo is number three on State's list of African leaders recommended for official visits because he is a staunch friend of the West and a prime example of the benefits that come from a positive attitude toward the private sector. We continue to work with Coordination in an effort to find a date.

PBT N/A
Paul Thompson concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you send the note at Tab I to Sally Kelly with suggested language for a reply to Mr. Tatum at Tab A.

Approve *W.R.P.*

Disapprove _____

Prepared by:
Alison P. Rosenberg

Attachments

Tab I Green/Kelly Memorandum
Tab A Suggested Reply to Tatum
Tab B Incoming from Tatum

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8714569

Date May 29, 1987

For: Mr. Frank C. Carlucci
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: Mr. Howard Baker From: Mr. John P. Tatum, Senior Vice President, Operations, Triton Energy Corporation, Dallas, Texas

Date: April 30, 1987 Subject: Requests that the President consider inviting El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of Gabon, for an official State visit preceding or following the September 1987 meeting in Ottawa, Canada.

WH Referral Date: _____ NSC ID #480425

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Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks:


Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

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PROPOSED DRAFT OF LETTER TO BE SIGNED BY MR. HOWARD BAKER

Dear Mr. Tatum:

Thank you for your letter of April 30, 1987, recommending that President Bongo of Gabon be extended an invitation for an official visit to the United States.

As one of Africa's longest serving leaders, President Bongo has guided his country on a pro-western, moderate course which has brought Gabon political stability and relative economic prosperity. The cooperation and goodwill which you note characterize your relations with the Government of Gabon are evidence of such a sound course. For this, and other reasons, we consider Gabon to be an important ally in the region.

I appreciate your recommendation, and will keep it in mind in seeking an appropriate occasion for an official visit by President Bongo.

Sincerely,

Howard Baker

Mr. John P. Tatum,
Triton Energy Corporation,
1400 One Energy Square,
4925 Greenville Avenue,
Dallas, Texas 75206.

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

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MAY 20, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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HOWARD BAKER

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ID: 480425

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 30, 1987

TO: HOWARD BAKER

FROM: MR. JOHN P. TATUM
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS
TRITON ENERGY CORPORATION
1400 ONE ENERGY SQUARE
4925 GREENVILLE AVENUE
DALLAS TX 75206

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT CONSIDER INVITING
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

480425



TRITON

ENERGY CORPORATION

JOHN P. TATUM
Senior Vice President, Operations

April 30, 1987

The Honorable
Howard Baker
White House Chief of Staff
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Baker:

It is our understanding that each year, two or three Heads of State from African Nations are invited to America as official guests of our government. For reasons stated below, we would consider it extremely important that His Excellency, El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of Gabon, be invited for an official State visit this year.

Triton Energy Corporation was recently successful in obtaining a Petroleum Production Sharing Contract with Gabon. During our negotiations we were impressed with the sincerity and professionalism of the government officials, and while staying in Gabon we observed an orderly and amiable populace, all of which we feel are a reflection of the good will and good governing of President Bongo's administration.

Gabon, located in a strategic area of West Africa, has petroleum and mineral reserves of great importance and a citizenry eager to learn and acquire the skills and ability to develop these assets. Until recently, most of the development of these resources has been managed by companies of European origin participating with the government of Gabon, however, recently the government has exhibited a willingness if not a desire to share these investment opportunities with companies of other nations, and several U.S. based corporations are partaking in these new ventures.

We believe the Gabonese would welcome a closer relationship with Americans, and we submit that this would be mutually rewarding. We have reason to believe that President Bongo, leader of the Gabonese for twenty years, would be pleased to accept our President's invitation to come to America for an official State visit. Such an event



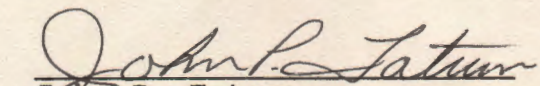
Letter to the White House Chief of Staff
April 30, 1987
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would signify to all that a closer relationship between the people of our two great countries and their governments is a desired objective.

