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Per S staff Secy approval
Atherton recommendation,
wants Atherton himself
to be contact point for
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TO: The Secretary
THRU: P - Mr. Sisco
FROM: NEA - Alfred L. Atherton, Jr.

Book Project on "Kissinger and the Arabs"

Edward R. F. Sheehan, a fellow at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, has been commissioned to do a long article for Foreign Policy, which he intends to expand into a book, on "Kissinger and the Arabs." (His memo to me attached). The article, or articles, will not appear until the autumn, after his research here and a summer of interviews in the Middle East.

I, as well as others in the Department, have spoken to him about the project. He wants to interview you and Under Secretary Sisco, among others. So far as I know, his idea of exploring in depth your relations with the Arab world since October 1973 is not being pursued by any other writer. Sheehan is basically sympathetic to your personal role in the Middle East and is of the view that you are the only Secretary of State who has had a viable "Arab policy". His previous writing, mainly in the New York Times, shows good quality and his assessments of substance are fair. Furthermore, his having lived and worked in the area give Sheehan good credentials for the task.

Recommendation:

I recommend that you consider the project favorably. First, you ought to meet Sheehan and make your own judgment. If you concur then, and wish to cooperate, someone will have to be designated to give Sheehan a fairly full -- but sanitized -- chronology of your negotiations from the first meeting with President Sadat to the March shuttle.

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One way to proceed might be to ask someone familiar with the negotiations, such as Peter Rodman, to be the point of contact. To maintain control and consume as little time as possible, Sheehan should be asked to submit a detailed list of events and items about which he needs more information. This list could be researched and then checked with me, or Under Secretary Sisco, or whoever is designated, before Rodman meets with Sheehan on the answers.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Other _____

Attachment:

Copy of Memo from E. R. F. Sheehan
to Assistant Secretary Atherton
dated April 3, 1975

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April 22, 1975

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Henry,

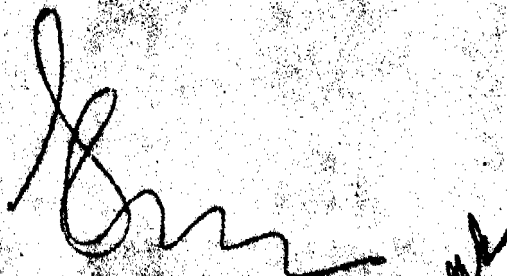
I understand that Assistant Secretary Atherton is calling to your attention a memorandum prepared for him by Edward R. F. Sheehan, a Fellow of this Center, regarding the major article he will write for Foreign Policy about your relations and negotiations with the Arab chiefs of state. Ed will subsequently expand the article (or articles) into a book.

I should like to add my own enthusiastic recommendation to Ed's request that you cooperate with him on this important project. He conducts a lively and extremely well-attended seminar on the Middle East here at the Center and he is probably the most articulate exponent in Cambridge of the Arab policy you have created since October of 1973. As for his written work, as you undoubtedly know, his ability to understand and to write about the politics of the Arab world and its relation to American power is unsurpassed among American journalists.

As mentioned to you when we last talked, we are anxious to analyze the nature and sources of your major diplomatic successes in the pages of Foreign Policy magazine. It is for this reason that we are particularly excited by Ed's article. I hope you will be able to cooperate with him to make it as authoritative as possible--which obviously will be to the mutual benefit of you, him, and the magazine.

With warmest best wishes,

As always,



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Washington, D.C. 20520

April 28, 1975

Samuel P. Huntington
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Dear Mr. Huntington:

Secretary Kissinger has asked me to reply to your letter of April 22. He has seen Mr. Sheehan's memorandum, forwarded by Assistant Secretary Atherton, and is quite interested in the project. As you probably know, we have been in touch with Mr. Sheehan in the past week here in Washington about arrangements for helping his research.

I agree with you about the potential importance of the project. Our first contacts with Mr. Sheehan have also borne out your assessment of his credentials. I appreciate your endorsement of him.

Yours sincerely,

George F. Sherman, Jr.
Public Affairs Advisor
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South Asian Affairs

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