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DATE: 28 JUL 80

FOR ACTION: JACK WATSON

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JODY POWELL

PHIL WISE

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INFO ONLY: THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: OWEN MEMO RE US INITIATIVE TO RELIEVE AFRICAN FAMINE

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+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7952) +
+ BY: 1200 PM WEDNESDAY 30 JUL 80 +
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ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS

Should the President answer...
of the President

STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

**MEMORANDUM
OF CALL**

TO:

YOU WERE CALLED BY—

YOU WERE VISITED BY—

OF (Organization)

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. _____ CODE/EXT. _____ FTS

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RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

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STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD. *or Muckie?*

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

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Phil

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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY OWEN *HO*

SUBJECT: US Initiative to Relieve African
Famine

As Bob Bergland reported to you last week, an extraordinary international effort is needed to avert extensive starvation in drought-afflicted parts of Africa and to continue aid to East African refugees. This memorandum outlines a planned US initiative to this end endorsed by State, IDCA, AID, USDA, OMB and NSC, which you may wish to announce.

Background

Drought is threatening to ruin a second successive growing season in almost all of Eastern Africa and parts of Western Africa. The prospect is for widespread famine among millions of Africans whose normal lot is malnutrition. This tragedy is likely to dominate the news from Africa this Fall and induce popular concern by religious and charitable organizations and friends of Africa in the United States.

USDA now estimates that the East African countries face an abnormal cereal import need in the next 12 months of 800,000 to 1,400,000 tons -- additional to their 1979-80 import levels. Our PL 480 program can cope with only part of this estimated need: about 150,000 tons from the FY 80 supplemental just received and 200,000 - 300,000 tons from the pending FY 81 appropriation, in addition to previously planned food aid to these countries. Other donors, including rich OPEC countries as well as Europe, Japan and Canada, must be enlisted to provide the balance.

We have explored with Director General Saouma of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and other food aid donors the idea of Saouma's calling an emergency conference to start organizing a coordinated action program. The emergency conference also would help broaden international participation in relief for Eastern African refugees next year. International aid pledges have met their minimum food needs this calendar year, but continuing drought will strain both local and global resources for refugee feeding next year.

Your announcement that the US is asking Saouma to call this conference would serve to give it wide public notice and would foreclose possible domestic criticism of indifference to a serious humanitarian problem.

RECOMMENDATION

That you announce that the US Government is asking the FAO to convene an emergency meeting of countries and international agencies interested in jointly providing food and other relief to millions of Africans facing famine in drought-afflicted countries. (State, Agriculture, IDCA, AID, OMB and NSC concur.) If you approve this recommendation, we will give Jody Powell the attached press release to issue if you do not make the announcement at an early press conference.

_____ Approve _____ Disapprove

Attachment: Draft Press Release:
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The people of fortunate and humane nations such as ours cannot stand by and watch children and oldsters starve or suffer permanent physical and mental damage from prolonged hunger.

Consequently, the President is calling today for an international emergency conference to mobilize aid to the drought-afflicted countries of Africa. We are asking the Director General of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization to convene an early meeting of governments of both regular food aid donor countries and other countries able to make financial contributions.

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