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### THE WHITE HOUSE

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### September 21, 1984

### Dear Francois:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the question of a possible allocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDR's) by the International Monetary Fund. I understand that Don Regan, George Shultz and Bud McFarlane discussed this and other international financial issues with your Special Counselor, Jacques Attali, during his recent visit here. Mr. Attali's thoughtful presentation of your views was much appreciated.

The United States shares your concerns regarding the economic hardships which many less developed countries have recently experienced. We also agree that those countries which are implementing difficult economic adjustment programs merit our support. However, we do not believe that an SDR allocation would be an appropriate or effective means of providing support or helping those countries deal with their economic difficulties.

Clearly, a number of developing countries have experienced severe financial constraints and reduced access to private credit. In our view, this does not reflect a long-term global need for international reserves, which is the requirement for an SDR allocation. Rather, there has been a loss of private market creditworthiness, due in part to a lack of confidence in their past policies. Indeed, international reserves as a whole have increased substantially since the onset of the debt problem in 1982, and a further global increase is projected for next year.

As you know, the cooperative debt strategy which all of us endorsed at Williamsburg in 1983 includes as one of its principal elements the need for

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debtor countries to adopt effective economic adjustment measures. Recent developments indicate that this approach is bearing fruit and is the key to rebuilding the reserves of developing countries. Many countries are implementing sound economic policies, with the support of the International Monetary Fund, and are gradually regaining their access to private credit markets and official assistance, thus improving their prospects for growth and development.

Rather than supporting and encouraging these efforts, an SDR allocation could actually undermine the adjustment process since SDR's would go to all members of the IMF, not just those implementing comprehensive economic programs. Additionally, despite considerable progress in the industrial countries, inflation remains a serious problem in many LDC's, and we are concerned that an allocation could erode their willingness to face up to this problem.

Because the bulk of any SDR allocation would go to the industrial and oil-exporting countries, we would also question whether an allocation would significantly benefit either the major debtors or the poorest developing countries. For example, from an allocation of SDR 10 billion, Brazil would receive SDR 160 million while Chad would receive only SDR 3 million. I understand that your proposal for SDR lending by financially strong countries is designed to address this particular drawback to an SDR allocation. However, for us, .conceptual and legislative problems would remain. First, the recent increase in IMF resources -- an increase I strongly supported -- provides the IMF with adequate funds to meet official balance of payments financing for the foreseeable future. Supplementing these funds is, in my view, unnecessary and inconsistent with the 1983 agreement to increase the IMF's resources. Moreover, we would be unlikely to obtain the legally necessary Congressional support for such lending, following the \$8.5 billion provided recently to the IMF in the face of severe budget constraints.

We are making significant strides in resolving the debt problem through a combination of strong economic recovery in many industrial countries, effective economic adjustment by the debtors, and appropriate official and private financing. I am confident that the approach we have adopted, and which was endorsed at the London Summit, will succeed. You may be sure that the United States will continue to work closely with France in this effort.

Sincerely,

His Excellency Francois Mitterrand President of the French Republic Paris

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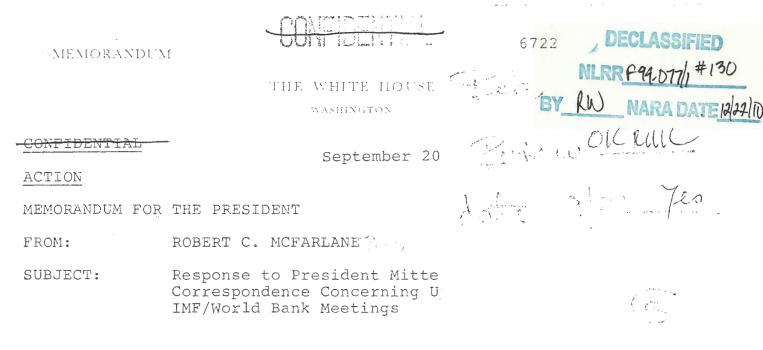
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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

