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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Farewell Call by Romanian Ambassador

The Romanian Ambassador, Petre Balaceanu, will be leaving Washington in mid-June. He would like to make a very brief farewell call, any time between now and June 9.

Balaceanu came in 1961. He is a reasonable man, not given to lecturing. And during his tour, Romania broke away from Moscow and US-Romanian relations have improved greatly. Within the past few months alone, Bucharest has established relations with Bonn (the only Eastern Europeans to do so), has boycotted the Communist summit in Karlovy Vary, and has, by innuendo, accused the Soviets of trying to subvert the Romanian Party.

Your willingness to receive Balaceanu would be appreciated in Bucharest. We do not know yet what job Balaceanu is going to, but it will probably be a high economic post in Bucharest.

Francis M. Bator

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Speak to me _____