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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 29, 1988

Dear Mr. President:

I want to take the opportunity presented by the visit to your country of United Nations Ambassador Vernon Walters to send my highest regards to you. I have fond memories of our meeting in 1983, and have appreciated the warm reception members of my Administration have received in Cote d'Ivoire.

Ambassador Walters is among our most distinguished diplomats, and I appreciate your receiving him. The generosity and hospitality of Coted'Ivoire are well known. It is a further testament to the strength of your principles that leaders throughout West Africa look to you for advice. I know you have not hesitated to offer candidly your views and express your concerns to members of my government, and know that I can depend on you to do so with Ambassador Walters. He will report to me fully and faithfully upon his return, and I look forward to his account of your meeting.

Secretary Shultz briefed me on the recent visit of Foreign Minister Simeon Ake, and I read your letter concerning the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) with interest. Your concerns will certainly be taken into account as we observe developments in UNESCO.

Let me conclude by reiterating the high regard in the United States for the people and government of Cote d'Ivoire. Despite its current adversities,

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Cote d'Ivoire has stood by the principles of peace, fraternity, and respect for individual rights. Your country is a model for many other nations, both in Africa and elsewhere, which strive to attain these ideals and objectives. This is a credit both to the strength of Cote d'Ivoire's people and to your leadership.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

His Excellency  
Felix Houphouet-Boigny  
President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire  
Abidjan

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8803813

DATE March 2, 1988

For: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: President Houphouet-Boigny of Cote d'Ivoire

Date: February 6, 1988

Subject: Requests U.S. reconsider its decision  
regarding UNESCO

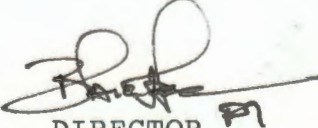
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ACTION TAKEN:

- XX AN INFORMATION COPY OF A DIRECT REPLY IS ATTACHED.  
\_\_\_\_\_ A DRAFT REPLY WILL BE FORWARDED.  
\_\_\_\_\_ A TRANSLATION IS ATTACHED.  
\_\_\_\_\_ WE BELIEVE NO RESPONSE IS NECESSARY FOR THE REASON  
CITED BELOW.  
\_\_\_\_\_ THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE  
PROPOSED TRAVEL.  
\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER.

REMARKS: President Reagan signed a letter 2/29 to be carried to Abidjan by Ambassador Walters in March. This letter responds to President Houphouet's letter of 2/6/88.

  
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LS NO.

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The President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Abidjan, February 6, 1988

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit this message to Your Excellency through Mr. Siméon Aké, my Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Aké, in whom I have complete trust, will set forth to you the reasons why I, as dean of the Chiefs of State of Africa, am asking you to examine the possibility of a return of the United States to UNESCO.

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I cannot believe that the United States, which played a major role in the creation and operation of the United Nations and its specialized institutions, is unable to continue making its invaluable contribution to an institution whose importance for Africa is only too obvious.

For this reason, I feel compelled to urge Your Excellency to kindly reconsider your country's decision with regard to UNESCO, for which Africa will be forever grateful.

I thus send to you Mr. Aké and ask that you receive him with your customary good will, and that you give credence to all that he shall communicate to you in my name, especially when he assures you of my friendship and my high esteem.

Confident of your understanding in this matter, I ask you to accept, dear Mr. President, the assurances of my very high consideration.

[s] Félix Houphouët-Boigny

[Presidential seal]



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

1139

February 11, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens  
National Security Council Staff

SUBJECT: Alerting NSCS on Presidential  
Correspondence

Enclosed is the original of a letter to President Reagan from Cote d'Ivoire President Felix Houphouet-Boigny which is transmitted for your information.

This correspondence was received in the Information Management Section of the Executive Secretariat, on February 11, 1988. A copy has been assigned to the appropriate bureau for action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. McElhenny". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Director, S/S-I  
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[Presidential seal]



*Le Président de la République de Côte d'Ivoire*

ABIDJAN, LE 6 FÉVRIER 1988

MONSIEUR LE PRÉSIDENT ET CHER AMI,

J'AI L'HONNEUR DE DÉPÊCHER AUPRÈS DE VOTRE EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR SIMÉON AKE, MON MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES CHARGÉ DE VOUS REMETTRE CE MESSAGE.

