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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

CO 052
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response

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 25, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. CLAUDE S. BRINEGAR

SUBJECT: REQUESTS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO A STATE
VISIT BY PRESIDENT OMAR BONGO OF GABON

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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H. BAKER REFERRAL NOTE: _____				
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| *S-FOR-SIGNATURE | | | * |
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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.

August 5, 1987

Dear Claude:

Thank you for your letter of June 24 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. For this and other reasons, we consider Gabon to be an important ally in the region. In recognition of this fact, Maureen Reagan, during a recent trip to Libreville, extended to President Bongo an invitation for an official Washington visit. As you are probably aware, President Bongo accepted, and met with President Reagan at the White House on July 31.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Claude S. Brinegar
Executive Vice President
Unocal Corporation
1201 West Fifth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90051

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

July 31, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

SUBJECT: Letter to Claude S. Brinegar from Howard Baker

In his letter to Chief of Staff Baker, Mr. Brinegar recommended that President Bongo of Gabon be invited for a state visit with the President.

As of July 31, this visit was accomplished. The draft reply at Tab A reflects this fact and is approved for transmittal to Mr. Brinegar.

Attachment

Tab A Letter to Mr. Brinegar

Date letter after 7/31

N.B.: 7/31 date in letter

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Claude
Dear Mr. Brinegar.

Thank you for your letter of June 24, ~~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. For this ^{and} other reasons, we consider Gabon to be an important ally in the region. In recognition of this, ^{Sent} Maureen Reagan, during a recent trip to Libreville, extended to President Bongo an invitation for an official Washington visit. *As you are probably aware, President Bongo* ~~President Bongo has accepted and is~~ ~~not~~ *accepted, and met with* ~~scheduled to meet with~~ President Reagan at the White House on July 31.

With best wishes,

~~Yours Sincerely,~~

Howard Baker

Claude S. Brinegar
Executive Vice President,
Unocal Corporation,
1201 West 5th Street,
Los Angeles, California 90051.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

July 31, 1987

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: HERMAN J. COHEN 

SUBJECT: Letter to Howard Baker from Claude S. Brinegar

Chief of Staff Baker received a letter from Claude S. Brinegar, Executive Vice President, Unocal Corporation, recommending that President Bongo of Gabon be issued an invitation for a state visit with the President.

The draft reply at Tab A, amended to note the visit occurred, is approved.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward your letter at Tab I to Sally Kelley noting this approval.

Approve 

Disapprove _____

Prepared by:
Patricia M. Corcoran

Attachments

Tab I	Green/Kelley Memorandum
Tab A	Draft Reply
Tab B	Incoming

OFFICE OF HOWARD BAKER'S CORRESPONDENCE
REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE - COMMENTS

TO: *Ralph Bellamy, NSC*

DATE DUE: *ASAP* TYPE OF RESPONSE: Multiple Mailing Form Reply One-Time Reply

SUBJECT: *Attached draft for Howard Baker's signature*

REQUESTED BY/ADDRESSED TO: *Howard Baker / Claude S. Brinegar*

BACKGROUND: *Recommends President Bongo of Gabon be extended an invitation for an official visit to the United States*

SIGNATURE: *Louaine B. Camarano*

DATE: *7/29/87*

Howard Baker's Correspondence
Old Executive Office Building
Room 61
(202) 456-6600

Your Recommendation/Comments:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8719244

Date July 20, 1987

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

Reference:

To: Howard Baker From: Mr. Claude S. Brinegar of Unocal Corporation, Los Angeles, Clifornia

Date: June 24, 1987 Subject: Requests Consideration be Given to a State Visit by President Omar Bongo of Gabon

WH Referral Date: June 25, 1987 NSC ID # 495966

_____ 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: A draft letter to be forwarded to Mr. Brinegar, Executive Vice President, Unocal Corporation, Los Angeles, CA, is attached.

Michael R. Engen
Director
Secretariat Staff

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REFERRAL

JULY 1, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
HOWARD BAKER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 495966

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 24, 1987

TO: HOWARD BAKER

FROM: MR. CLAUDE S. BRINEGAR
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
UNOCAL CORPORATION
1201 WEST FIFTH STREET
POST OFFICE BOX 7600
LOS ANGELES CA 90051

SUBJECT: REQUESTS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO A STATE
VISIT BY PRESIDENT OMAR BONGO OF GABON

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

8719244

Unocal Corporation
1201 West 5th Street, P. O. Box 7600
Los Angeles, California 90051



June 24, 1987

Claude S. Brinegar
Executive Vice President &
Chief Financial Officer

The Honorable Howard Baker
Chief of Staff to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Howard:

In recent discussions with senior State Department officials, it has come to my attention that it has been a number of years since the last official state visit by the President of Gabon. I understand an opening exists for a visit in July, and I strongly recommend that President Omar Bongo of Gabon be extended this invitation.

Gabon has been very receptive to U.S. business interests and, although traditionally French in influence, has been trying to expand its horizons to encourage American investment. President Bongo's pro-U.S. stance has made him a valuable ally in southwest Africa, and it would be most appropriate to encourage his continued friendship.

I realize many considerations enter into a decision such as this, but I urge that serious consideration be given to tendering an invitation to President Bongo. Such a visit would certainly solidify and stimulate the good relationship now existing between the Gabonese people and the people of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Claude", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Claude S. Brinegar

National Security Council
The White House

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Grant Green			
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cc: VP Baker Other _____

COMMENTS

Should be seen by: _____
(Date/Time)

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Pool Report
Reagan meeting with Bongo
July 31

Reagan was asked whether he had heard any evidence in the hearings that laws were broken in Iran-contra affair.

He replied: "You know I don't take questions at these photo opportunities but you ask a question like that. I haven't heard a single word that indicated in any of the testimony that laws were broken."

Then, he was asked, will you pardon North, Poindexter and others, to prevent prosecution.

Reagan: "I'm going to speak out on that whole subject and the subject of this whole affair when the hearings are over."

Question: Are you worried about the "surgery" this afternoon?

Reagan: "It seems a little over dignified to call what's going to happen surgery. They're going to scrape a portion of my nose."

Reagan and Bongo seated in normal place -- the wing chairs in front of the fireplace.

Jim Gerstenzang/LA Times

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRANK CARLUCCI
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FR*
SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: The Briefing for the Working Visit of President Bongo of Gabon will be at 11:10 am for 20 minutes, rather than 11:00 am for 30 minutes, on July 31, 1987.

DATE:

TIME:

DURATION:

LOCATION:

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED:

MEDIA COVERAGE:

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION:

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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| M. Archambault | W. Henkel |
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| R. Dawson | J. Manning |
| F. Donatelli | J. McKinney |
| D. Dellinger | N. Risque |
| A. Dolan | R. Shaddick |
| J. Erkenbeck | B. Shaddix |
| L. Faulkner | G. Walters |
| C. Fuller | WHCA Audio/Visual |
| M. Fitzwater | WHCA Operations |
| T. Griscom | |

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Sandy:

Ok to let this go out
now with the official
working visit format,
and the date changed from
24th to 31st?

HCD

yes

7/31 - Borg of galton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Sandy:

In checking with Mary K about
this, she said it is a regular
working visit. I understood
you to say it was not - that it would
be the same format as Thatcher.

Also, she said something about
the 24th isn't a good date and
someone had contact^{ed} you about
this.

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Sandy
let's discuss

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRANK CARLUCCI (Coordinate with Jack Courtemanche)

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Time reserved for working visit of President Bongo of Gabon:

DATE: 11:00 am - 30 minutes - briefing for meeting - Oval Office
11:30 am - 45 minutes - meeting - Oval Office/Cabinet Room
12:15 pm - 75 minutes - luncheon - Residence
TIME: 1:30 pm - 10 minutes - départure statements - Diplomatic Entrance
July 31, 1987

DURATION:

LOCATION:

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

W. Ball
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J. Courtemanche
M. Coyne
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WASHINGTON

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July 27, 1987

EX

MEMORANDUM FOR RHETT B. DAWSON

FROM: CHARLES M. KUPPERMAN CK

SUBJECT: President Bongo of Gabon Helicopter Support

It is standard operating procedure to provide helicopter support for Official Working Visits. Therefore, I recommend that the request for helicopter support for President Bongo be approved.

APPROVE

_____ M

DISAPPROVE

COMMENT

Attachment
Carlucci Memo

cc: Frank C. Carlucci
James C. McKinney

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 23, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM:

FC FRANK C. CARLUCCI *FC*

SUBJECT:

President Bongo of Gabon Helicopter Support

The Department of State has requested helicopter support for President Omar Bongo of Gabon official working visit to Washington during July 30 - August 6, 1987. The NSC supports this request.

Attachment
Incoming State Memo

cc: Charles M. Kupperman
James C. McKinney



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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July 22, 1987

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Dept. of State Goldstone, July 21, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Request for Air Support for Visit of President Bongo
of Gabon

President Omar Bongo of Gabon will pay an official working visit to Washington during July 30 - August 6, 1987. In order to provide air transportation for President Bongo and his party during the visit, we would appreciate the following:

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1987

1:00 p.m. Two Presidential helicopters to transport President Bongo and his party from Andrews Air Force Base to the Washington Monument grounds.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1987

10:00 a.m. One Presidential aircraft (C-9) to take President Bongo and his party from Andrews Air Force Base to Atlanta-Dobbins Air Force Base.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 1987

TBD One Presidential aircraft (C-9) to take President Bongo and his party from Atlanta-Dobbins Air Force Base to Andrews Air Force Base.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1987

10:35 a.m. Two Presidential helicopters to transport President Bongo and his party from the Washington Monument grounds to Andrews Air Force Base.

cc Charles Kupperman
James McKinney

Melvyn Levitsky
Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

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The President has seen 7/30

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1987

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OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT OF PRESIDENT OMAR BONGO OF GABON

DATE: July 31, 1987

LOCATION: Oval Office, Cabinet Room,
Residence

TIME: 11:10 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.

FROM: FRANK C. CARLUCCI *jc*

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BY dlr DATE 10/27/2022

I. PURPOSE

To underscore the traditional bonds of friendship between Gabon and the United States; to pay tribute to President Bongo's successful economic management of his country, especially his encouragement of foreign investment and support for a vigorous private sector.

II. BACKGROUND

This will be President Bongo's second visit to the Oval Office. He was invited previously in 1981 as President of the Organization of African Unity. His main objective for this bilateral visit is to enhance his international status and prestige within Africa by demonstrating that he is taken seriously by the President of the United States.

Bongo deserves to be taken seriously. He has been particularly helpful in support of U.S. foreign policy objectives, and his domestic economic policies tend to follow our prescriptions for successful development. Gabon's main source of political, military, and economic support continues to be France which is a normal and desirable situation. However, Bongo has been sufficiently self-confident to break out of French constraints and bring in significant American private investment and take foreign policy initiatives not always to France's liking. He clearly does not want all of his eggs in one basket.

In foreign policy, Bongo has been one of the strongest defenders of the Afghan freedom fighters, and a major voice in condemning Soviet aggression in the United Nations. In general, Gabon's voting record at the UN is among the most pro-American within the African group.

cc Vice President
Chief of Staff (2)

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Gabon has been especially helpful in the fight against Libyan aggression in Chad. As head of the OAU Committee on the Chad/Libya border dispute, Bongo was instrumental in moving the majority of African states off the fence and into the pro-Habre anti-Libya column. He also did not hesitate to allow French military forces to utilize Gabonese facilities as staging bases for their movements into Chad.

In southern Africa, Bongo has been a regular supporter of the American policy of promoting non-violent negotiations leading to an end to apartheid.

In the economic area, Bongo has brought in over \$700 million in American private investments, which is not bad for a country with only a million people. Most of this investment is in oil production, but there are also U.S. private interests in telecommunications, computers, heavy equipment, and hotels. His enlightened policies have given Gabon a per capita income of \$3,300, the highest in Africa. Recent declines in oil prices as well as the value of the dollar have made it necessary for Gabon to institute an IMF austerity program, but experts feel the country can weather the storm.

During the visit, Bongo is likely to focus on economic issues and he will probably ask for more U.S. investment and official U.S. assistance beyond the 80 Peace Corps volunteers there now. The latter is not possible because Gabon is a relatively wealthy OPEC country, but we have every reason to encourage additional American business interests to look seriously at Gabon.

Bongo will also have attended the annual OAU summit conference a few days before his visit to Washington. That will give you an opportunity to explore the mainstream of African thinking, especially on issues such as Libya/Chad, southern Africa, and the debt problem.

President Bongo is self-confident, ebullient, and unusually direct for an African leader. It should be relatively easy to get down to basics and have some frank discussions on a number of African subjects.

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III. PARTICIPANTS

List of participants at Tab C.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Press Pool in Oval Office
Open Press at Departure Statement

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- o 11:10 - 11:30 a.m. Prebrief - Oval Office
- o 11:30 - 11:40 a.m. Tete-te-tete and
Photo Opportunity -
Oval Office
- o 11:40 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Plenary Meeting -
Cabinet Room
- o 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon - Residence
- o 1:30 - 1:40 p.m. Departure Statements -
Diplomatic Entrance

Attachments

Tab A Secretary Shultz Memorandum to the President
Tab B Talking Points with 3 x 5 Cards
Tab C List of Participants
Tab D Bio

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 27, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President
FROM: George P. Shultz *GPS*
SUBJECT: Visit of Gabonese President
Omar Bongo: July 30 - August 6, 1987

I. WHERE DOES OUR RELATIONSHIP STAND?

- o Excellent bilateral relations. Bongo has wanted this visit for years. He was delighted to receive the invitation from your daughter, and will use this trip to dramatize his close relationship with the U.S.
- o Bongo has steered a moderate, pro-Western foreign policy since coming to power twenty years ago.
 - Played important role in Chadian national reconciliation, helped shift African opinion against Qadhafi, allowed French to use Gabon in support of military assistance to Chad.
 - Quietly supports our policy in southern Africa.

II. WHAT DO WE WANT?

- o Underscore that moderate, pro-Western policies pay dividends by showing U.S. recognition of Bongo's record of political stability and economic prosperity.
- o Express appreciation for the role Bongo has played to encourage national reconciliation in Chad and promote peace in the region.
- o Accord Bongo respectful public treatment as an international statesman to enhance his prestige and maintain his quiet support for our policies.
- o Spotlight U.S. investment in Gabon to emphasize constructive role of U.S. business in Africa.
- o Encourage Gabon to adhere to IMF prescriptions to adjust fiscal policies to oil price drop and to diversify economy.

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III. WHAT DOES BONGO WANT?

