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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMATIC CREDENTIALS

Tuesday, December 8, 1981  
Beginning at 4:30 p.m.  
The Oval Office

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE *JWN*

*Handwritten notes:*  
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I. PURPOSE

To receive for accreditation the diplomatic credentials of six Ambassadors.

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II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, AND PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

A. Background: You will receive credentials from the Ambassadors of the Gabonese Republic, Republic of Upper Volta, Republic of Tunisia, Ireland, Canada, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. After the exchange of documents, you will hold a brief (five-minute) conversation with each Ambassador.

B. Participants: Chief of Protocol Annenberg will introduce each Ambassador. I will be present with members of the NSC staff. The Ambassador of the Gabonese Republic will be escorted by State Protocol Officer Richard Massey. The Ambassador of the Republic of Upper Volta will be escorted by State Protocol Officer George Sealey. The Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia will be escorted by State Protocol Officer John Murtha. The Ambassador of Ireland will be escorted by State Protocol Officer Patrick Daly. The Ambassador of Canada will be escorted by State Protocol Officer Richard Gookin. The Ambassador of St. Vincent and The Grenadines will be escorted by State Protocol Officer Miss Rodney Rawding.

Families Attending: The Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia will be accompanied by his wife, Jajat, and daughter, Lilia (13). The Ambassador of Ireland will be accompanied by his wife, Brid; son, Dr. Brian O'Sullivan (29); daughter, Aideen (25). The Ambassador of Canada will be accompanied by his wife, Sondra.

C. Press Arrangements: White House photographer only.

III. BACKGROUND MATERIAL

3x5 cards attached

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Hubert Ondias-Souna (OHN-dee-ahs SOO-nah) -  
Appointed Ambassador of Gabon

Head of State - El Hadj Omar Bongo, President

Head of Government - Leon Mebiame (May-be-ahm), Prime Minister

Ambassador Ondias-Souna, 34, three wives, fourteen children. Previous assignments include Director-General of Gabonese Radio and Television, Director of Libreville General Hospital, Director of the Military Cabinet at the Presidency, Ambassador to Ivory Coast, Ambassador to Canada.

Pertinent Background: President Bongo makes frequent private visits to the United States; he has two daughters in university in California. In June, 1981, he spent a week in the U.S. and met with the President and the Vice President in Washington on June 15. The President has not been to Gabon; the Vice President was there in 1972 and met President Bongo at that time. Prime Minister Mebiame has visited the United States privately many times; most recently he spent part of his summer vacation in the Miami area this August.

Significant Issues: Military assistance to Gabon; support for trade and investment growth; regional security; Chad.

Issues for Discussion:

- Reaffirm the Administration's commitment to modest levels of military assistance (FMS credits and IMET) to help increase Gabon's border security.
- Emphasize our desire to see increased trade with and investment in Gabon, particularly in infrastructure and minerals exploitation.
- Express our appreciation for President Bongo's efforts to assist in bringing a peaceful, African solution to the Chad situation.
- Ambassador Ondias-Souna may give you a letter from President Bongo. Suggest you say you will read it later with interest, but not promise a reply.

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1. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMB. HUBERT ONDIAS-SOUNA (OHN-DEE-AHS SOO-NAH)

GABON

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - UNACCOMPANIED  
WH - JAMES W. NANCE  
NSC - FRED WETTERING  
STATE - JAMES K. BISHOP (ESCORT)  
CAROL WOLTER (INTERPRETER)

- 34 YEARS OLD; 3 WIVES; 14 CHILDREN
- AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST
- AMBASSADOR TO CANADA

- RECALL YOUR BRIEF CORDIAL MEETING ON JUNE 15 WITH PRES. BONGO IN WASHINGTON, AND YOUR PERIODIC CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM (YOU HAVE EXCHANGED LETTERS 3 TIMES).
- EMPHASIZE OUR DESIRE TO SEE INCREASED TRADE WITH AND INVESTMENT IN GABON, PARTICULARLY INFRASTRUCTURE AND MINERALS EXPLOITATION.
- EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR PRES. BONGO'S EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN BRINGING A PEACEFUL, AFRICAN SOLUTION TO THE CHAD SITUATION.
- IF THE AMBASSADOR GIVES YOU A LETTER FROM BONGO, SAY YOU WILL READ IT LATER BUT NOT PROMISE A REPLY.

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Tiemoko Marc Garango (Phonetic: gah RAHN go) - Appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Upper Volta

Head of State - Colonel Saye Zerbo (phonetic: ZAIR bo), President, Military Committee of Reform for National Progress.

Biographic Sketch: Ambassador Garango, 54, married, 2 children. Previous assignments include Minister of Finance, 1966-1976 and Ambassador to Federal Republic of Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia, 1977-1981.