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issues for this year's IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings. Reacting to the Mitterrand letter accelerated this process and your response communicates the consensus U.S. position going into the Annual Meetings. Your correspondence (Tab A) incorporates the following points:

- References a recent meeting between Jacques Attali (Mitterrand's Special Counselor), myself and Secretaries Regan and Shultz.
- Indicates our shared concern over economic hardships of debtor nations.
- o States that we do not view an SDR allocation as an appropriate or effective means of supporting debtor countries.
- o Acknowledges that although developing countries have experienced reduced access to the private credit markets, in our view, this does not reflect a long-term global need for increased international reserves which is the requirement for an SDR allocation. In fact, international reserves have increased substantially since 1982, and a further increase is projected for next year.
- Indicates that our five part debt strategy is working and permitting debtor nations to rebuild reserves and gradually regain access to the private credit markets.
- States our concern that an SDR allocation could undermine the adjustment process undertaken by developing countries as it would be available to all countries, thereby reducing the benefits to major debtor nations (provides examples).
- Cites conceptual and legislative problems with the industrial countries cycling their share of an SDR allocation back to developing countries.

The Department of State and the speechwriters have cleared the text of the proposed reply.

Recommendation

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That you sign the proposed draft response (Tab A) to President Mitterrand's correspondence concerning a proposed SDR allocation.

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Tab	A	Proposed	Reply
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Prepared by: Reger W. Robinson

cc: Vice President

Summary of Arguments Regarding Possible SDR Allocation

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### I. Financing/Adjustment

The level of international reserves currently held by LDCs is low by historical standards; ratio of non-gold reserves to imports fell to 19.4% in 1982 after averaging 22.7% between 1970 and 1980. Allocation is necessary to improve LDCs' reserve positions and ease current excessive financial pressure on LDCs.

Current difficulties largely reflect impact on LDCs of unfavorable exogenous developments; global recession, high interest rates, oil price shocks. Not fair to penalize LDCs for problems they did not cause. Allocation is a way to provide additional financial resources to LDCs without imposing further austerity; will provide a financial bridge to help LDCs get over current difficult period.

By increasing owned (rather than borrowed) reserves, allocation would improve external position of LDCs; would increase net reserves and reduce demand for more borrowing (which only raises gross rather than net reserves).

Increase in non-oil LDCs' reserves which would result from allocation would provide them with buffer against future economic shocks; would reduce potential for abrupt changes in LDC economies.

Argument that allocation will delay or postpone necessary adjustment overlooks fact that many countries now have tough IMF programs in place, and others are presently negotiating with the Fund. Existence of these programs will prevent erosion of adjustment process. There is wide doubt about usefulness of these indicators given crucial importance of capital flows. However, traditional indicators of reserve adequacy (e.g. ratio of nongold reserves to imports) now show LDC holdings up substantially in SDR terms and at highest level since 1979.

Agree basic problems have been excerbated by recent developments. However, fundamental problem for most LDCs is failure to implement appropriate policies. Adjustment cannot be avoided; vulnerability of LDCs to exogenous forces reinforces case for rapid effective adjustment. Allocation would in some cases only delay and make more difficult inevitable process of adjustment.

Principal objective should be to re-establish creditworthiness; major factors here are overall debt level, debt servicing performance and commitment to effective adjustment, not composition of reserve portfolio.

Data do not indicate that non-oil LDCs use allocated SDRs to augment reserves. Group currently holds only 31 percent of all previously allocated SDRs, and a substantial number of Fund members holds less than 15 percent (e.g., Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Nigeria). Thus, for most part SDRs have been spent by non-oil LDCs rather than used to increase reserves, and trend is likely to continue.

Lessons of the past indicate that concessional or unconditional liquidity flows do not promote, and may discourage, effective economic adjustment. Fact that many Fund programs are in place is in itself no guarantee that necessary adjustment will occur. providing LDCs with timely infusion of

### II. Inflation

liquidity.

Inflationary potential of allocation is minimal. During past few years inflation has fallen substantially, and inflationary bias seems to have been wrung out of world economy.

