

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

December 29, 1966

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Request for Appointment for Prince  
Juan Carlos de Borbon of Spain

Recommendation

I recommend that you receive Prince Juan Carlos in your office for 10 or 15 minutes during his private visit to Washington, January 12-16.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Recommendation

If you would prefer not to schedule an office visit, you and Mrs. Johnson might wish to receive the Prince and his wife, Princess Sophie (sister of the King of Greece), for tea in the afternoon.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion

The Spanish Ambassador, the Marques de Merry del Val, has officially requested that you receive Juan Carlos de Borbon during his private visit to Washington, January 12-16. Our Embassy in Madrid has reported the request was made on instructions of General Franco. Since there is a good possibility that Juan Carlos may some day become King of Spain, I believe it is desirable for you to receive him.

During his last visit to Washington in 1962, Juan Carlos was received by President Kennedy in his office for 15 minutes. The alternate recommendation, that you and Mrs. Johnson receive Prince Juan Carlos and Princess Sophie for a social tea in the afternoon at the White House, would offer the advantage of making the occasion flexible enough to allow you to devote as much or as little time with the couple as you desire,

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and would permit us to stress the purely social aspect of the call. I believe, however, that an office visit would set a more appropriate tone for the Prince's visit. Any question on the visit can be answered that the call was requested officially by the Spanish Ambassador.

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