Pertinent Background: There have been no visits to the U.S. by the Upper Volta Head of State since the recent change in government, nor have the President or Vice President visited Upper Volta. (Mrs. Bush made a brief refueling stop in Upper Volta during her November 1981 trip to Africa, and was greeted by the President's wife, Mrs. Zerbo.)

Significant Issues: A group of military officers led by Colonel Zerbo seized power in a bloodless coup on November 27, 1980. The coup has not damaged relations with the U.S., which traditionally have been cordial. Upper Volta is one of the poorest countries in the world, and suffered seriously during the Sahel drought in the 1970s. Principal bilateral issues thus center on the significant U.S. AID program, which is carried out with the cooperation of about 80 Peace Corps Volunteers.

Issues for Discussion:

- Express appreciation for Voltan support for the Camp David accords and its UN votes on Afghanistan, Puerto Rico and other issues of concern to us.
- Reassure Ambassador that, in spite of painful but necessary cuts in U.S. foreign assistance budget, we will do our best to preserve essential elements of assistance to Upper Volta.

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2. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMB. TIEMOKO MARC GARANGO (GAH RAHN GO)

UPPER VOLTA

PARTICIPANTS: (UNACCOMPANIED)  
WH - JAMES W. NANCE  
NSC - FRED WETTERING  
STATE- JAMES K. BISHOP (ESCORT)  
SOPHIA K. PORSON (INT.)  
-- 54 YEARS OLD; MARRIED; TWO CHILDREN  
-- MINISTER OF FINANCE, 1966-1976  
-- AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY, AUSTRIA, YUGOSLAVIA,  
1977-1981

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- o EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR VOLTAN SUPPORT FOR CAMP DAVID ACCORDS AND ITS UN VOTES ON AFGHANISTAN, PUERTO RICO AND OTHER ISSUES OF CONCERN TO US.
- o REASSURE HIM THAT, IN SPITE OF PAINFUL BUT NECESSARY CUTS IN U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGET, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PRESERVE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF ASSISTANCE TO UPPER VOLTA.

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Habib Ben Yahia (HA beeb Ben YAH yah) - Appointed  
Ambassador of Tunisia

Head of State - Habib Bourguiba (borGHEEba), President

Head of Government - Mohamed Mzali (emZAHlee), Prime  
Minister

Ambassador Ben Yahia, 43, married, two children. A career diplomat, he was recently Ambassador to Japan. Previously, he worked as principal staff assistant to the Foreign Minister, in the economic and American affairs sections of the Foreign Ministry, and as economic counselor in Paris and Washington. He spent a year studying international relations at Columbia University in the mid-sixties.

Pertinent Background: President Bourguiba has visited the United States three times: on official visits in 1961 and 1968, and to attend President Eisenhower's funeral in 1969. The former Tunisian Prime Minister visited informally in 1975 and formally in 1978. Eisenhower was the only President to visit Tunisia while in office, in 1959.

Scenario: Ambassador Ben Yahia will present you with a signed photograph of President Bourguiba in return for a signed photograph of you which Bourguiba requested earlier this year. A personal message of thanks and dedication from President Bourguiba will accompany the photograph.

Significant Issues: Middle East policy, economic and military assistance to Tunisia, regional security.

Issues for Discussion:

- Reaffirm the Administration's commitment to attaining a just, enduring peace in the Middle East and encourage Tunisia to continue its relatively moderate stance within the Arab bloc.
- Reaffirm our commitment to provide military assistance (FMS credits and IMET) to help to enhance Tunisian security against Libyan threats.
- Although development assistance is being phased out, reaffirm our commitment to provide Tunisia with limited amounts of economic assistance during the next four-year phase-out period, as Tunisia moves toward the relative self-sufficiency necessary for a middle-income country.

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### 3. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMB. HABIB BEN YAHIA (YAH yah)

TUNISIA

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - WIFE, JAJAT  
  DAUGHTER, LILIA(13yrs)  
                    WH                    - JAMES W. NANCE  
                    NSC                   - RAYMOND TANTER  
                    STATE               - JOHN MURTHA (ESCORT)  
  PETER CONSTABLE  
  (AREA REP)

- 43 YEARS OLD; MARRIED; TWO CHILDREN
- A CAREER DIPLOMAT
- PREVIOUSLY AMB. TO JAPAN

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- LOOK FORWARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF PRIME MINISTER MZALI'S VISIT IN LATE APRIL (INVITATION TO BE EXTENDED SOON).
- REAFFIRM THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO ATTAINING A JUST, ENDURING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ENCOURAGE TUNISIA TO CONTINUE ITS RELATIVELY MODERATE STANCE WITHIN THE ARAB BLOC.
- REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO HELP ENHANCE TUNISIAN SECURITY AGAINST LIBYAN THREATS.

