

The President as Diplomat

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..... An administration is a reflection of its President. The President is not an ordinary man. He possesses a powerful intellect, but is neither intellectually arrogant nor deceived by fanciful expectations. He is a man of modest demeanor, with a superbly analytical mind. His power stems from his perceptiveness. Consistently he is five steps ahead of others in an outside meeting or discussion. He is innovative and has shown the same courage and tenacity in office that he showed through political defeats.

Above all, Richard Nixon is an eminently decent human being. He is at peace with himself.