LE MINISTRE AKE QUI JOUIT DE MON ENTIÈRE CONFIANCE VOUS EXPOSERA LES RAISONS QUI ME CONDUISENT À VOUS DEMANDER, EN MA QUALITÉ DE DOYEN DES CHEFS D'ÉTAT D'AFRIQUE, DE BIEN VOULOIR EXAMINER LA POSSIBILITÉ DU RETOUR DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE AU SEIN DE L'UNESCO.

JE ME SUIS, EN EFFET, LONGUEMENT ENTRETENU, À YAMOUS-SOUKRO DU 29 AU 31 JANVIER 1988 AVEC LE NOUVEAU DIRECTEUR GÉNÉRAL DE L'UNESCO, SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR FEDERICO MAYOR. J'AI PU, NON SEULEMENT, APPRÉCIER SES GRANDES QUALITÉS D'HOMME DE SCIENCE ET DE CULTURE DOUBLÉES D'UN GRAND HUMANISME, MAIS ÉGALEMENT, ME CONVAINCRE DE SA FERME DÉTERMINATION DE REDONNER À L'INSTITUTION QU'IL DIRIGE SA VOCATION PREMIÈRE.

SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR RONALD REAGAN  
PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE

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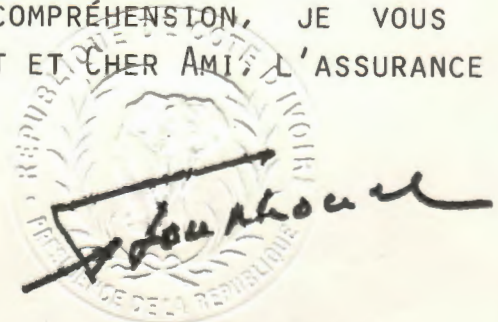
SON ÉLECTION OUVRE DES PERSPECTIVES NOUVELLES POUR L'UNESCO DE RETROUVER SON UNIVERSALITÉ ET PERMET DE TOURNER LA PAGE DES REGRETTABLES MALENTENDUS OU DÉSACCORDS QUI ONT JUSTIFIÉ LE RETRAIT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE.

JE CONÇOIS MAL QUE LES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE QUI ONT PRIS UNE PART PRÉPONDÉRANTE À LA CRÉATION ET AU FONCTIONNEMENT DE L'ORGANISATION DES NATIONS-UNIES ET DE SES INSTITUTIONS SPÉCIALISÉES NE PUISSENT CONTINUER À APPORTER SON INESTIMABLE CONTRIBUTION À UNE INSTITUTION DONT L'IMPORTANCE POUR L'AFRIQUE EST PLUS QU'ÉVIDENTE.

C'EST LA RAISON POUR LAQUELLE JE ME FAIS UN DEVOIR PRESSANT D'INSISTER AUPRÈS DE VOTRE EXCELLENCE POUR QU'ELLE DAIGNE RECONSIDÉRER LA DÉCISION DE SON PAYS À L'ÉGARD DE L'UNESCO. L'AFRIQUE LUI EN SERA INFINIMENT RECONNAISSANTE.

C'EST POURQUOI, JE VOUS PRIE DE RECEVOIR MONSIEUR SIMÉON AKE, AVEC VOTRE BIENVEILLANCE HABITUELLE ET D'AJOUTER FOI ET CRÉANCE À TOUT CE QU'IL VOUS DIRA DE MA PART, SURTOUT LORSQU'IL VOUS EXPRIMERA MES SENTIMENTS DE HAUTE ESTIME ET MON AMITIÉ.

CONFIANT EN VOTRE AIMABLE COMPRÉHENSION, JE VOUS PRIE D'AGRÉER, MONSIEUR LE PRÉSIDENT ET CHER AMI, L'ASSURANCE DE MA TRÈS HAUTE CONSIDÉRATION.



