

Friday, October 4, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Gligorov of Yugoslavia, 5:30 P.M. Today

In the attached memo, Nick Katzenbach says the main purpose in today's meeting with Gligorov (~~GLEE~~-gore-off) is to demonstrate publicly your interest in Yugoslavia.

At Tab A Nick has provided talking points. Briefly, he suggests:

- You tell Gligorov we condemn the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, and want foreign troops out as soon as possible.
- You assure Gligorov that our interest in Yugoslavia's independence is as great today as ever. Over the years we have provided \$2.5 billion in economic and military assistance.
- We will be glad to look at any current proposals for assistance Yugoslavia may have. (Gligorov has been talking about US support for EXIM and World Bank loans, and a stretch-out of PL-480 debt repayments. He has not raised the question of military assistance and probably won't.)
- You will be glad to have any suggestions or thoughts President Tito may have on the situation in Eastern Europe.

Gligorov will be accompanied by Ambassador Crnobrnja (Sir-no-BURN-ya) and an interpreter.

W. W. Rostow

Attachments

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