Sufficient excess capacity exists in both industrial countries and LDCs to absorb any demand-side inflationary pressure arising from an allocation.

### III. Strategic

In current difficult situation, many LDCs pressing hard for concessions in debt startegy; U.S. agreement to allocation would be well-received gesture of support for LDCs and could reduce potential for demand for more costly, disruptive concessions on debt issues.

Failure to approve allocation, coupled with initial U.S. opposition to quota increase, and U.S. refusal to accept quota increase of more than 50% indicates U.S. unwillingness to take steps necessary to address LDC economic and financial problems. SDRs are allocated to IMF members in exact proportion to quotas; the bulk (63%) would go to the industrial countries, with the non-oil LDCs getting only 26%. Major debtors would actually get little: for SDR 1 billion allocated, Brazil would get SDR 16.4 million, Mexico SDR 13.1 million and Argentina SDR 12.5 million.

Encouraging figures on average inflation performance obscure fact that inflation in non-oil LDCs actually rose from 34% in 1982 to 44% in 1983. Additionally, many major LDCs still have excessive inflation.

Other factors beside capacity utilization need to be considered; e.g., in many countries rate of money creation is excessive. Additionally, both theory and observation point to central role of expectations; large infusion of unconditional liquidity, directed to those least likely to manage it properly, would risk re-igniting inflation expectations.

Recognize immediate political and strategic gains of agreement to allocation. However, gains could prove illusory and short lived if they generate demands for additional concessions which could threaten current debt strategy.

The U.S. recently contributed \$8.4 billion to IMF to increase quotas and and emergency credit lines, and has been at forefront of efforts to address debt problems of Fund members. No objective review of U.S. actions over the past few years could conclude that there has been insufficient U.S. support for the Fund.

Allocation would be perceived as a bank bail-out, thereby weakening domestic support for the IMF. SDR was created in 1969 in part to provide an alternative to dollar; 1976 amendment to IMF Articles provides for SDR becoming "principal reserve asset" in international monetary system. In nearly 15 years have been only two allocations for a total of SDR 21.4 billion. Allocation would reaffirm commitment of IMF membership to stronger SDR. Current minor role of SDR in international financial system simply indicates preferences of market participants; preferences reflect myriad fundamental factors and won't be affected simply by a small one-time change in the quantity of a particular asset.

No reason to believe that allocation would strengthen SDR. Indeed, if allocation perceived by SDR holders as simply an extension by the IMF of unconditional liquidity to LDCs, then is more likely to undermine confidence in SDR as reserve asset than strengthen it.

### Distribution of Hypothetical SDR 1 Billion Allocation

SDRs are distributed (allocated) among IMF members on the basis of quota shares. For example, if a member has a share in total IMF quotas of 2 percent, it would receive 2 percent of any allocation. Below are data outlining the distribution, according to quota shares, of a hypothetical SDR 1 billion allocation.

> o Industrial countries would get about 63% of any SDR allocation; oil-exporters would get about 11%; non-oil LDCs would get only about 26%.

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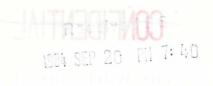
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issues for this year's IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings. Reacting to the Mitterrand letter accelerated this process and your response communicates the consensus U.S. position going into the Annual Meetings. Your correspondence (Tab A) incorporates the following points:

- References a recent meeting between Jacques Attali (Mitterrand's Special Counselor), myself and Secretaries Regan and Shultz.
- Indicates our shared concern over economic hardships of debtor nations.
- States that we do not view an SDR allocation as an appropriate or effective means of supporting debtor countries.
- Acknowledges that although developing countries have experienced reduced access to the private credit markets, in our view, this does not reflect a long-term global need for increased international reserves which is the requirement for an SDR allocation. In fact, international reserves have increased substantially since 1982, and a further increase is projected for next year.
- Indicates that our five part debt strategy is working and permitting debtor nations to rebuild reserves and gradually regain access to the private credit markets.
- States our concern that an SDR allocation could undermine the adjustment process undertaken by developing countries as it would be available to all countries, thereby reducing the benefits to major debtor nations (provides examples).
- Cites conceptual and legislative problems with the industrial countries cycling their share of an SDR allocation back to developing countries.