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TADHG O'SULLIVAN (Phonetic: Tige - with a hard "g" -O'Sullivan  
Appointed Ambassador of Ireland

Head of State - President Patrick Hillery

Ambassador O'Sullivan, 55, married, four children. Previous assignments include Ambassador to Austria, with concurrent accreditation to Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Yugoslavia, Deputy Secretary in the Department of Foreign Affairs, and Ambassador to Nigeria.

Pertinent Background: Neither President Hillery (elected in December 1976) nor Prime Minister FitzGerald (formed government in June 1981) has visited the United States since taking office; and neither you nor the Vice President has visited Ireland since your election. Deputy Secretary of State William Clark will visit Dublin December 4-6.

Significant Issues: Northern Ireland is at the top of Prime Minister FitzGerald's concerns. The Maze Prison hunger strike occupied much of his time during the first few months in office and put tremendous strain on the cohesiveness of Irish society. FitzGerald has proposed significant changes in the Irish constitution, arguing that the sectarian character of Irish society and politics must be changed if there is to be any hope of an eventual solution to the problems of Northern Ireland.

In recent weeks, the climate of violence in Northern Ireland has taken a turn for the worse, as the Provisional IRA has renewed its bombing campaign in London, and sectarian killings have increased. However, the British and Irish Governments have continued their search for a way forward. Prime Ministers Thatcher and Haughey met in London November 6 and clearly want to maintain their dialogue.

Issues for Discussion:

- Stress the value we place on the close ties of friendship and common purpose which bind the United States and Ireland.
- Note that we appreciate Ireland's important role in Europe and the Irish contribution to UN peacekeeping in Lebanon.
- Reiterate that US policy on Northern Ireland remains as expressed in your statement of March 17, 1981. We will continue to urge the parties to come together for a just and peaceful solution, and we will continue to condemn all acts of terrorism and violence.
- Note that you support and encourage the efforts Prime Minister FitzGerald and Prime Minister Thatcher have made in widening the framework of their cooperation in search of a just and peaceful solution.

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4. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMB. TADHG (PHONETIC: TĪG) O'SULLIVAN  
IRELAND

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - WIFE, BRID  
SON, (DR.) BRYAN (29)  
DAUGHTER, AIDEEN (25)  
WH - JAMES W. NANCE  
NSC - DENNIS C. BLAIR  
STATE - PATRICK DALY (ESCORT)  
ALAN HOLMES (AREA REP)

-- CAREER DIPLOMAT  
-- LAST ASSIGNMENT: DEPUTY SECRETARY IN  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DUBLIN

(AMB. TADHG O'SULLIVAN)

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-- MENTION JUDGE CLARK'S TRIP LAST WEEK  
TO IRELAND.

-- MENTION THAT WE HOPE TO SEE PRIME  
MINISTER FITZGERALD NEXT ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
(CLARK CARRIED LETTER OF INVITATION).

-- STRESS VALUE OF TIES OF ANCESTRY AND  
HERITAGE WHICH BIND OUR COUNTRIES.

-- NOTE SUPPORT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND EFFORTS  
OF FITZGERALD AND MARGARET THATCHER.

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Allan Ezra Gotlieb - Appointed Ambassador of Canada

Head of State - Queen Elizabeth II, represented in Canada by Edward Richard Schreyer, Governor General.

Head of Government - Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister

Ambassador Gotlieb, age 53, is a career civil servant whose most recent position was Under Secretary of State, the number two position in Canada's Department of External Affairs. He has also headed the Legal Division of the Department of External Affairs and has served as Deputy Minister of Communication and Deputy Minister of Manpower and Immigration. His only previous service abroad has been as a Delegate to the Geneva Disarmament Conference, 1962-64 and as an Alternate Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly. He is married and has three children, all in universities.

Pertinent Background: Prime Minister Trudeau has visited the US twice this year. He met with the President July 10 in Washington and September 17-18 at Grand Rapids, Michigan. The President made a State Visit to Ottawa March 10-11. The President also met with Trudeau at the Ottawa Economic Summit July 19-21, and at the Cancun North/South Summit October 21-24. The Vice President has not visited Canada since taking office.

Significant Issues: Our concern over Canadian investment and energy policies; Canadian concern about transboundary air pollution and the Alaska Gas Pipeline.

Issues for Discussion:

- Express satisfaction that Congress's attitude toward the Alaska Gas Pipeline seems favorable and that our East Coast off-shore boundary dispute will be arbitrated by a panel formed by the International Court of Justice.
- Express the hope that the Canadian Government will find it possible to accommodate our concerns about Canadian energy and investment policies.
- Assure him that Canadian concerns will be fully considered in renewing the Clean Air Act.

