

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1975

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I very much appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and the members of your Committee last week. The discussion was useful to me, as I hope it was to the Committee. Let me reiterate that my intention is not to withhold any information of use to the Committee or to win a theoretical dispute, but to reach a compromise that protects the legitimate interests of both the Department and the Committee. I remain as determined as ever to do everything possible to assist the Committee in its difficult and important task.

Having heard the concerns expressed by members of the Committee regarding access to documents, I have given much thought to how we might yet find an accommodation that serves our mutual interests, and those of the nation. In pursuance of that objective, I should like to propose that I provide the Committee an amalgamation of State Department documents criticizing our Cyprus policy. This collection of material would include, interspersed among the other paragraphs and without any identification of authorship, the full contents of Mr. Boyatt's memorandum to me.

In this way the Committee will receive the document it requests, while I will have assured that Mr. Boyatt cannot be identified with any particular criticism or recommendation. And no precedents -- either for the Congress or the State Department -- will have been established.

I make this offer, Mr. Chairman, in the hope that an "amalgamation" will prove satisfactory to the Committee; it is a solution that I can support

The Honorable  
Otis G. Pike, Chairman,  
Select Committee on Intelligence,  
House of Representatives.



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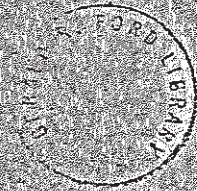


without question. If this offer is acceptable to the Committee, I will have the promised document in your hands within 48 hours of hearing of the Committee's decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry A. Kissinger". The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the text below it.

Henry A. Kissinger





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