We have requested President Reagan to extend an invitation to President Bongo, and would greatly appreciate your influence and assistance in this effort. We have suggested the possibility of coordinating his visit to precede or follow the conference of the Heads of State of the French-speaking countries to be held in Ottawa in September. We will be pleased to assist in these arrangements in any way possible. Thank you for giving this matter your most serious consideration.

Sincerely,

TRITON ENERGY CORPORATION


John P. Tatum
Sr. Vice President, Operations

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TO BAKER, H

FROM TATUM, JOHN P

DOCDATE 30 APR 87

LEVITSKY, M

KEYWORDS: GABON

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SUBJECT: LTR BAKER FROM JOHN TATUM SUGGESTING PRES MEET W/ PRES GABON

ACTION: PREP MEMO GREEN TO SALLY KELLY DUE: 14 JUN 87 STATUS *C* FILES WH

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

CO 052

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 20, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE E (KIKI) DE LA GARZA

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES LETTER FROM MR. JOHN P. TATUM,
TRITON ENERGY CORPORATION, DALLAS, TEXAS
SUGGESTING THAT HIS EXCELLENCY, EL HADJ OMAR
BONGO, PRESIDENT OF GABON, BE INVITED FOR *

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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COMMENTS: * AN OFFICIAL STATE VISIT THIS YEAR

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES: 1230
MAIL USER CODES: (A) (B) (C)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8716325

DATE JUN 20 1987

FOR: MR. GRANT GREEN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

TO: William Ball **FROM:** Rep. de la Garza

DATE: May 18, 1987 **SUBJECT:** Invitation of
President Bongo of Gabon

REFERRAL DATED: June 5, 1987 **ID#** 491288
(IF ANY)

 THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- A DRAFT REPLY IS ATTACHED.
- A DRAFT REPLY WILL BE FORWARDED.
- A TRANSLATION IS ATTACHED.
- X AN INFORMATION COPY OF A DIRECT REPLY IS ATTACHED.
- WE BELIEVE NO RESPONSE IS NECESSARY FOR THE REASON
CITED BELOW.
- THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE
PROPOSED TRAVEL.
- OTHER (SEE REMARKS).

REMARKS:


DIRECTOR
SECRETARIAT STAFF



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. de la Garza:

I welcome the opportunity to reply to your inquiry of May 18, 1987, relaying a recommendation by Mr. John Tatum of the Triton Energy Corporation, Dallas, Texas, that President Bongo of Gabon be extended an invitation for an official visit to the United States.

As one of Africa's longest serving leaders, President Bongo has guided his country on a pro-western, moderate course which has brought Gabon political stability and relative economic prosperity. The cooperation and goodwill which Mr. Tatum notes characterize Triton's relations with the Government of Gabon are evidence of such a sound course. For this, and other reasons, we consider Gabon to be an important ally in the region.

We appreciate Mr. Tatum's recommendation, and will keep it in mind in seeking an appropriate occasion for an official visit by President Bongo.

I hope this information will be helpful to you in replying to Mr. Tatum.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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J. Edward Fox
Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure:

Correspondence returned

The Honorable
E. de la Garza,
House of Representatives.

8716325

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

JUNE 5, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: ED FOX

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 491288

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 18, 1987

TO: WILLIAM BALL

FROM: THE HONORABLE E (KIKA) DE LA GARZA
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES LETTER FROM MR. JOHN P. TATUM,
TRITON ENERGY CORPORATION, DALLAS, TEXAS
SUGGESTING THAT HIS EXCELLENCY, EL HADJ OMAR
BONGO, PRESIDENT OF GABON, BE INVITED FOR
AN OFFICIAL STATE VISIT THIS YEAR

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(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

June 1, 1987

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of May 18 enclosing correspondence from Mr. John P. Tatum regarding the possibility of inviting His Excellency, El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of Gabon, for an official State visit this year.

We appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention. In an effort to be of assistance, we have forwarded your letter to the appropriate Administration officials for their careful consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III
Assistant to the President

The Honorable E. (Kika) de la Garza
Chairman
Committee on Agriculture
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc to Ed Fox, Congressional Affairs, DOS --
for DIRECT

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

18 May 1987

Mr William L Ball III
Assistant to the President for Legislative
Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N W
Washington, D C 20500

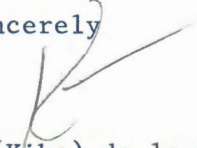
RE: Mr John P Tatum

Dear Mr Ball

The attached letter from the above-named constituent is self explanatory.
While I certainly don't wish to appear to impose upon the capable administration
of your duties, whatever advice and consideration you can provide -- commensurate
with your policies -- will be genuinely appreciated.

I'll look forward to hearing from you on this -- and with my always
high regards, I am

Sincerely


E (Kika) de la Garza, M C

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TRITON

ENERGY CORPORATION

JOHN P. TATUM
Senior Vice President, Operations

May 7, 1987

The Honorable
E. De La Garza
United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative De La Garza:

It is our understanding that each year, two or three Heads of State from African Nations are invited to America as official guests of our government. For reasons stated below, we would consider it extremely important that His Excellency, El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of Gabon, be invited for an official State visit this year.

Triton Energy Corporation was recently successful in obtaining a Petroleum Production Sharing Contract with Gabon. During our negotiations we were impressed with the sincerity and professionalism of the government officials, and while staying in Gabon we observed an orderly and amiable populace, all of which we feel are a reflection of the good will and good governing of President Bongo's administration.

Gabon, located in a strategic area of West Africa, has petroleum and mineral reserves of great importance and a citizenry eager to learn and acquire the skills and ability to develop these assets. Until recently, most of the development of these resources has been managed by companies of European origin participating with the government of Gabon, however, recently the government has exhibited a willingness if not a desire to share these investment opportunities with companies of other nations, and several U.S. based corporations are partaking in these new ventures.

We believe the Gabonese would welcome a closer relationship with Americans, and we submit that this would be mutually rewarding. We have reason to believe that President Bongo, leader of the Gabonese for twenty years, would be pleased to accept our President's invitation to come to America for an official State visit. Such an event

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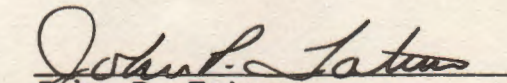
Letter to Representative De La Garza
May 7, 1987
Page 2

would signify to all that a closer relationship between the people of our two great countries and their governments is a desired objective.

We have requested President Reagan to extend an invitation to President Bongo, and would greatly appreciate your influence and assistance in this effort. We have suggested the possibility of coordinating his visit to precede or follow the conference of the Heads of State of the French-speaking countries to be held in Ottawa in September. We will be pleased to assist in these arrangements in any way possible. Thank you for giving this matter your most serious consideration.

Sincerely,

TRITON ENERGY CORPORATION


John P. Tatum
Sr. Vice President, Operations

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

CO 052

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 25, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOE BARTON

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION FROM
WILLIAM I. LEE URGING CONSIDERATION OF
INVITING EL HADJ OMAR BONGO, PRESIDENT OF
GABON, FOR OFFICIAL STATE VISIT

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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COMMENTS:

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES: 1240
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8719221

Date July 20, 1987

For: Mr. Grant Green
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mr. Joe Barton, U.S. House
of Representatives

Date: June 22, 1987 Subject: Requests President Bongo
of Gabon to Come to the White House for an Official Visit

WH Referral Date: _____ NSC ID # _____

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks: The correspondence received is a courtesy copy of a
White House response to a letter from Congressman Joe Barton
requesting President Reagan to invite President El Hadj Omar
Bongo to visit the United States. No Dept. of State action
needed.