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5. AMB. ALLAN GOTLIEB

CANADA

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - WIFE, SONDR  
WH - JAMES W. NANCE  
NSC - DENNIS BLAIR  
STATE - PATRICK DALY (ESCORT)  
ALAN HOLMES (AREA REP)

-- CAREER DIPLOMAT

-- LAST ASSIGNMENT, UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE  
IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

(AMB. ALLAN GOTLIEB)

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-- CONGRESS ATTITUDE TOWARD WAIVERS FOR  
ALASKA GAS PIPELINE FAVORABLE.

-- HOPE CANADA WILL ACCOMMODATE U.S.  
CONCERNS ON ENERGY, INVESTMENT POLICIES.

-- ASK STATUS OF CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE  
IN CANADA.

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Hudson Kemul Tannis - Appointed Ambassador of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Head of State - Queen Elizabeth

Head of Government - Milton Cato, Prime Minister. Ambassador Tannis, 53, married, one child. A career civil servant, he is currently Foreign Minister and will concurrently serve as Ambassador to the U.S. He has served as member and deputy chairman of the delegation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the thirty-fifth session of the United Nations. He has also served in Parliament, as Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism, and Minister of Communications, Works, and Labor. He studied law in the United Kingdom in 1957.

Pertinent Background: None.

Significant Issues: Caribbean Basin Initiative; regional security.

Issues for Discussion:

- Reaffirm Administration's commitment to continuing our tradition of warm and cordial relations based on common heritage of democratic values.
- Indicate our support for progress made by St. Vincent government in recovering from natural disasters of past two years.
- Indicate our expectation that CBI trade, investment and assistance programs will complement Vincentian government efforts to promote economic development and create jobs.
- Indicate that we support integrity of democratic nations of Caribbean and hope that regional security cooperation can be strengthened.

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6. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMB. HUDSON KEMUL TANNIS

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - UNACCOMPANIED  
WH - JAMES W. NANCE  
NSC - ROGER FONTAINE  
STATE - MS. RODNEY RAWDING  
(ESCORT)  
THOMAS O. ENDERS  
(AREA REP)  
-- 53 YRS OLD; MARRIED; ONE CHILD  
-- CAREER CIVIL SERVANT  
-- FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR TO US

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- REAFFIRM ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING OUR TRADITION OF WARM AND CORDIAL RELATIONS BASED ON COMMON HERITAGE OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES
- INDICATE OUR EXPECTATION THAT CBI TRADE, INVESTMENT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WILL COMPLEMENT VINCENTIAN GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CREATE JOBS
- INDICATE THAT WE SUPPORT INTEGRITY OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONS OF CARIBBEAN AND HOPE THAT REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION CAN BE STRENGTHENED

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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December 4, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES W. NANCE

FROM: CHARLES P. TYSON *CPT*

SUBJECT: Briefing Memo for Credentials Ceremony  
Tuesday, December 8, 4:30 p.m.  
The Oval Office

Attached for your use in briefing the President in preparation for the credentials ceremony on Tuesday, December 8, at 4:30 p.m., are the following background papers:

- A - Ambassador Hubert Ondias-Souna (Gabonese Republic)
- B - Ambassador Tiemoko Marc Garango (Republic of Upper Volta)
- C - Ambassador Habib Ben Yahia (Republic of Tunisia)
- D - Ambassador Tadhg F. O'Sullivan (Ireland)
- E - Ambassador Allan Ezra Gottlieb (Canada)
- F - Ambassador Hudson Kemul Tannis (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum for the President forwarding 3x5 cards for his use.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

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Attachments:

- Tab I Memo to President
- A-F: Background Papers

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credentials Ceremony for  
Several African Countries  
Gabon, Tunisia, Upper Volta,  
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REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC  
HUBERT ONDIAS-SOUNA  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

It is a great honor for me to present to Your Excellency the letters by which His Excellency El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of the Gabonese Republic, has accredited me to you as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

I am particularly pleased to be called to represent Gabon in a country that is united to my own by long-standing bonds of unwaivering trust and friendship.

I shall attempt to carry out the lofty mission that has been entrusted to me with full awareness of the importance of my task and a strong desire to strengthen and develop further the good relations that exist between our peoples.

The Gabonese Republic, Mr. President, is indeed a country that seeks above all else to preserve its independence and, while refraining from any type of demagoguery, strives with due seriousness, perseverance, and an unshakeable faith in its future to accelerate its social and economic development in order to emerge from underdevelopment and provide its

inhabitants with a decent standard of living, peace at home, and friendship with its partners. To that end, technical and financial assistance from friendly countries is essential. Among these friendly countries, we are relying heavily on the great United States and on you, Mr. President, and your Administration, which have already given us many proofs of an active and benevolent interest.