The Department of State and the speechwriters have cleared the text of the proposed reply.

Recommendation

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That you sign the proposed draft response (Tab A) to President Mitterrand's correspondence concerning a proposed SDR allocation.

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Tab	A	Proposed	Reply
Tab	В	Incoming	Letter

Prepared by: Roger W. Robinson

cc: Vice President

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

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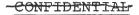
SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Response to Mitterrand Letter Concerning IMF/World Bank Meetings

Attached (Tab B) is a correspondence to the President from President Mitterrand which addresses the issue of a proposed new allocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDR's) to be discussed at the Annual Meetings of the IMF/World Bank (September 24-27). In the letter, President Mitterrand makes the following points:

- o The Third World debt crisis will be the centerpiece discussion during the upcoming Annual Meetings.
- The trend in international liquidity justifies a new SDR allocation.
- The industrialized countries should lend all or part of their share of a new SDR allocation to the developing countries under IMF adjustment programs to lighten their debt service burdens.
- A new SDR allocation should be agreed upon rapidly and involve a minimum SDR 20 billion.
- Expresses hope that U.S. will agree to support France's proposal for a new SDR allocation during the Annual Meetings.

I recommended that Treasury be tasked to draft the response to President Mitterrand's correspondence because the issue involved is four-square part of its portfolio. Treasury submitted a draft late last week which State contested on three or four points. I then brokered compromise language for the President's response which was accepted by both sides and, in so doing, established a USG position on an SDR allocation going into the IMF/World Bank meetings. The speechwriters have cleared the text of the letter (Tab A).

This subject is one of the two major issues which will dominate the official proceedings of this year's meetings along with the issue of access to IMF resources. I attended the International Monetary Group meetings at Treasury chaired by Beryl Sprinkel and took the position that the international financial system did not require an SDR allocation at this time. Fortunately, there has been a reasonable degree of interagency agreement on this point centering on the marginal impact such an SDR allocation would have on the important debtor countries (e.g., for every 10 billion SDR allocated, Brazil would receive only SDR 160.4 million, Mexico SDR 130 million and Argentina 120.5 million). There are a number of other compelling "con" arguments outlined in the attached Treasury





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summary (Tab II). A separate memo will be coming to you on the complex issue of access to IMF resources. The proposed Treasury/ State response to President Mitterrand incorporates the following points:

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- Cites conceptual and legislative problems with the industrial countries cycling their share of SDR allocation back to developing countries.

In conclusion, President Mitterrand's correspondence was helpful in serving as the action forcing event required to reconcile interagency positions on an SDR allocation and thereby strengthens our position going into the IMF/World Bank meetings. This process also explains why the turn-around on this correspondence took longer than normal.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I which responds to President Mitterrand's correspondence.

Apprcve the

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Don Fortier and Ty Cobb concur.

Attachments

Tab I	Memo to President
	Tab A Letter to Mitterrand
	Tab B Letter from Mitterrand
Tab II	Treasury Paper

