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July 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE VICE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

JOHN O. MARSH

FROM:

BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*

SUBJECT:

Proposed Call on You by the
Indonesian Vice President,
and Draft Letter from You to
Him

DOS, NSS, review completed

The Indonesian Vice President, His Highness the Sultan of Jogjakarta, arrived in Boston on July 2 for medical treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital following up eye surgery which he underwent there last summer.

The Indonesian Embassy has requested an appointment for the Sultan to pay a courtesy call on you. The Sultan would be willing to come to Washington anytime during the period July 10-15.

If convenient, I believe it would be appropriate for you to receive the Indonesian Vice President. He enjoys great prestige in Indonesia and has the full confidence of President Suharto. This is in part due to the fact that he is one of the few hereditary aristocrats who supported the independence movement in Indonesia against Dutch colonial rule. Your receiving him would reaffirm the high importance we attach to Indonesia. Also, in the light of the several cuts we have made in economic and military assistance to Indonesia, your seeing him would bolster the credibility of our support for the Suharto Government's economic development and internal stabilization program. Talking points for the meeting would be provided.

Alternatively, you may wish to send a message of greetings to the Sultan; a draft letter is at Tab A.

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DRAFT LETTER

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Our Ambassador in Jakarta has advised me that you are now visiting Boston for further medical treatment. I would like to extend a very warm welcome on the occasion of your visit to this country and my best wishes for a successful outcome to your medical consultations.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Highness

Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono IX,

Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia.

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July 7, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: JOHN A. FROEBE, JR.

SUBJECT: Proposed Call on the Vice President
by the Indonesian Vice President,
and Draft Letter of Greetings

At Tab I is a draft memorandum from you to the Vice President recommending that he receive the Indonesian Vice President, who arrived July 2 in Boston for treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital following up eye surgery he had done there last summer. The Indonesian Embassy has requested such an appointment for their Vice President. A schedule Proposal is attached to your draft memorandum to the Vice President (Tab A). In the event a meeting is not possible a draft note of greeting from Mr. Ford to the Indonesian Vice President is attached as an alternative at Tab B.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Concurrence:

Mr. Smyser (in substance)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 3, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment with Vice President Ford
for Vice President of Indonesia

His Highness the Sultan of Jogjakarta, Hamengku Buwono IX, the Vice President of Indonesia, is now in Boston for medical consultations. The Indonesian Embassy has requested an appointment for him to pay his respects to Vice President Ford, indicating that he could come to Washington any time during the period July 10-15.

The Sultan is a revered traditional leader who succeeded in making the transition to high office in an independent republic. As one of the few hereditary aristocrats who supported the independence movement against Dutch colonial rule, he enjoys great prestige in modern day Indonesia and has the full confidence of President Suharto. For Vice President Ford to receive him would be received as a mark of considerable esteem and further assurance to the Indonesian Government of our interest in the Indonesian economic development program, despite a succession of cuts in our assistance levels.

The Department recommends that an appointment be scheduled if possible.

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July 2, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from Vice President Ford to
Indonesian Vice President

The Indonesian Vice President, His Highness the Sultan of Jogjakarta, Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono IX, will arrive in Boston on July 2 for a week or more of medical treatment. Ambassador Newsom has suggested that a brief letter of welcome from Vice President Ford would be especially appreciated by the Sultan who enjoys great prestige in his own country and has long been a friend and admirer of the United States.

The Department recommends that Vice President Ford send the attached letter to the Indonesian Vice President care of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Alex R. Meyer
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft letter.

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Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Highness

Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono IX,
Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia.