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BONGO OF GABON

PARTURE STATEMENT

JULY 31, 1987

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(ROHRABACHER)

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JAY B. STEPHENS ORGINAL SIGNED BY J.8.3. DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks on Departure of President Bongo of Gabon

As requested, this office has reviewed the above-referenced draft departure statement of President Reagan for delivery on the departure of President Bongo of Gabon. We have no legal objection to the draft statement.

We have three stylistic suggestions. First, in the first sentence of the first paragraph "welcomed" should be changed to "welcome." As presently written, the sentence could be read to refer to the quality of White House hospitality ("very welcomed"), rather than the President's pleasure at seeing President Bongo ("very welcome"). Second, in the second sentence of the first paragraph the word "overdue," which might be taken as a criticism of President Bongo for delaying his visit, should be changed to "awaited." Third, in the fourth line of the second paragraph the word "sided" should be changed to "siding."

Thank you for submitting this draft for our review.

cc: Rhett B. Dawson

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY DOLAN

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FROM:

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SUBJECT: President Bongo of Gabon - Departure Statement

We appreciate your cooperation in accommodating our suggested changes. We think the draft is much improved with your revisions.

One additional request we have is to delete the final sentence. It may be a bit too sentimental and, in any case, is premature; Bongo has more official meetings next week and won't leave Washington until after that.

Attachment

Tab A Departure Statement

cc: Rhett Dawson

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RESPONSE:
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**Rhett Dawson** Ext. 2702

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RESPONSE:

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY DOLAN

GRANT S. GREEN SR. FROM:

President Bongo of Gabon - Departure Statement SUBJECT:

We appreciate your cooperation in accommodating our suggested changes. We think the draft is much improved with your revisions.

One additional request we have is to delete the final sentence. It may be a bit too sentimental and, in any case, is premature; Bongo has more official meetings next week and won't leave Washington until after that.

Attachment

Departure Statement Tab A

cc: Rhett Dawson

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DATE: 7/28/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12:00 NOON 7/29/87

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MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: HERMAN J. COHEN

SUBJECT: President Bongo of Gabon - Departure Statement

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Marybet Batfer concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to Tony Dolan at Tab I.

Approve

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Alison P. Rosenberg

Attachments

Tab I Green/Dolan Memorandum

Tab A Draft Departure Statement

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