Michael A. Engman
Director
Secretariat Staff

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

JULY 6, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: ED FOX

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 494935

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 19, 1987

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE JOE BARTON
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION FROM
WILLIAM I. LEE URGING CONSIDERATION OF
INVITING EL HADJ OMAR BONGO, PRESIDENT OF
GABON, FOR OFFICIAL STATE VISIT

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(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

June 29, 1987

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter of June 19 offering your support for a recommendation by Mr. William I. Lee of the Triton Energy Corporation that President Bongo of Gabon be extended an invitation for an official visit to the United States.

As one of Africa's longest serving leaders, President Bongo has guided his country on a pro-western, moderate course which has brought Gabon political stability and relative economic prosperity. The cooperation and goodwill which characterize Triton's relations with the Government of Gabon are evidence of such a sound course. For this, and other reasons, we consider Gabon to be an important ally in the region.

We appreciate Mr. Lee's recommendation, and will keep it in mind in seeking an appropriate occasion for an official visit by President Bongo.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Joe Barton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Affairs, Dept. of State -- for app.
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JOE BARTON
6TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

COMMITTEE ON
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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June 19, 1987

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

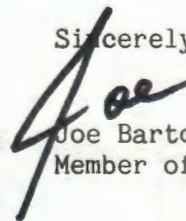
I am writing in support of the letter you received from Mr. William I. Lee, Chairman of the Board of Triton Energy Corporation. Wherein he requested that you consider inviting His Excellency El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of Gabon, for an official State visit.

Since Gabon is located in a strategic area of West Africa; has important mineral and petroleum reserves; and President Bongo is showing a willingness to share investment opportunities with U.S. based corporations, a closer relationship between our two governments would be mutually beneficial.

Mr. Lee is offering the resources of Triton Energy Corporation, if they are needed, to contribute to the success of the visit.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Joe Barton
Member of Congress

JB/gw

BRYAN OFFICE:
P.O. Box 4802
BRYAN, TX 77805
(409) 846-1985

CONROE OFFICE:
INTERFIRST TOWER, SUITE 507
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CONROE, TX 77301
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303 WEST KNOX
ENNIS, TX 75119
(214) 875-8488

FORT WORTH OFFICE:
3609 HULEN #110
FORT WORTH, TX 76107
(817) 737-7737

Dear Mr. de la Garza:

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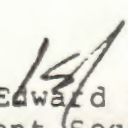
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Sincerely,


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Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

CO 052

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 25, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DICK ARMEY

SUBJECT: REQUESTS GABON PRESIDENT EL HADJ OMAR BONGO
TO COME TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR AN OFFICIAL
VISIT

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8719219

Date July 20, 1987

For: Mr. Grant Green
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: Mr. William Ball From: Mr. Dick Armey, U.S. House
of Representatives

Date: June 22, 1987 Subject: Requests President Bongo
of Gabon to Come to the White House for an Official Visit

WH Referral Date: _____ NSC ID # _____

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Remarks: The correspondence received is a courtesy copy of a
White House response to a letter from Congressman Dick Armey
requesting President Reagan to invite President El Hadj Omar
Bongo to visit the United States. No Dept. of State action
needed.

Miguel R. Engman for

Director
Secretariat Staff

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

JULY 6, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: ED FOX

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 494980

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 22, 1987

TO: WILLIAM BALL

FROM: THE HONORABLE DICK ARMEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS GABON PRESIDENT EL HADJ OMAR BONGO
TO COME TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR AN OFFICIAL
VISIT

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

June 29, 1987

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter of June 22 suggesting that President Bongo of Gabon be extended an invitation for an official visit to the United States.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Dick Arney
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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CONGRESSMAN DICK ARMEY
26TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

COMMITTEES:
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CHAIRMAN
TRADE EXPANSION CAUCUS

TASK FORCE ON ENERGY

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

WB
June 22, 1987

William L. Ball, III
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Will,

I'm contacting you to request that the President invite one of our best friends in Africa, El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of Gabon, to come to the White House for an official visit.

