THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

In talking to Annenberg, he said that Hughes had turned out much better than he had anticipated, and that he considered him far better than Kaiser, who he said was really overrated. Of course, as you know, Kaiser has a labor background and has now gone with Encyclopedia Brittanica.

He strongly urged that there be a cut in the military aides in our embassies abroad, I completely agree with him on this score, and I want a study made along the lines of bringing down the numbers. I know that the answer in both cases would be that they serve intelligence purposes, but generally the intelligence that both our military aides get from our embassies abroad is pretty thin.



per sec. 3.3(b)(1)

For future planning, at some time you should talk to Ambassador Freeman with regard to the visit of Prince Charles which he is going to make to Canada this summer. When he makes that visit, he probably can and should come to the United States. What I would suggest here, and I want you to discuss this with Ehrlichman so as to get an off beat effective PR benefit from it (both for him and for us), is that he not go on the grand tour at dinners and so forth, but that he visit some of our parks and places like Disneyland, etc. My thought was that David and Julie and Tricia might escort him from time to time. This is a long lead-time item, but I discussed it briefly with Annenberg, and you might be discussing it with Freeman because I think this could do an enormous amount of good for U.S.-British relations. Annenberg tells me that he is the real gem of the family and makes an enormously favorable impression wherever he goes.

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