- o Use visit to dramatize his close relationship with the U.S.
 - As concrete evidence, initial a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) and sign a Debt Rescheduling Agreement while in Washington.
- o Enhance his international stature and prestige in Africa by showing he is taken seriously by the President of the United States.
- o Push for increased military assistance; ask for a development assistance program.
 - Gabon wants FMS credits for trucks, jeeps and rifles; and more IMET.
 - Thus far, Gabon's high per capita income (\$3,000) has made it ineligible for U.S. development aid.
- o Request U.S. help in securing favorable terms from the IMF for Gabon's economic adjustment program.

IV. WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED?

- o Praise Bongo by publicly acknowledging him as a leader who has been friendly toward the U.S. and given his country political stability and relative economic prosperity.
- o Confirm Bongo's quiet support of our policy in southern Africa.
- o Show our commitment to help Gabon through difficult economic times by our willingness to sign Debt Rescheduling Agreement and initial an ad referendum BIT text.
 - o -- Stress importance of economic adjustment program and IMF agreement.
 - o -- Underscore need to diversify economy to guard against oil price swing effects.
 - o --- Urge Gabonese to follow market-directed economic policies as the best way to attract more U.S. investors.

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TALKING POINTS FOR PRESIDENT'S TETE-A-TETE WITH
GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO

- WELCOME BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
- I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT. MY DAUGHTER MAUREEN VERY MUCH ENJOYED HER RECENT VISIT TO GABON. THANK YOU FOR EXTENDING SUCH GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY.
- I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES VALUE OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH GABON AND THAT WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION ON MANY ISSUES.
- THESE PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH VISITING LEADERS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ANY SENSITIVE PROBLEMS WHICH MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN THIS CASE, I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT'S NOT NECESSARY! IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WISH TO RAISE PRIVATELY WITH ME?

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TALKING POINTS FOR PRESIDENT'S PLENARY MEETING WITH
GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO

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-- RECOGNIZE A LONG-STANDING FRIEND

-- THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING SUCH A GRACIOUS HOST WHEN MY DAUGHTER MAUREEN VISITED GABON.

-- THIS VISIT SYMBOLIZES THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND UNDERSCORES OUR ESTEEM FOR YOU.

-- FOR TWENTY YEARS, YOU HAVE PRESIDED OVER POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IN YOUR COUNTRY.

-- UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, GABON SETS AN EXAMPLE FOR PURSUING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN A PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT.

-- WE APPRECIATE YOUR ROLE AS A FORCE FOR PEACE AND MODERATION IN THE REGION AND IN MULTILATERAL COUNCILS SUCH AS THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

-- REGIONAL ISSUES

-- GABON AND THE U.S. BOTH SEE AN URGENT NEED FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION. WHAT IS YOUR ANALYSIS OF CURRENT AFRICAN THINKING ABOUT THE SITUATION THERE?

-- WE APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANT ROLE YOU ARE PLAYING TO BRING ABOUT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN CHAD. WHEN PRESIDENT HABRE WAS HERE IN JUNE, HE TALKED OF HIS

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DESIRE TO SETTLE CHAD'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

-- HOW DO YOU THINK QADHAFI WILL PURSUE HIS AMBITIONS IN THE WAKE OF HIS DEFEAT? WHAT WILL CHAD DO IN REGARD TO THE AOZOU (OW'ZOO) STRIP?

-- YOU'VE JUST COME FROM THE OAU SUMMIT. WOULD YOU GIVE US YOUR VIEWS ON THAT SESSION?

-- AFRICA'S ECONOMIC CRISIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE OF CONCERN WITHIN THE OAU. WHAT STEPS WILL AFRICAN NATIONS BE TAKING TO COPE WITH THE CRISIS? HOW CAN THE U.S. HELP?

-- GABON'S ECONOMIC CHALLENGE

-- THE DROP IN WORLD OIL PRICES HAS HURT YOUR ECONOMY. I KNOW YOU ARE DETERMINED TO FACE UP TO THE CHALLENGE.

-- WE THINK YOUR ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM AND EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY ARE CRITICAL.

-- WE WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO GET MORE U.S. INVESTMENT IN GABON. I'M PLEASED WE CAN NOW INITIAL AN INVESTMENT TREATY. U.S. BUSINESSMEN WILL BE ENCOURAGED BY A STABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATE WITH MINIMAL GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN THE ECONOMY.

-- ASSISTANCE LEVELS (IF RAISED)

-- AS YOU KNOW, OUR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGETS HAVE BEEN CUT HEAVILY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

-- FMS CREDITS: WE CANNOT PROMISE A RENEWAL OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS, BUT WE ARE TALKING TO THE CONGRESS ABOUT IT.

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- DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE: GABON'S PER CAPITA INCOME IS TOO HIGH TO "QUALIFY" FOR A USAID PROGRAM.
- NEVERTHELESS, WE WANT TO BE HELPFUL: WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF PEACE CORPS ACTIVITY IN GABON. WE WILL BE SIGNING A BILATERAL DEBT RESCHEDULING AGREEMENT. AND WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT MATTERS.