Our exceptionally rich subsoil gives our country a sound industrial potential, and we consider our policy of peace and friendship the only valid approach that will attract large-scale technical and financial assistance and thereby ensure a higher standard of living for our peoples.

My country is not content to hope that you will play a role, Mr. President, in our people's immense effort to achieve progress and that the United States of America will participate actively in the attainment of our social and economic objectives; my country expects it.

Your Excellency may rest assured that I will make every effort to encourage mutually beneficial cooperation between our two countries. In doing so, I hope that I may rely upon Your Excellency's support and interest and that of the United States Government.

Last, Mr. President, I cannot find words to express the deep friendship and warm regards that His Excellency El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of the Gabonese Republic, has requested me to convey to you. For my part, I wish to take this opportunity to transmit cordial and friendly greetings to the American people from all the people of Gabon.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY  
TO THE REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC  
HUBERT ONDIAS-SOUNA  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. Ambassador:

It gives me pleasure to welcome you to the United States and to accept the Letter of Credence from the distinguished President of the Gabonese Republic, His Excellency El Hadj Omar Bongo. I recall with pleasure my meeting with President Bongo during his private visit to Washington in June of this year.

The United States values its long-standing friendship with the people of Gabon and the steadfast support and cooperation Gabon provides in our search for constructive, peaceful solutions to the problems confronting the world in general and Africa in particular. I particularly appreciate your Government's contributions and suggestions as we join with the nations of Africa and other interested parties to resolve the situation in Chad.

We recognize and appreciate the achievements and the needs of the Gabonese people in your nation's economic development. We applaud the goals which your Government has established, for we share the belief that true economic and social development can only result from a policy of peace and cooperation in foreign affairs and a policy of trade and investment growth in economic affairs.

As I told your President in a recent letter, we are glad to share our technical expertise with our friends, for that too is a resource available to us in the pursuit of international development. We have already joined with you in several projects to develop your country's riches; we intend to participate in others, both officially and through the private sector. Financial assistance will naturally flow to those projects which merit the support of our financial institutions. You may also be assured of the full cooperation of the United States in furthering commercial links between our two countries.

Mr. Ambassador, as you exercise your new ambassadorial responsibilities, you may be assured of the cooperation of every sector of the United States Government.

Please thank President Bongo for the greetings he has extended to me and the American people. I ask you to convey my personal good wishes and sincere hopes for the continued well-being of the people and Government of the Gabonese Republic.

REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF UPPER VOLTA  
TIEMOKO MARC GARANGO  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

President Saye Zerbo of Upper Volta has shown his confidence in me by assigning me the sensitive, yet noble task of being his personal representative to you as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Upper Volta.

While I am highly gratified by this mark of confidence in me, I do not underestimate the importance of my assigned mission, to do all that I can to further the friendship between our two countries. Soon after the independence of Upper Volta, our two peoples came to know, understand, and value each other and, at the same time, an intense, fruitful, and diversified cooperative effort was initiated between the United States of America and the Republic of Upper Volta.

I must first avail myself of the opportunity presented by this ceremony to transmit to Your Excellency the friendly



and respectful greetings of His Excellency Saye Zerbo, my country's Chief of State, and to express to you, and through you to the honorable American people, the esteem and friendship of the Upper Voltan people.

I should also like to stress what a special joy and honor it is for me to be in the United States and to serve as ambassador in your beautiful, great, and mighty country, for despite the distance between us, our two peoples aspire to the same ideals of peace and respect for human rights.

Our excellent, close relations, and the solid bonds of friendship established and maintained by our two countries could not, therefore, fail to result in fruitful cooperation whose constant growth is deserving of special mention.

I would be remiss, Mr. President, if I did not seize this opportunity to extol the spirit of solidarity which your country has unceasingly demonstrated towards the peoples of Africa, who have repeatedly been the victims of particularly harsh environmental conditions. I must also stress our sincere appreciation for the contributions that USAID, the Peace Corps, and private American organizations have made to our country. On behalf of the government and the people of Upper Volta, I should like to renew our gratitude to the government and people of the United States.

Life is hard in Upper Volta, a landlocked country subject to the severity of nature. Thus, while it appreciates the assistance of friendly countries such as your own, Upper Volta realizes that it must deserve such assistance and must rely primarily on itself. We are confident of international solidarity and fervently hope that the Paris Conference on less developed countries and the conference in Cancun on North-South cooperation will be followed by practical and effective measures in favor of the countries concerned.

Buoyed by this hope, I have the honor to present to you the letters of recall of my predecessor and the letter accrediting me to Your Excellency as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Upper Volta. I am firmly convinced that in accomplishing my mission I can rely on your consideration and the assistance of the American government.

