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January 26, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination
in Education

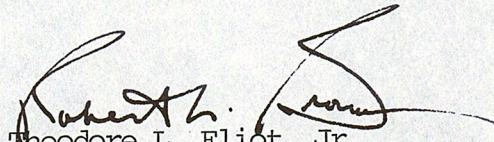
In response to Mrs. Davis' request of December 30, 1969, the enclosed letter signed by Under Secretary Richardson has been sent in reply to the letter of December 18, 1969 which was addressed to the President by Dr. Alvin C. Eurich, Chairman of the United States National Commission for UNESCO. Dr. Eurich's letter enclosed a copy of a resolution which was unanimously adopted by the National Commission at its annual meeting held last November. The resolution recommends ratification by the United States of the UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination in Education.

As you were informed in the memorandum of January 2, 1970 concerning ratification of human rights treaties, the Department has been reviewing its position concerning certain of the human rights conventions with a view to determining those which might be appropriate for ratification by the United States. The UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination in Education is one of the principal human rights treaties. The substantive principles of the Convention are also contained in a UNESCO Recommendation against discrimination in education, which has been consistently supported by the United States.

As noted in the memorandum of January 2, we have been giving major attention to the Genocide Convention, and it is not contemplated that in the near future we would give serious attention to the UNESCO

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Convention Against Discrimination in Education. However, it is not precluded that at some time in the future we would want to examine this Convention with a view to submitting it to the Senate. Consequently, the letter of reply to Dr. Eurich is limited to an expression of appreciation for the views of the National Commission as embodied in the resolution transmitted with his letter.


Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Department's reply
2. Letter from Dr. Alvin C. Eurich

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1970

Dear Dr. Eurich:

President Nixon has asked that I reply to your letter to him of December 18, 1969 which transmits a copy of the resolution adopted unanimously by the United States National Commission for UNESCO at its annual meeting in November. The resolution expresses support for the UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination in Education and recommends its ratification by the United States.

The Department of State has been actively considering the position which this Administration should take concerning a number of the human rights treaties which have not been ratified by the United States. We do recognize that the UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination in Education is a very important human rights convention. The United States Government has consistently been on record as supporting the UNESCO Recommendation against discrimination in education, which embodies the same principles as those contained in the Convention. Both of the instruments were adopted by the UNESCO General Conference at the same session in December 1960.

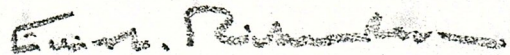
As part of our continuing review of human rights treaties for possible ratification the Department will consider carefully the Convention Against Discrimination

Dr. Alvin C. Eurich,
Chairman,
U.S. National Commission for UNESCO,
Washington, D.C.

in Education. The position of the National Commission on this matter is of great importance to us and we appreciate having received the copy of the resolution which you sent. You may be assured that the views of the National Commission will be given full consideration.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Elliot L. Richardson", with a stylized, flowing script.

Elliot L. Richardson

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: STATE SECRETARIAT

Date: 30 DECEMBER 69

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
- ☐ President's signature.
- ☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
- ☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☒ XX Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- ☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS: IF REPLY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS MADE, PLS SEND US A COPY.

Description:

1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
 To: The President
 From: US National Commission for UNESCO (Mr. Eurich, Chairman)
 Date: 18 Dec 69
 Subject: Resolution

Telephoned to
 Mr. Murphy
 3:50 p.m.
 Jan. 6, 1970.
 He stated no particular
 urgency this point
 if we perceived no
 urgent problem

By direction of the President:

J. H. MURPHY
 for: JEANNE DAVIS
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The UNITED STATES NATIONAL
COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

Established by Act of Congress July 30, 1946

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

December 18, 1969

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

At its annual meeting held in San Francisco on November 23, 1969, the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination in Education and its ratification by the United States.

In 1960 the Eleventh General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization adopted the text of this Convention.

The United States, while supporting the principles involved, has not ratified the Convention. In recommending ratification, the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO emphasized its belief that such action by the United States during the coming year would be an appropriate, positive contribution to International Education Year (1970).

In accordance with the wishes of the Commission I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of that Resolution.

Sincerely yours,

Alvin C. Eurich

Alvin C. Eurich
Chairman

Enclosure:
As stated

A Resolution unanimously adopted by
The U. S. National Commission for UNESCO
at its Annual Meeting in San Francisco
November 23, 1969

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the U. S. National Commission
for UNESCO supports the UNESCO Convention Against
Discrimination in Education;

BE IT RESOLVED further that the Commission recommends
the ratification of the Convention by the United
States of America;

BE IT RESOLVED further than copies hereof be trans-
mitted to the President of the United States, to the
Secretary of State and to the Congress of the United
States.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 1, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

FROM: General Haig 
SUBJECT: Meeting of the International Sociological Association

The Seventh World Congress of Sociology is scheduled to convene in Varna, Bulgaria, on September 14-19. This meeting is organized by the International Sociological Association, under the sponsorship of UNESCO, in cooperation with the Bulgarian Sociological Association. The theme of the Congress is "Contemporary and Future Societies-Predicting and Social Planning". The International Association, headquartered in Milan, Italy, is a well recognized and respected academic association.

Some 22 American sociologists are scheduled to deliver papers or at least to attend. The US member of the program committee for the Congress is Professor Reuben Hill of the University of Minnesota. He could supply further information if you desire it.

With respect to invitations addressed to Staff members, I would appreciate it if you check again with me if there is any definite interest particularly by anyone with political visibility. There is some possibility that USIA Director Frank Shakespeare might be attending the Plovdiv Fair in Bulgaria, which opens on September 21, and we would not wish to overload the circuit with high level visitors to Bulgaria at this time.

International Society Association

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ACTION

July 29, 1970

MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL HAIG

FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt

SUBJECT: Alex Butterfield and the World Congress of Sociology

He has written to inquire about the Seventh World Congress of Sociology which will convene in September in Bulgaria, and to which some staff members have been invited (Tab B). The reply memo for your signature at Tab A is self-explanatory.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 27, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DR. KISSINGER

Attention: B/General Haig or
Mr. David Young

FROM:

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD *A/*

I am interested in learning something about a group which I understand is called the International Society Association. According to recent rumor the group plans to hold its 7th World Congress this September in Varna, Bulgaria...and some of our Staff members have been asked to address the participants.

I would appreciate your checking on this organization with the Department of State and letting me know as soon as you can something about its charter and objectives.

Thank you.