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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 4, 1982

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 10 on the seizure of the U.S. tuna seiner DANICA and the implications of the incident for our fishery policy and relations with the island countries of the Pacific. I regret the delay in this response.

I understand that the DANICA case has been resolved. The vessel was released after its owners made a \$280,000 payment levied by the Papua New Guinea authorities. Shortly thereafter, the Government of Papua New Guinea concluded an agreement with the American Tunaboat Association (ATA) under which ATA vessels may obtain licenses to fish off Papua New Guinea through the end of this year. Trade in fishery products with Papua New Guinea and operations of foreign tuna companies there have not been interrupted. Changes in this situation are not anticipated, largely as a result of the ATA agreement.

Although that agreement is a short-term arrangement, it represents a step forward in finding ways to work out satisfactory measures for the operation of U.S. fishing vessels in the Pacific. As you point out, however, there is clearly a need to look at longer-term measures. I understand that the State Department is considering how it might be possible to build on the progress made in the DANICA case to address fishery problems in the South Pacific on a broader scale. Of the three possibilities mentioned in your speech, it appears that the most promising would be to work out regional or international agreements governing tuna fishing.

I hope the above information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Bill Clark

William P. Clark

Re: Seizure of
tuna boat by
Papua New Guinea
Government

The Honorable Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

April 26, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: MICHAEL A. GUHIN 

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Response to Congressman McCloskey

In March Congressman McCloskey sent you his speech on Papua New Guinea's seizure of a U.S. tuna vessel, and the incident's implications for our fishery policy and relations with Pacific Island nations, and asked for your views (Tab II). A proposed reply is at Tab I. It is based on a State draft (Tab III) and concurred in by State. Kimmitt concurs.

RK

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab I.

Approve

Disapprove

Attachments

- Tab I Letter for signature
- II McCloskey letter
- III State memo



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 22, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Reply to letter from Representative Paul McCloskey
on the 200-mile Fisheries Zone and the Tunaboat
Seizure by Papua New Guinea

Attached is a draft reply for your signature, to a
letter from Representative Paul McCloskey concerning the
seizure of the U.S. tuna seiner DANICA and possible impli-
cations the incident may have for our fishery policy and
for general relations with nations of the Pacific.

The suggested reply notes that the DANICA incident has
been satisfactorily resolved and that an access agreement
has been signed between the Government of Papua New Guinea
and the American Tunaboat Association, representing the U.S.
industry, which has allowed us to avoid an embargo of tuna
products from Papua New Guinea. The draft reply also points
out that the Department is considering how best to build on
the successful resolution of the DANICA case to address
tuna problems in the South Pacific in a positive manner.


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft reply to
Representative McCloskey.

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 10 relating to the seizure of the U.S. tuna seiner DANICA and the implications which this incident might have for our fishery policy and for relations with the island countries of the Pacific.

I understand that the DANICA case has been resolved. The DANICA was released after its owners made a \$280,000 payment levied by the Papua New Guinea authorities. Shortly thereafter, the Government of Papua New Guinea concluded an agreement with the American Tunaboat Association (ATA) under which ATA vessels may obtain licenses to fish off Papua New Guinea through the end of this year. This agreement is operative. There has been no interruption in trade in fishery products with Papua New Guinea or in the operations of foreign tuna companies in Papua New Guinea. Mainly as a result of the ATA agreement, we do not anticipate any change in this situation.

Although the ATA agreement is a short-term arrangement, it does seem to represent a significant step forward in finding ways to work out satisfactory measures for operation of U.S. fishing vessels in the Pacific. There is clearly a

The Honorable
Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.,
House of Representatives.

need, as you point out, to look at longer-term measures; and I understand that the State Department is now considering how it might be possible to build on the progress made in the DANICA case to address fishery problems in the South Pacific on a broader scale. Of the three possibilities you mention in your speech, it appears that the most promising would be to work out regional or international agreements governing tuna fishing.

