

MEMORANDUM

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Demid. This would have been handled to me. ACTION 19 is as important as anything we might do.

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January 18, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM:

W. RICHARD SMYSER

SUBJECT:

Message from Sainteny

I have received a letter from Jean Sainteny (Tab B) which says the following:

- " Acting upon your letter of November 9, I had a conversation with my friend on December 23 during which I was able to set forth our project.
- " Although he received the idea with a certain reserve, my interlocutor transmitted it to his board of directors.
- " This board has so far apparently not made its response known.
- " I shall not fail of course to keep you informed."

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little more personally
S. is a good friend.

Strictly speaking, there is no reply warranted. In fact, it might be better not to make one so as not to betray anxiety or to generate too much paper and suspicion. The only purpose in doing so would be to express appreciation and be courteous.

I do not know how many lines you have out at this time on this project, so I cannot advise you. I would propose to send the attached reply (Tab A) if you want to send anything at all.

RECOMMENDATION

That I send the attached reply.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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