



THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 17, 1977

Dear Linc:

Many thanks for sending me the draft of your revised report on US policy toward the United Nations. Having just returned from my Middle East trip, I have not yet had the opportunity to go over it carefully, but I can readily see that you have done an excellent job of accommodating a great many viewpoints while retaining the vigorous, pragmatic thrust of the original.

I might note that we are already devoting considerable attention to a number of recommendations in the report, such as intensifying our consultations with like-minded governments, and many others with whom we can work on specific issues. At the same time we are making clear that this Administration wants to use UN forums to the fullest extent. This applies in our efforts to make progress on the triad of problems that have been plaguing the organization increasingly, namely North-South differences, southern Africa and the Middle East. We are also planning to deliver a major statement to the General Assembly this fall that will deal with the Administration's policy toward the U.N.

All in all, I think we have cause to be modestly optimistic about the outlook for positive results from our greater stress on the multilateral diplomatic processes of the U.N. We have noted some reduction of overt political confrontation in a number of U.N. forums, though we are aware that future developments in the Middle East, southern Africa and the North-South dialogue will have a major impact on our position in the U.N.

Thank you again for making an advance copy of the report available to me. I know it will have a useful influence on our thinking.

Sincerely,

Mr. Lincoln P. Bloomfield,
37 Beach Street,
Cohasset, Massachusetts.