Since Gabon gained its independence, it has been a responsive and reliable friend of the West, and of the United States in particular. President Bongo has actively encouraged Western investment in Gabon, and his regime is one of the most orderly, his country one of the most peaceful, in Africa. I believe that President Reagan would be in favor of extending such an invitation once he's reviewed Gabon's progressive and pro-Western record.

In closing, I believe that this gesture of appreciation would provide our government with an excellent opportunity to strengthen Gabonese-American relations. I'd like to thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this request, and I eagerly await the President's response.

With best wishes.

Respectfully yours,

DICK ARMEY
Member of Congress

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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Date July 20, 1987

For: Mr. Grant Green
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: Mr. William Ball From: Mr. Dick Armev, U.S. House
of Representatives

Date: June 22, 1987 Subject: Requests President Bongo
of Gabon to Come to the White House for an Official Visit

WH Referral Date: _____ NSC ID # _____

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks: The correspondence received is a courtesy copy of a
White House response to a letter from Congressman Dick Armev
requesting President Reagan to invite President El Hadj Omar
Bongo to visit the United States. No Dept. of State action
needed.

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Director
Secretariat Staff

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JULY 6, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: ED FOX

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 494980

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 22, 1987

TO: WILLIAM BALL

FROM: THE HONORABLE DICK ARMEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS GABON PRESIDENT EL HADJ OMAR BONGO
TO COME TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR AN OFFICIAL
VISIT

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 494980

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 25, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DICK ARMEY

SUBJECT: REQUESTS GABON PRESIDENT EL HADJ OMAR BONGO
TO COME TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR AN OFFICIAL
VISIT

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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COMMENTS: _____

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES: 1240 _____
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| *D-DRAFT RESPONSE | *C-COMPLETED | * CODE = A | * |
| *F-FURNISH FACT SHEET | *S-SUSPENDED | *COMPLETED = DATE OF | * |
| *I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC* | | * OUTGOING | * |
| *R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY * | | | * |
| *S-FOR-SIGNATURE * | | | * |
| *X-INTERIM REPLY * | | | * |
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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE
(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

June 29, 1987

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter of June 22 suggesting that President Bongo of Gabon be extended an invitation for an official visit to the United States.

As one of Africa's longest serving leaders, President Bongo has guided his country on a pro-western, moderate course which has brought Gabon political stability and relative economic prosperity. For this, and other reasons, we consider Gabon to be an important ally in the region.

We appreciate your recommendation, and will keep it in mind in seeking an appropriate occasion for an official visit by President Bongo.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Dick Arney
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc to Ed Fox, Congressional
Affairs, Dept. of State -- for app.
action

CONGRESSMAN DICK ARMEY
26TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

WB
June 22, 1987

William L. Ball, III
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Will,

I'm contacting you to request that the President invite one of our best friends in Africa, El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of Gabon, to come to the White House for an official visit.

Since Gabon gained its independence, it has been a responsive and reliable friend of the West, and of the United States in particular. President Bongo has actively encouraged Western investment in Gabon, and his regime is one of the most orderly, his country one of the most peaceful, in Africa. I believe that President Reagan would be in favor of extending such an invitation once he's reviewed Gabon's progressive and pro-Western record.

In closing, I believe that this gesture of appreciation would provide our government with an excellent opportunity to strengthen Gabonese-American relations. I'd like to thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this request, and I eagerly await the President's response.

With best wishes.

Respectfully yours,

DICK ARMEY
Member of Congress

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William L. Bell
Assistant to the
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the matter mentioned therein.

The matter mentioned in your letter is one of the many matters which are being considered by the Commission on the subject of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

The Commission is of the opinion that the proposed amendments are of a nature which would be of great benefit to the people of the United States.

Very respectfully,
John D. Compton