cc: Martin, Sommer, Wigg

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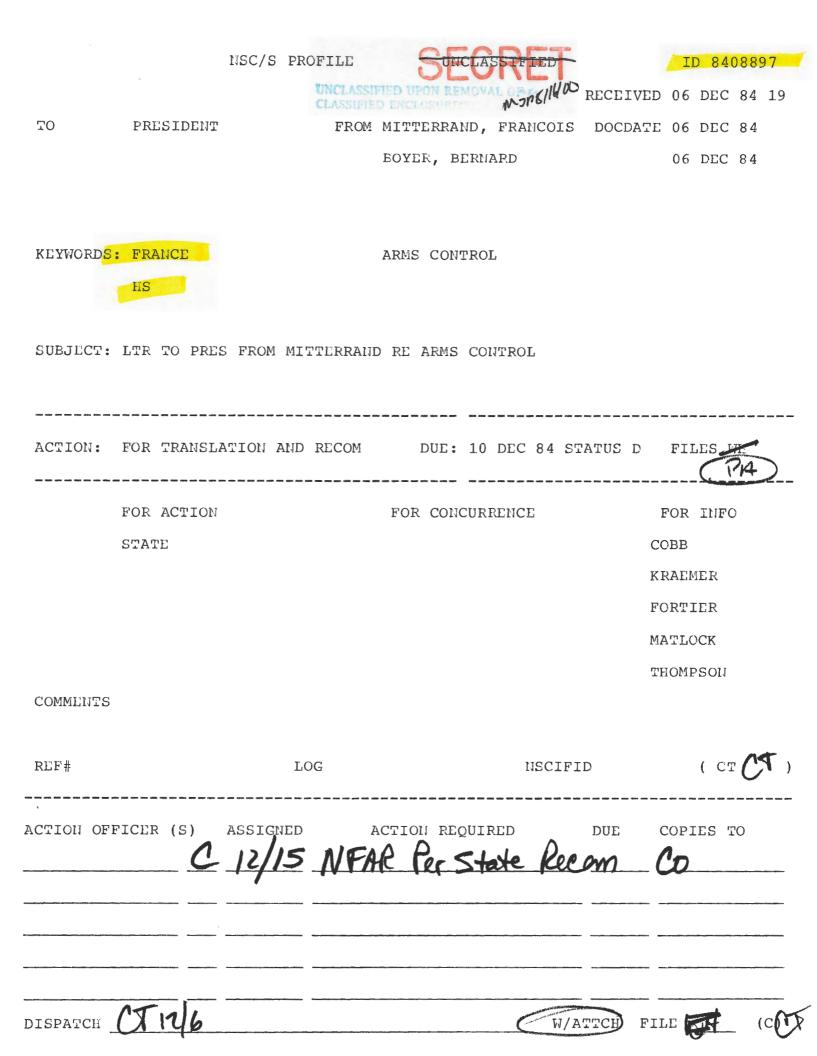
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