The image shows a circular official seal of the République de Côte d'Ivoire. The seal features a central emblem with a mountain and a sun, surrounded by the text 'REPUBLIQUE DE CÔTE D'IVOIRE' and 'LE PRÉSIDENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE'. A handwritten signature in black ink is written across the seal.

FÉLIX HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY

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NSC/S PROFILE

RECORD ID: 8801139  
RECEIVED: 12 FEB 88 09

TO: STEVENS  
FROM: LEVITSKY, M

DOC DATE: 02 MAR 88

ORIGINAL SUBJECT:  
LTR TO PRES FM PRES HOUPHOUET BOIGNY RE UNESCO

DOCUMENT SUBJECT:  
REQUESTS US RECONSIDER ITS DECISION RE UNESCO

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ACTION: SEE 8701487 FOR FINAL ACTION      DUE DATE: 26 FEB 88  
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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 05, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: HIS EXCELLENCY FELIX HOUPHOUET BOIGNY

SUBJECT: HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND APPRECIATION FOR  
MESSAGE RECEIVED ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
IVORY COAST'S INDEPENDENCE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8900876

Date February 2, 1989

For:

Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan

From: President Houphouet-Boigny of Cote d'Ivoire

Date: 1/4/89

Subject: Holiday greeting and appreciation for message  
received on the anniversary of the Ivory Coast's  
Anniversary

WH Referral Date: 1/5/89  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- X \_\_\_\_\_ 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 an acknowledgement of an earlier message from President Reagan. No additional message is necessary.

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*Lisa M. Kender*  
for Director  
Secretariat Staff

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His Excellency Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States of America  
Washington

No. 75677 (Top Priority)

Abidjan, January 4, 1989

Excellency:

The Ivoirian people and I very much appreciated the kindness and warmth of your message to us on the occasion of our country's national holiday. I am very grateful to you for this sign of consideration and friendship, and in turn extend to Your Excellency and your family my wishes for your health and happiness, and for the ever increasing progress and prosperity of our friends the American people. Rest assured, Mr. President, that we shall spare no effort to strengthen and reinforce even further the bonds of friendship and cooperation that so happily unite our two peoples.

Very high consideration.

Félix Houphouët-Boigny  
President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 05, 1989

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SUBJECT: HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND APPRECIATION FOR MESSAGE RECEIVED ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
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S/S 8900876

Date February 2, 1989

For:

Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan

From: President Houphouet-Boigny of Cote d'Ivoire

Date: 1/4/89

Subject: Holiday greeting and appreciation for message  
received on the anniversary of the Ivory Coast's  
Anniversary

WH Referral Date: 1/5/89  
NSC ID# (if any) 618138

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.
- X 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 an acknowledgement of an earlier message from President Reagan. No additional message is necessary.

*Lisa M. Under*  
for Director  
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His Excellency Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States of America  
Washington

No. 75677 (Top Priority)

Abidjan, January 4, 1989

Excellency:

The Ivoirian people and I very much appreciated the kindness and warmth of your message to us on the occasion of our country's national holiday. I am very grateful to you for this sign of consideration and friendship, and in turn extend to Your Excellency and your family my wishes for your health and happiness, and for the ever increasing progress and prosperity of our friends the American people. Rest assured, Mr. President, that we shall spare no effort to strengthen and reinforce even further the bonds of friendship and cooperation that so happily unite our two peoples.

Very high consideration.

Félix Houphouët-Boigny  
President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 05, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: HIS EXCELLENCY FELIX HOUEY BOIGNY

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SUBJECT: HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND APPRECIATION FOR  
MESSAGE RECEIVED ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
IVORY COAST'S INDEPENDENCE

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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*F-FURNISH FACT SHEET  *S-SUSPENDED        *COMPLETED = DATE OF *
*I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC*                        *      OUTGOING    *
*R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY *                        *                        *
*S-FOR-SIGNATURE       *                        *                        *
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