

STATEMENT BY S/PRS,
DECEMBER 28, 1976

Secretary Kissinger announced today that he is donating to the United States of America, for preservation at the Library of Congress, the transcribed secretarial notes of telephone conversations during his years in government.

The notes were made as a memory aid and to insure appropriate administrative follow-up, but were not in themselves action documents. They were never circulated, and any action resulting from the conversations would be contained in the administrative follow-up.

Nevertheless, to avoid any misinterpretation during his final days in public office, the Secretary has decided to give the notes at this time to the Library of Congress, as part of the gift to the nation of his personal and public papers which was announced last week. The notes are being donated under a separate deed of gift, because of the significant rights of privacy that may exist for persons who were parties to the telephone conversations. This separate deed of gift incorporates the terms of the original donation. At the end of the time period specified in the original donation, any paper in this group will be available for public access. The sole difference is that if one of the parties to the conversation is still living, his consent must first be secured. A copy of the deed of gift is attached.

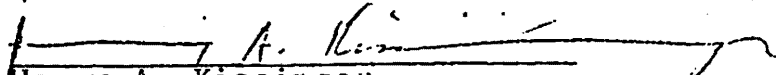
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SECOND DEED OF GIFT
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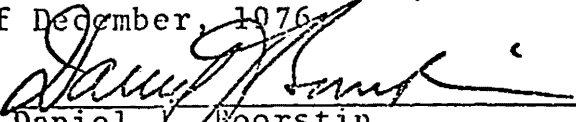
Henry A. Kissinger hereby donates to the United States of America, to be held and administered by the Library of Congress and its officials as part of a collection of papers of Henry A. Kissinger, additional personal papers consisting of the transcribed secretarial notes of his telephone conversations. In implementing this gift and as conditions to its donation, Henry A. Kissinger and the Library of Congress agree to the following:

1. The terms and conditions of the Deed of Gift and Agreement executed on November 12, 1976 by Henry A. Kissinger and the Librarian of Congress ("First Deed of Gift") are hereby incorporated by reference and extended to the present gift, except as provided in paragraph 2 below.
2. At the end of the period of time described in paragraph 4 of the First Deed of Gift, any paper included in this Second Deed of Gift shall become available for public access unless one of the parties to the telephone conversation is still living in which case such a paper shall become available for public access only with his consent or upon his death.

Witnessed and agreed to, this 24th day of December, 1976.


Henry A. Kissinger

Accepted and agreed to on behalf of the Library of Congress, this 25th day of December, 1976.


Daniel J. Boorstin
Librarian of Congress