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PARTICIPANTS LIST

Pre-Brief -- 11:10 - 11:30 a.m. (Oval Office)

The President
Secretary Shultz
Howard Baker
Kenneth Duberstein
Colin Powell
Assistant Secretary Crocker
Ambassador Williamson
Herman J. Cohen

Brief One-on-One and Photo Opportunity -- 11:30 - 11:40 a.m.
(Oval Office)

United States

The President
Herman J. Cohen (notetaker)

Alec Toumayan, (State Department Interpreter)

Gabon

President El Hadj Omar Bongo
Jean Ping (notetaker)

Eliza Burnham, (State Department Interpreter)

Plenary Meeting -- 11:40 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (Cabinet Room)

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Pascal Nze, Minister of Planning & Economy
Ali Ben Bongo, Personal Representative
Ambassador Jean Ping, Chief of Staff

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Luncheon -- 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. (Residence)

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Departure Statements -- 1:30 - 1:40 p.m. (Diplomatic Entrance)

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July 27, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: HERMAN J. COHEN *HJC*

SUBJECT: Briefing Papers for the President's Meeting
with President Bongo of Gabon, July 31, 1987

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This will not be a visit with major problems such as Kenya's human rights violations or Chad's request for STINGERS. Thanks to oil, manganese, and a pro-free enterprise policy, Gabon is the richest country in Africa on a per capita basis. Bongo has taken care of his people fairly well and has invested wisely. On the other hand, oil prices and the dollar are currently both down which is producing austerity in Gabon and rightly causing Bongo to worry about the future.

Bongo's main objective is to gain the prestige of a White House visit with the President. We can take advantage of that to thank him for his backing on several foreign policy issues, such as Chad, to probe him on African questions immediately after this week's OAU summit conference, and to support his quest for more U.S. private investment.

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RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I Your Memorandum to the President
 - Tab A Secretary Shultz Memorandum to the President
 - Tab B Talking Points with 3 x 5 Cards
 - Tab C List of Participants
 - Tab D Bio
- Tab II Incoming Correspondence

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THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON

TALKING POINTS

RECOGNIZE A LONG-STANDING FRIEND IN AFRICA

-- This visit symbolizes the traditional friendship between Gabon and the U.S., and underscores our esteem for you.

-- For twenty years, you have presided over political stability and economic prosperity in Gabon - this is a remarkable tribute to your ability to govern.

-- The wise and prudent course you have charted at home and abroad sets an encouraging example for other nations which wish to pursue their economic and social development in peace.

-- We respect and appreciate the important role you are playing in behalf of national reconciliation in Chad, and your promotion of peace throughout the region through your bilateral relationships and in multilateral councils, including the OAU.

CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA

-- Gabon and the U.S. clearly share a basic interest in and commitment to peace and economic progress in Africa.

-- We have been heartened by the similarity of views between Gabon and the U.S., including the need for a peaceful resolution of the great problems of South and southern Africa.

-- We look forward to continued consultation and political cooperation with you in the future.

-- You have been deeply involved in Chadian national reconciliation and, as chairman of the OAU Ad Hoc Committee on the Chad-Libya Border Dispute, you recently hosted a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee in Libreville. How do you think Qadhafi will pursue his political and territorial ambitions in the aftermath of his defeat? What steps do you think the Chadians will take in regard to the Aozou Strip?

-- You have just come from the OAU Summit in Addis Ababa, what is your analysis of current African views on the situation in southern Africa, especially Angola and South Africa?

THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGE

-- Congratulations on the determined, responsible fashion in which Gabon has faced up to its recent economic challenges.

-- For Gabon to maintain the economic prosperity which has made it the envy of Africa, it must stick to its economic adjustment program and diversify its economy.

-- We support your efforts to attract U.S. investment to Gabon. A stable, favorable investment climate with minimal government intervention in the economy will encourage American businessmen to invest in Gabon.

-- Africa's economic crisis has been an issue of concern and discussion within the OAU. How was the issue addressed during the OAU Summit, and what steps will African nations be taking to cope with the crisis?

U.S. ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE (IF RAISED)

-- We are sympathetic to your desire to strengthen your defense capabilities and to begin a development assistance program in Gabon.

-- Because of our own budgetary constraints, we cannot promise a renewal of foreign military sales credits; however, we are talking to Congress in this regard.

-- Besides our budget limitations, Gabon's per capita income is still so high that we cannot begin a USAID assistance program. Nevertheless, we do want to be helpful, as shown by the long history of Peace Corps activity in Gabon.

-- In addition, I am pleased that we are able now to sign our Bilateral Debt Rescheduling Agreement and initial a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT).

President's Draft Departure Statement

(Rose Garden Remarks)

President El Hadj Omar Bongo has been a very welcome guest at the White House, a long overdue visitor who has given us a chance to return the generous hospitality he has personally accorded to so many representatives of this and earlier administrations.

For twenty years, President Bongo has led his country in an era of stability and progress. Under his leadership, Gabon has consistently encouraged the peaceful settlement of regional disputes through reason, dialogue and moderation. Fittingly, President Bongo was asked by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to chair its ad hoc committee for a resolution of the situation in Chad. He has carried out his responsibilities with distinction and has spared no effort to facilitate a peaceful end to the dispute. In the United Nations and the OAU, Gabon has sought to have us all remember that the fundamental goal of Africa today is development for the welfare of its peoples, and that a fundamental challenge for Africa's friends and partners is to cooperate towards that goal.

The United States and Gabon concur profoundly in those views. That is why we have enjoyed a relationship of unbroken friendship and cooperation for the past two decades. This

relationship has served our country well. It has provided us the continuing counsel of a greatly experienced international statesman. Equally important, it has helped underscore the value of America's political, economic and development ties with Africa.

President Bongo and I found ourselves in harmony on the key issues that confront Africa today. Economic policy reform, which is the best hope for growth, self-sufficiency and full economic sovereignty, must proceed. The U.S. has encouraged this new trend in Africa concretely through special aid funds and increased contributions to the international financial institutions that are heavily engaged in Africa. Gabon is contributing as well by setting an example in taking difficult reform steps on its own and in coordination with the IMF. We admire this effort and wish President Bongo great success in its implementation. For our own part, we have just brought to conclusion a bilateral debt rescheduling agreement with Gabon. We have also taken steps to promote increased U.S. investment in Gabon.

President Bongo and I reviewed the situation in southern Africa from the perspective of our deeply shared conviction

that negotiated, peaceful solutions to the disputes that afflict that region -- and to the atrocity known as apartheid -- are urgently needed and clearly possible. We are committed to nurturing among all those involved the political will to set the region on a corrected course.

Much of Africa is coming to the end of a decade of decision, a period in which it will have made fundamental choices which will determine whether it can look to the future with confidence about its economic, political and social prospects, and even about the health of its peoples. The U.S. must stand unequivocally by the side of Africa, with our counsel, our friendship and our assistance, as those choices are made. I will make every effort to see that we do so, and am heartened that the U.S. has the cooperative encouragement of a friend like President Bongo.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Proposed State Department and Gabonese Participants
in White House Events, July 31, 1987

As requested, we hereby forward to you a list of the
proposed State Department and Gabonese participants in the
President's meeting and lunch with Gabonese President Bongo on
July 31, 1987.


Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

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PROPOSED STATE DEPARTMENT AND GABONESE PARTICIPANTS
IN WHITE HOUSE EVENTS, JULY 31, 1987

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1. Secretary George P. Shultz
 2. Assistant Secretary Chester A. Crocker
 3. Ambassador Larry C. Williamson

MEETING AND LUNCH WITH GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO

- State:
1. Secretary George P. Shultz
 2. Assistant Secretary Chester A. Crocker
 3. Ambassador Larry C. Williamson
 4. Deputy Assistant Secretary Kenneth L. Brown

- Gabon:
1. H.E. Omar Bongo, President of the Gabonese Republic, Head of State
 2. H.E. Martin Bongo, Minister of Foreign Affairs
 3. H.E. Jean-Robert Odzaga, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the U.S.A.
 4. H.E. Jean-Francois Ntoutoume Emame, Minister of State, Minister of Commerce and Technological Transfer
 5. H.E. Jean-Pierre Lemoumba-Lepandou, Minister of Finance and Budget
 6. H.E. Pascal Nze, Minister of Planning and Economy
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Briefing Materials for the President's Meeting with
Gabonese President Bongo, July 31, 1987

As requested, we hereby forward to you the following
briefing material for the President's use in his meeting and
lunch with Gabonese President Bongo on July 31, 1987:

1. Talking Points for the President
2. Departure Statement for the President


Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

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OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT OF PRESIDENT OMAR BONGO OF GABON

DATE: July 31, 1987
LOCATION: Oval Office, Cabinet Room,
Residence
TIME: 11:10 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.
FROM: FRANK C. CARLUCCI

I. PURPOSE

To underscore the traditional bonds of friendship between Gabon and the United States; to pay tribute to President Bongo's successful economic management of his country, especially his encouragement of foreign investment and support for a vigorous private sector.

II. BACKGROUND

This will be President Bongo's second visit to the Oval Office. He was invited previously in 1981 as President of the Organization of African Unity. His main objective for this bilateral visit is to enhance his international status and prestige within Africa by demonstrating that he is taken seriously by the President of the United States.

Bongo deserves to be taken seriously. He has been particularly helpful in support of U.S. foreign policy objectives, and his domestic economic policies tend to follow our prescriptions for successful development. Gabon's main source of political, military, and economic support continues to be France which is a normal and desirable situation. However, Bongo has been sufficiently self-confident to break out of French constraints and bring in significant American private investment and take foreign policy initiatives not always to France's liking. He clearly does not want all of his eggs in one basket.

In foreign policy, Bongo has been one of the strongest defenders of the Afghan freedom fighters, and a major voice in condemning Soviet aggression in the United Nations. In general, Gabon's voting record at the UN is among the most pro-American within the African group.