Long live friendship and cooperation between the United States and Upper Volta!

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY  
TO THE REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF UPPER VOLTA  
TIEMOKO MARC GARANGO  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. Ambassador:

It is with great pleasure that I accept the Letter of your President, Colonel Saye Zerbo, accrediting you as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Upper Volta to the United States of America. I also accept the Letter of Recall of your distinguished predecessor, Telesphore Yaguibou.

Our two countries have had the good fortune to enjoy close and friendly relations for over 20 years now. This has not occurred by chance, but has been the result of a similarity of views and objectives, a common dedication to the principles of freedom and justice and respect for human rights, which are honored in both our lands. The United States

attaches great value to the maintenance of good relations with its friends, and it is our intention to strive diligently to nurture and improve our good relations with Upper Volta.

We have been pleased to participate in the development process in Upper Volta over the years through our AID and Peace Corps programs. We intend to continue this involvement which we believe produces benefits to both our countries. In this regard, I was most appreciative of your comments that Upper Volta is grateful for our assistance but realizes that it must rely primarily on itself. It is my hope that our two countries will continue to work together and coordinate our efforts, including efforts by our private sectors, so that Upper Volta is able to achieve the level and pace of development most suited to its needs.

I am confident that the good relations we have experienced to date will continue to prosper during your term of service in our country. We have a long tradition of consultation and close cooperation on matters of mutual concern, and I hope that tradition will continue during the months and years ahead.

Finally, I am most grateful for your kind words of friendship for the American people and for me personally. I would like to ask you to convey to His Excellency, Colonel Saye Zerbo, the President of the Republic of Upper Volta, my best wishes for his personal welfare and prosperity and for that of the people of Upper Volta.

REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES  
HUDSON KEMUL TANNIS  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

I am pleased that you have been able to afford me the privilege to present on behalf of my Government my credentials to you as Ambassador to your great country, the United States of America. Before achieving nationhood, my country has had very close and cordial relationships with your country at many levels, and this relationship has improved since it became fully, internally self-governing on 27 October 1979. Since Independence, which was achieved on the 27th of October 1979, those strong ties which existed have been strengthened both at the political and economic level. Your country shares the same ideas as my own in the pursuit of human liberty, respect for the rule of law, respect for pluralism in the political process and the maintenance of a true democratic parliamentary system. In all these and in other areas, we share a way of life in common. It is my hope that the establishment of diplomatic

links at the ambassadorial level will now help to cement and deepen our existent relationship and forge new ones that may enhance our endeavors for the mutual benefit of our two countries. Through me, it is hoped that my country of St. Vincent and the Grenadines may be better able to articulate our national problem and priorities as well as project the well-meaning efforts of your country in a way that may not have been otherwise perceived. Mr. President, our human and financial resources are limited but not our commitment to those ideas that are high and enobling.

REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF IRELAND  
TADHG F. O'SULLIVAN  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to present to you the Letter of Credence by which the President of Ireland has accredited me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ireland to the United States of America. I also present to you the Letter of Recall of my distinguished predecessor.

President Hillery has asked me to convey, on this occasion, his cordial and friendly greetings to you personally and his best wishes for the welfare of the United States of America and its people.

I am deeply conscious, Mr. President, of the high honor and responsibility confided to me by the President of Ireland in accrediting me as Ambassador to this great country with which Ireland has so many ties of friendship and shared ideals. During my assignment I shall do all in my power not only to maintain but also if possible to strengthen this traditional close relationship which so happily exists between our two countries and peoples.

In fulfilling the mission entrusted to me I am greatly encouraged by the confidence which I have that I may rely on your gracious goodwill, Mr. President, and on the co-operation of your Government.



REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA  
HABIB BEN YAHIA  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

It is for me a great honor and indeed a high privilege to present today to Your Excellency the Letters by which H.E. President Habib Bourguiba accredits me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Tunisia to the United States of America.

The President of Tunisia, when entrusting me with the important mission of representing him in your great country, instructed me to convey to you, Mr. President, and to the American people, his high consideration, his deep respect and his great admiration.

This message constitutes the best expression of the solid bonds of friendship between the peoples of the United States and Tunisia. Those ties were forged almost half a century ago, since the start of our struggle for independence, when President Bourguiba declared a very clear and irrevocable

option for the family of democratic societies and the Free World, whose ideals and values he cherishes.

Mr. President, both before and after its independence, Tunisia has always relied on your country's continued understanding and support. The Tunisian government is very grateful to the United States for their assistance to Tunisia's own efforts in building up a modern state, a prosperous economy, a remarkable stability, and an open democratic system.

