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Subject: Emperor's Visit

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ATHENS FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAM HALL

1. Request you extend Presidential invitation to Emperor Haile Selassie to make state visit to Washington during July 1969. FYI Emperor will be first African leader to receive such invitation. END FYI
2. Please propose and attempt confirm soonest dates July 7-9 for Washington leg of trip. Although willing consider other times, their approval unlikely as President's schedule extremely tight. All other details are still in planning stage and subject to final Presidential approval. At this point you should confine your approach to confirmation of above dates.
3. FYI Tentative planning is as follows: visit to Washington would last two days plus. HIM to arrive afternoon or evening July 7 and depart morning July 10. Department seeking, but has not yet obtained, White House approval for late afternoon

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arrival ceremonies at White House on July 7, including brief exchange of ~~XX~~ remarks after which HIM would retire to Blair House. First full day July 8 would include office call with President 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and state dinner White House that evening. If arrival ceremony on July 7 not approved, then arrival would take place morning July 8 prior to office call. July 9 would have luncheon given by Secretary and presumably late afternoon reception by Ethiopians. Tentative plans provide for brief farewell meeting of HIM with President. End FYI

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economic development. Appreciate that Emperor will also want to talk about his traditional fears of Arab-Soviet penetration of Red Sea Basin and he will probably put in plug for more military assistance. However we shall want to play down US military assistance, Kagnew, etc., particularly for media output, and by focusing on Ethiopia's economic development, give encouragement to new Cabinet team and its efforts assign priority to economic and social progress.

9. Ref CA-4728, Jan 9, 1969, except President no longer attends return receptions.

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