

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

September 11, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

SUBJECT:

Billy Graham and the President of Liberia

As you know, Dr. Graham is a friend of the new Liberian President, William Tolbert, and is interested in strengthening the personal relationship between the two of you. Dr. Graham has now expressed interest in Tolbert's inauguration on January 3 and has expressed the hope that you will send a very high level representative, if, indeed, you do not choose to go yourself.

I could not recommend and assume that you would have no interest in going yourself. Tolbert does, however, attach singular importance both to Liberia's friendship with the United States and to his own personal relationship with you. Dr. Graham may raise this matter with you at the Sunday church service. If so, I suggest you tell him that we will certainly send suitable representation. Personally, I think that Dr. Graham, himself, would be very good as your personal representative to the inauguration. You might want to broach that possibility with him on Sunday.

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