Tunisia, with its deep sense of realities, of moderation and pragmatism, while being proud of its great achievements, still believes that the way to full development and democracy is a long process that must be followed with a great deal of courage, imagination, toil and sweat and yet with a cautious policy that stems from a wise leadership.

Mr. President, our countries are living in a complex, changing and challenging world, filled with tensions and conflicts and thus so insecure in many respects. Tunisia is indeed gratified to see the United States paying due attention to its legitimate preoccupations for a better security. We are hopeful that your country will continue contributing - through sustained and adequate efforts - to strengthening Tunisia's defensive capabilities and supporting its economic development.

Our forthcoming sixth Plan does offer the best opportunity to further develop our fruitful cooperation in every sector. Tunisia's expectations in this respect are high. President Bourguiba considers it to be a decisive step towards securing forever our country's stability, progress and invulnerability.

Mr. President, Tunisia's active role in the international arena, thanks to its moral weight, has been an effective contribution to the reduction of tensions, to the promotion of peace, justice and a better understanding among nations.

Under the wise leadership of President Bourguiba, Tunisia is thus in a position to offer more for the solution of problems existing in such troubled areas as the Middle East and Africa.

Mr. President, let me assure you that I will spare no effort to work for the further development of the solid friendship and fruitful cooperation existing between our two countries. I am convinced that I can count on Your Excellency's support and kind assistance, as well as those of the United States officials, in carrying out my mission in Washington.

In concluding my remarks, I would like to convey to you President Bourguiba's most cordial greetings and his best wishes for your health, personal happiness as well as for your family's well-being and for the prosperity of the great American people.

REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF CANADA  
ALLAN EZRA GOTLIEB  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

I have the honour to present to you a letter which accredits me as Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America and another terminating the mission of my distinguished predecessor, Mr. Peter M. Towe.

Mr. President, the nature and the extent of the relations between Canada and the U.S.A. has no parallel. It is a unique relationship. Shared ideals and democratic institutions provide its foundation. It is strengthened by the wide range of personal contacts and commercial transactions which take place across our common border every day. These are outward manifestations of the stability and enduring strength of the friendship between our countries.

Within the recent past, your two visits to Ottawa, and Prime Minister Trudeau's two visits to the United States, highlight the mutual importance of the relationship. From the outset of your Presidency, you have emphasized the priority of good relations with your neighbours. Mr. President, Canadians welcome this personal interest in your northern neighbour. We are confident that your interest will contribute to a better understanding of Canada, and of those aspects of our political, economic and social development which are of particular importance to the integrity and identity of our country.


There is no question that our two countries have been extremely successful in the past in dealing with the many issues which inevitably must arise as a result of geographic proximity and shared interests. There are a number of difficult questions which will require close attention in the months ahead. I am confident that these can be dealt with successfully. I am also certain that sensitivity to each others national interests will serve to hasten a positive resolution of these issues and thus strengthen the remarkable fabric of our close relationship.

Mr. President, international relations today are marked by tensions and uncertainties. Major challenges face us all: to safeguard world peace, to protect and advance democratic ideals, and to find solutions to the plight of the world's poor. It is clear that both our countries have a great stake in world stability and global economic growth. Canada is determined to play its part in seeking solutions to these and other world problems. We will work as closely as possible with your country on these important questions. Your leadership of the Western Alliance, and the human and economic

resources of your country, can greatly contribute to a more secure and stable world.

Mr. President, it has been said that as contacts between two countries multiply, so the need for diplomacy diminishes. In my view, quite the reverse is true of the United States and Canada, particularly at a time when both countries are experiencing profound change. It is a time when both our countries must come to have a clear awareness of each other's approaches to problems. You have launched a bold program to reduce inflation and to re-invigorate the world's largest economy. We in Canada are making important strides in our own political and economic development. We are working to create a Canada which truly reflects our bilingual heritage -- a country in which the richness and diversity of our multicultural heritage can flourish. National development policies, so necessary in a country such as Canada, are playing an essential role in helping to assure the economic future of all Canadians.

I take up my duties as Ambassador of Canada at a time when our bilateral relations and multilateral challenges require more than ever the close consultations, spirit of cooperation, and sense of vision which have characterized our relations in the past. As Ambassador, I will do my utmost to contribute to the positive development of our bilateral ties, to promote cooperation on international issues, and thereby to strengthen the bonds of friendship between our two countries. I am confident of your support, Mr. President, and that of the members of your Administration.