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Gabon has been especially helpful in the fight against Libyan aggression in Chad. As head of the OAU Committee on the Chad/Libya border dispute, Bongo was instrumental in moving the majority of African states off the fence and into the pro-Habre anti-Libya column. He also did not hesitate to allow French military forces to utilize Gabonese facilities as staging bases for their movements into Chad.

In southern Africa, Bongo has been a regular supporter of the American policy of promoting non-violent negotiations leading to an end to apartheid.

In the economic area, Bongo has brought in over \$700 million in American private investments, which is not bad for a country with only a million people. Most of this investment is in oil production, but there are also U.S. private interests in telecommunications, computers, heavy equipment, and hotels. His enlightened policies have given Gabon a per capita income of \$3,300, the highest in Africa. Recent declines in oil prices as well as the value of the dollar have made it necessary for Gabon to institute an IMF austerity program, but experts feel the country can weather the storm.

During the visit, Bongo is likely to focus on economic issues and he will probably ask for more U.S. investment and official U.S. assistance beyond the 80 Peace Corps volunteers there now. The latter is not possible because Gabon is a relatively wealthy OPEC country, but we have every reason to encourage additional American business interests to look seriously at Gabon.

Bongo will also have attended the annual OAU summit conference a few days before his visit to Washington. That will give you an opportunity to explore the mainstream of African thinking, especially on issues such as Libya/Chad, southern Africa, and the debt problem.

President Bongo is self-confident, ebullient, and unusually direct for an African leader. It should be relatively easy to get down to basics and have some frank discussions on a number of African subjects.

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III. PARTICIPANTS

List of participants at Tab C.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Press Pool in Oval Office
Open Press at Departure Statement

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- o 11:10 - 11:30 a.m. Prebrief - Oval Office
- o 11:30 - 11:40 a.m. Tete-te-tete and
Photo Opportunity -
Oval Office
- o 11:40 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Plenary Meeting -
Cabinet Room
- o 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon - Residence
- o 1:30 - 1:40 p.m. Departure Statements -
Diplomatic Entrance

Attachments

- Tab A Secretary Shultz Memorandum to the President
- Tab B Talking Points with 3 x 5 Cards
- Tab C List of Participants
- Tab D Bio

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MEMORANDUM FOR MELVYN LEVITSKY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Official Working Visit of President Bongo of Gabon

The date for the Official Working Visit of President Bongo of Gabon has been set for July 31, 1987.

The tentative scenario is as follows:

11:27 a.m.	Arrival
11:30 a.m.	Photo and Meeting in Oval Office
12:15 p.m.	Lunch in Residence
1:30 p.m.	Departure Statements
1:40 p.m.	Departure

In preparation for the visit the following is requested by July 17:

- Recommended U.S. and Gabon participants list
- Recommended talking points
- Biographies
- Secretary Shultz' Scope Paper

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July 29, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR JACK L. COURTEMANCHE

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, *GR*

SUBJECT: Coffee for Daughters and Daughter-in-Law of President Bongo of Gabon

We were pleased to be informed that the First Lady has agreed to host a coffee for the daughters and daughter-in-law of President Bongo of Gabon on Friday, July 31, at 11:00 a.m.

At Tab A are a proposed guest list, talking points, and biographic data on the guests of honor for the First Lady's use.

Attachment

Tab A Proposed Guest List, Talking Points,
and Bio Data

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT GREEN

FROM: LINDA FAULKNER *L. F.*
RE: Coffee for the Daughters of
President Bongo of Gabon

Mrs. Reagan is pleased to host a coffee for the daughters and daughter-in-law of President Bongo of Gabon at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 31.

We will await a suggested guest list from you. Many thanks.

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PROPOSED GUEST LIST FOR WHITE HOUSE COFFEE
FOR DAUGHTERS AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF
PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON

Mlle. Pascaline Bongo, Daughter of President Bongo (serving in the capacity of First Lady)

Mlle. Albertine Bongo, Daughter of President Bongo

Mme. Aubierge Bongo, Daughter-in-Law of President Bongo and wife of Ali Ben Bongo, Personal Representative of President Bongo

Mrs. Aminatou Odzaga, Wife of Gabonese Ambassador to the United States, Jean Robert Odzaga

Mrs. Helena Shultz, Wife of Secretary of State George Shultz

Mrs. Saone Crocker, Wife of Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Chester Crocker

Mrs. Joan Williamson, Wife of U.S. Ambassador to Gabon Larry C. Williamson

TALKING POINTS FOR FIRST LADY'S COFFEE FOR
DAUGHTERS AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF
PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON

Background

President Bongo is married, but Mrs. Bongo will not be accompanying him on this visit. Pascaline and Albertine Bongo, who are well acquainted with the U.S., are sophisticated, highly educated young women; Pascaline in fact is a well-qualified financial consultant. The Bongo sisters are thus almost completely atypical of their generation in Africa. However, they are well suited by background, experience, and the prominence of their position to be an example for women in contributing to the political, social, and economic development of their country. Even in relatively wealthy Gabon, where French and European influence is very strong, women remain by and large confined to traditional responsibilities and, at best, a supporting role in national life.