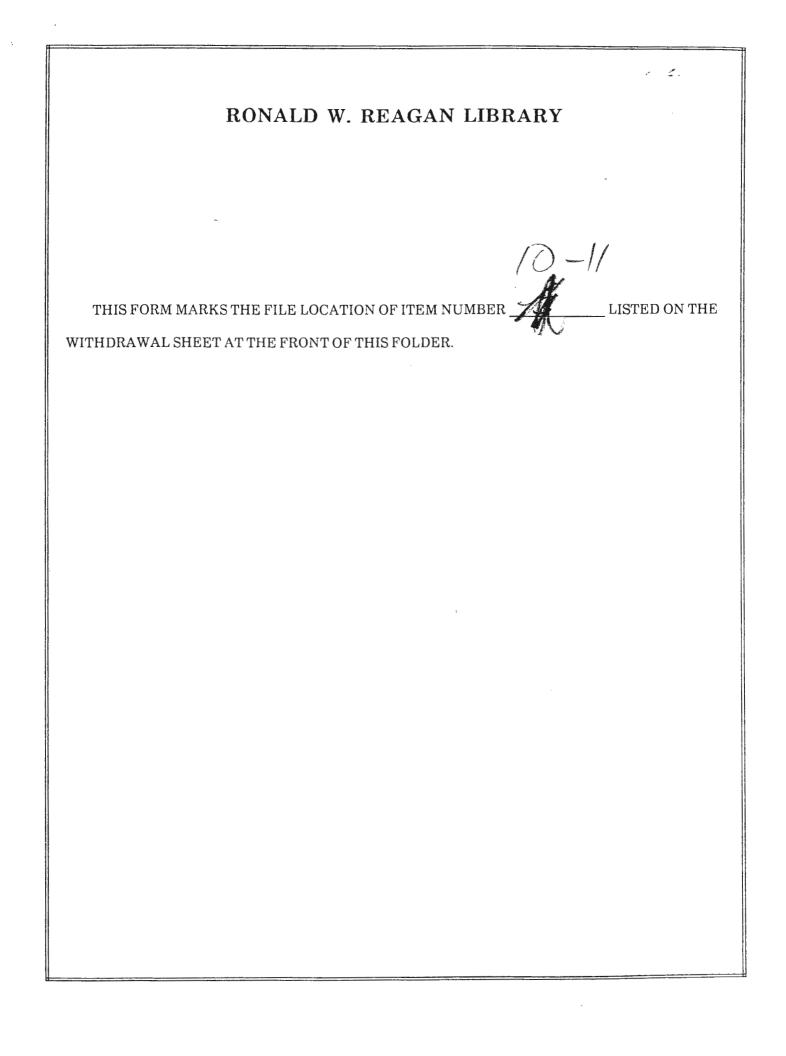
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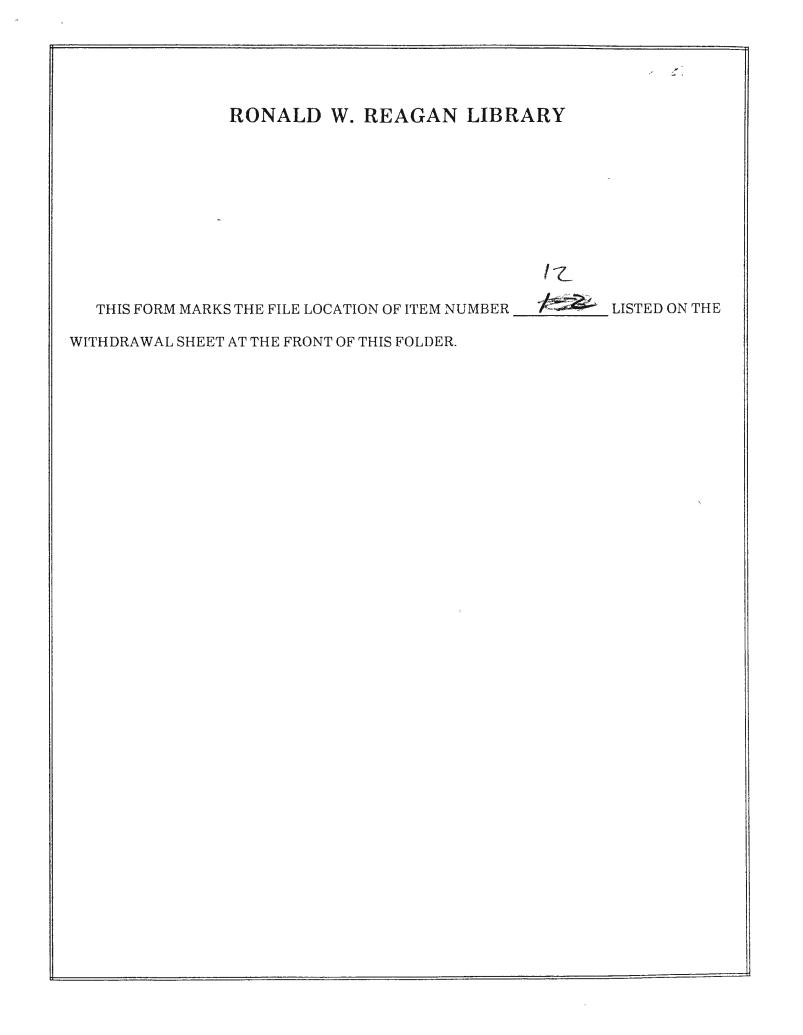
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TO: NSC