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*Son Excellence Ronald REAGAN  
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REMARQUES DE SON EXCELLENCE HUBERT ONDIAS-SOUNA  
AMBASSEUR DE LA REPUBLIQUE GABONAISE,  
LORS DE LA PRESENTATION DE SES LETTRES DE CREANCE  
A SON EXCELLENCE RONALD REAGAN,  
PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE

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*Monsieur le Président,*

*C'est un insigne honneur pour moi de remettre à Votre Excellence les lettres par lesquelles Son Excellence El Hadj Omar BONGO, Président de la République Gabonaise, m'accrédite auprès d'Elle, en qualité d'Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire.*

*Je suis particulièrement heureux d'être appelé à représenter le Gabon dans un pays uni au mien par des liens anciens dont le caractère amical et confiant ne s'est jamais démenti.*

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C'est avec une pleine conscience de l'importance de ma tâche, et le vif désir de développer et d'approfondir encore davantage les bonnes relations existant entre nos peuples, que je tâcherai d'accomplir la haute mission qui m'a été impartie.

La République Gabonaise, Monsieur le Président, est en effet un de ces pays qui entend par dessus tout sauvegarder son indépendance, et s'abstenant de toute aventure démagogique, s'efforce, avec tout le sérieux désirable, avec tenacité, avec une foi inébranlable dans son destin, d'accélérer son développement économique et social afin de sortir du sous-développement et de procurer à ses habitants un niveau de vie décent, dans la paix intérieure et l'amitié avec ses partenaires.

Pour cela, l'assistance technique et financière des Pays amis lui est indispensable.

Et parmi ces Pays amis, nous comptons beaucoup sur la grande Nation américaine et sur Vous-même, Monsieur le Président, et Votre Administration qui nous ont déjà donné tant de preuves d'un intérêt bienveillant et agissant.

Notre sous-sol d'une richesse exceptionnelle, confère à notre pays une vocation industrielle certaine, quant à notre politique de paix et d'amitié nous la considérons comme être la seule philosophie valable, susceptible de donner confiance aux plus grands concours financiers et techniques, garantissant ainsi par voie de conséquence un meilleur niveau social à nos populations.

Votre place, Monsieur le Président, au sein de cet immense chantier de relèvement humain, la participation concrète des Etats-Unis d'Amérique à la réalisation de nos objectifs économiques et sociaux, mon pays ne se contente pas de les souhaiter : il les attend.

Votre Excellence peut être assurée que je ne ménagerai pas mes efforts pour qu'une coopération fructueuse se développe entre nos deux Pays.

Pour ce faire, j'espère pouvoir compter sur l'appui et la sollicitude de Votre Excellence et de l'Administration américaine.

Enfin, Monsieur le Président, je ne saurai traduire ici les sentiments d'amitié profonde et de haute sympathie que vous adresse Votre Homologue Son Excellence El Hadj Omar BONGO, Président de la République Gabonaise.

De mon côté, je profite de l'occasion pour transmettre au peuple américain, le salut cordial et amical du peuple gabonais tout entier.

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PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE





EL HADJ OMAR BONGO  
PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE GABONAISE  
CHEF DU GOUVERNEMENT

A SON EXCELLENCE  
MONSIEUR RONALD REAGAN  
PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE

CHER ET GRAND AMI,

Désireux de renforcer et de développer les cordiales relations qui existent entre Nos deux Pays, J'ai porté Mon choix sur Monsieur Hubert ONDIAS SOUNA pour l'accréditer auprès de VOTRE EXCELLENCE en qualité d'Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire de la République Gabonaise.

Les qualités qui le distinguent Me sont garanties du soin qu'il mettra à s'acquitter de la haute mission qui lui est confiée de façon à obtenir Votre confiance et mériter ainsi Mon approbation.

C'est dans cette conviction que Je Vous prie, CHER ET GRAND AMI, de l'accueillir avec Votre bienveillance accoutumée et d'ajouter foi et créance entière à tout ce qu'il Vous dira de Ma part, surtout lorsqu'il exprimera à VOTRE EXCELLENCE les assurances de Ma haute estime et de Ma constante amitié./-

Fait à Libreville, le 8 Septembre 1981

Le Ministre des Affaires  
Etrangères  
et de la Coopération

  
Martin BONGO

  
El Hadj Omar BONGO



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PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE GABONAISE  
CHEF DU GOUVERNEMENT

A SON EXCELLENCE  
MONSIEUR RONALD REAGAN  
PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE

CHER ET GRAND AMI,

J'ai décidé de mettre fin à la mission dont était chargé Monsieur Aboubacar BOKOKO de représenter la République Gabonaise auprès de VOTRE EXCELLENCE, en qualité d'Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire et de le rappeler pour lui confier de nouvelles fonctions.

Il Me plaît à reconnaître que Monsieur Aboubacar BOKOKO s'est acquitté avec zèle, compétence et loyauté de sa mission et qu'ainsi il a su mériter Votre estime et Votre approbation.

C'est dans cette conviction que Je Vous prie, CHER ET GRAND AMI, de bien vouloir agréer les assurances de Ma haute considération et de Ma constante amitié./-

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