It would be interesting to explore with these young ladies how they envision the prospects for women taking a larger part in Gabonese commercial, professional, and public life. They will be interested to have our First Lady's views on these issues, and may be open to suggestions about volunteerism, consciousness-raising about alcohol and drug abuse, and more generally how women of prominent position can be of service to their people.

Both ladies have spent considerable time in the Beverly Hills area of Los Angeles, where the Bongo family owns a home. Pascaline graduated from the University of Southern California; Albertine studied there.

TALKING POINTS

ROLE OF FIRST LADY

-- In the United States, the First Lady can influence major public/social issues, such as drug abuse. My predecessors have been involved in other areas, such as the arts, conservation, mental illness. The President's daughter Maureen is active in domestic politics and travels widely abroad on the President's behalf (she met Pascaline Bongo on her recent trip to Gabon).

-- What about in Gabon? What is expected of the President's family? What opportunities do they have for leadership?

-- Volunteerism is the source of a great deal of U.S. social progress, especially in areas where government cannot or should not reach. Our government encourages it. Does the concept have significance in Gabon? What can be done to foster its growth?

ROLE OF WOMEN IN GABONESE SOCIETY

-- In the longer term, as Gabon diversifies into an ever more complex society and economy, will women have access to opportunities in business and the professions? Will they have educational opportunities to prepare themselves?

-- How about politics? Will the Gabonese accept women in political positions? Are women active in the political party structure?

U.S. GABON COOPERATION

-- Gabon and the United States enjoy excellent political and economic relations. You (daughters) have lived in both places. From your perspective, are there other areas in which we can work to strengthen understanding between our two countries? We encourage you to keep us in mind and think about ways in which we can cooperate.

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MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: HERMAN J. COHEN HJC

SUBJECT: First Lady's Coffee for Daughters and Daughter-in-Law of Gabonese President Bongo

The First Lady has agreed to host a coffee for the daughters and daughter-in-law of Gabonese President Bongo on Friday, July 31, at 11:00 a.m.

At Tab I is your memorandum to Jack Courtemanche and at Tab A are a proposed guest list, talking points, and biographic data for the First Lady's use.

Marybel Batjer concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to Mr. Courtemanche.

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Disapprove _____

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Alison P. Rosenberg

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Tab I Green/Courtemanche Memorandum
Tab A Proposed Guest List, Talking Points, and Bio Data

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: HERMAN J. COHEN *AR for*

SUBJECT: Bongo Visit: First Lady's Coffee/Tea for
Two Daughters and a Daughter-in-Law of the
President of Gabon

President Bongo of Gabon will be making an official working visit to the United States July 30-August 4. His meetings with the President will be on July 31. President Bongo will not be accompanied by his wife; he will be accompanied by two daughters, Pascaline and Albertine, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ali Ben Bongo. He has designated Pascaline Bongo to serve in the capacity of First Lady. The State Department recommends that Mrs. Reagan give a coffee/tea in honor of the visiting chief of state's daughter in this capacity (Tab A), and I believe the NSC should endorse that recommendation. Maureen Reagan, who met President Bongo on her recent trip to Africa, is recommended as an alternative hostess.

Marybel Batjer concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Grant Green to forward the Memorandum at Tab I to the First Lady's office.

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Prepared by
Patricia M. Corcoran

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Tab A Incoming Correspondence

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MEMORANDUM FOR JACK L. COURTEMANCHE

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

SUBJECT: Proposal for First Lady to Give a Coffee/Tea for
Two Daughters and a Daughter-in-Law of
the President of Gabon

President El Hadj Omar Bongo of Gabon, accompanied by his daughters Pascaline and Albertine, will be making an official working visit to Washington during the period July 30-August 4. Also accompanying President Bongo will be his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ali Ben Bongo. President Bongo will spend several hours with President Reagan on Friday, July 31, including lunch.

The Gabonese president will not be accompanied by his wife. Pascaline Bongo has been designated by President Bongo to serve in the capacity of First Lady. The State Department and NSC recommend that Mrs. Reagan host a coffee/tea for these ladies on July 31. Should this not be possible, it is recommended that Maureen Reagan host in Mrs. Reagan's place. (Ms. Reagan met with President Bongo on her recent African trip.) A proposed guest list will be provided when we have confirmed the names of those who will be accompanying President Bongo.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Request for Coffee ~~to~~ ^{host} to be Offered by Mrs. Reagan in
Honor of Pascaline and Albertine Bongo

President Bongo of Gabon, accompanied by his daughters Pascaline and Albertine, will pay an official working visit to Washington during July 30 - August 4. Pascaline Bongo has been designated by President Bongo to serve in the capacity of First Lady. Also accompanying President Bongo will be his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ali Ben Bongo. We recommend that Mrs. Reagan host a coffee for Pascaline and Albertine Bongo and Mrs. Ali Ben Bongo on Friday, July 31. Should this not be possible, we recommend that Maureen Reagan host a coffee in Mrs. Reagan's place. A proposed guest list will be forwarded when we have confirmed the names of those who will be accompanying President Bongo.

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