FROM: CHUCK DONOVAN

RE: Draft Letter to President Francois Mitterrand Regarding Bioethics Symposium

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Attached is a draft response to President Mitterrand from the President. Mitterrand has requested the President to recommend three distinguished Americans to represent the United States at the forthcoming "Bioethics Symposium," which the French Government is hosting April 18-22, at the Chateau de Rambouillet.

At the London Summit last June, Mitterrand announced his intention to host a new symposium on bioethics and invite distinguished representatives of the Summit nations to participate. This symposium is a direct outcome of the successful conference on "Life Sciences and Mankind," which Prime Minister Nakasone hosted in Hakone, Japan in March 1984.

On the President's behalf, I selected and coordinated the participation of the three distinguished Americans who represented the United States at the Hakone Conference last year.

The French-hosted symposium will address the philosophical, social, and theological implications of new developments in the life science disciplines. I have begun the process of selecting three eminent Americans to participate in the symposium and, following Mitterrand's suggestion, I will coordinate their participation with Francois Gros, his Science Advisor.

Once the final text of the President's reply is determined, it should be cabled to the American Embassy in Paris, Attention: John Boright, Scientific Counselor. He will transmit the text of the President's reply to Gros, noting that the signed original will follow.

Attachment

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(Draft Letter)

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter announcing your plans to host an international symposium on Bioethics. The far-reaching social and ethical implications wrought by today's rapid advances in the life sciences make this a most challenging subject. I believe that the issues you have proposed for discussion will set the stage for a lively, stimulating debate.

I have asked Dr. Keyworth, my Science Advisor, to begin the process of selecting three eminent Americans to represent the United States at the symposium in April. He will coordinate their participation with Professor Gros.

I look forward to discussing the outcome of this symposium when we meet at the Bonn Summit, and I commend your efforts to organize and host this important and timely initiative.

Sincerely,

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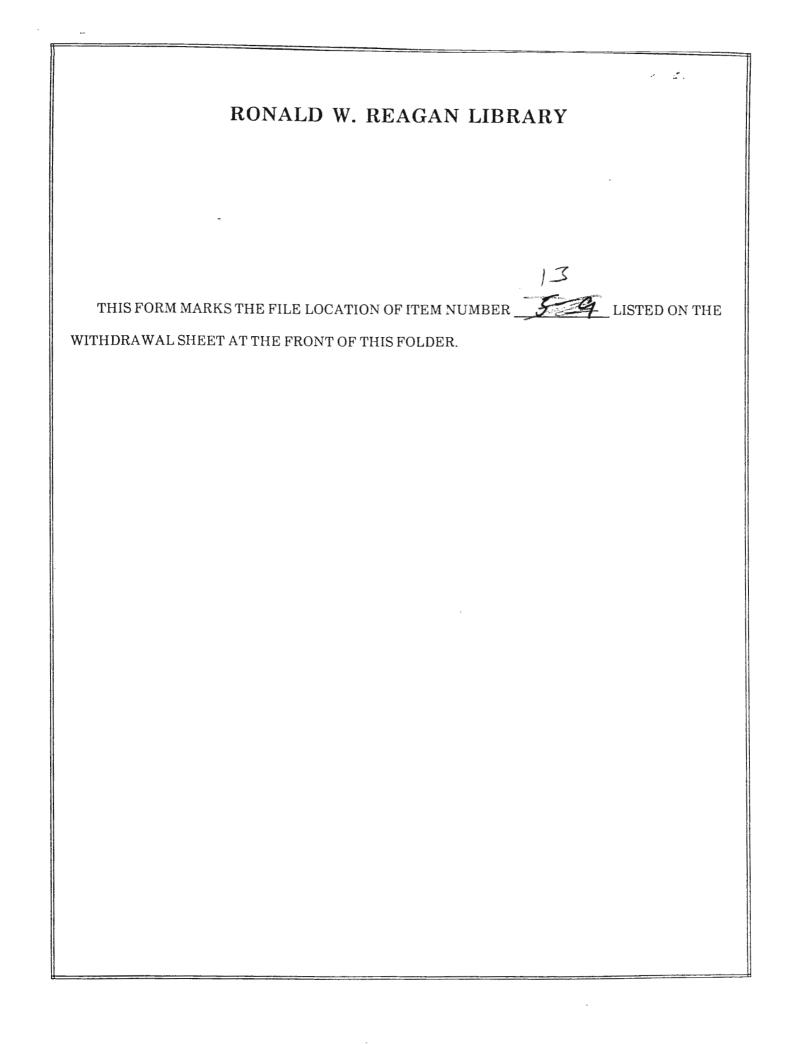
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