Sincerely,

PAUL N. McCLOSKEY, JR.
12TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States
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March 10, 1982

The Honorable William P. Clark
Deputy Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Clark:

I enclose a floor speech I am making today on a subject which I think justifies immediate high-level consideration by the State Department and the NSC as well as by the committees of jurisdiction in the House.

May I have your thoughts after reviewing the problem?

Sincerely,



PAUL N. McCLOSKEY, JR.

PNMcC:brc

Enclosure

REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN PAUL N. McCLOSKEY, JR.
ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE
March 11, 1982

THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA CRISIS

IT IS TIME TO ABANDON OUR CONTENTION THAT WE CAN CONTROL FISHING IN OUR OWN 200 MILE ZONE WHILE STILL CLAIMING THE RIGHT TO FISH FOR TUNA WITHIN OTHER NATION'S 200 MILE ZONE.

Mr. Speaker,

We face a small but important foreign policy crisis, with an extremely dangerous potential.

In the past several weeks, a California-based U. S. flag purse seiner, fishing within Papua New Guinea's 200 mile fisheries zone was seized for fishing without a Papua New Guinea license, the same kind of license the United States routinely requires of foreign vessels within our 200 mile zone.

The case was tried in Papua New Guinea and the U. S. vessel was found to have violated Papua New Guinea law which requires confiscation of the unlicensed vessel and its equipment as well as its catch, in this case 600 tons of tuna, collectively worth an estimated \$13 million.

This occurrence points up the outdated nature of our Fisherman's Protection Act (FPA) (P.L. 90-482) enacted in 1967 at a time when the U. S. actively opposed any country's right to claim more than a three-mile coastal sea. The FPA also has an incredibly deleterious and dangerous impact on our relationships with friendly nations who understandably resent what appears to them to be an arrogant and imperialistic policy, to wit:

"What is within our 200 mile zone is ours, but what is within your 200 mile zone is ours, too, if it is tuna."

(Tuna constitutes roughly 7% of the world's fishing commerce in dollar value.)

Note what the Fisherman's Protective Act now requires: under the Act, the United States must now prohibit the importation of all tuna into our country from Papua New Guinea. These sanctions go into effect automatically unless immediate steps towards conciliation are taken.

By imposing these sanctions it is expected that operations of two tuna companies based in Papua New Guinea will fail, with exports of tuna which have totaled as much as 50,000 tons, worth \$50 million a year, lost to these companies and Papua New Guinea.

The largest of these companies is the American firm, Star Kist, the other a smaller Japanese fishing company. Both employ over a thousand Papua New Guineans. Papua New Guinea will lose over \$3 million per year in export taxes plus at least \$10 million per year in expenditures to local merchants within the country.

Papua New Guinea and Star Kist have been negotiating the construction of a large tuna cannery which may go by the boards as a result.

Papua New Guinea is properly incensed over the combination of our tuna industry's refusal to abide by Papuan New Guinea law and the resulting imposition of U. S. sanctions.

Since we passed our own 200 mile law, largely for conservation purposes, it seems arrogant in the extreme for us to deny small countries the right to exercise a similar

conservation ethic for a single resource within their economic zones...often a resource proportionately far more valuable to their economies than our fisheries are to our \$3 trillion economy.

We, for example, claim the right to conserve migratory species as marlin, but deny others the right to conserve migratory tuna.

Ninety nations already claim jurisdiction over all fishing activities in their 200 mile zones and the United States is virtually isolated in continuing to deny coastal state jurisdiction over tuna.

There is a far greater danger, however, vis-a-vis our continuing efforts to deny expansion of Soviet influence in the Pacific Basin.

The island nations of the South Pacific have become increasingly incensed. They include traditional U. S. friends such as Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, New Zealand, Palau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Western Samoa.

Following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Soviet efforts to court support among these nations were effectively blocked.

Now, however, these nations can hardly be blamed if they retaliate by refusing to allow our nuclear vessels and aircraft to transit their 200 mile jurisdictions which cover most of the

central and western Pacific Ocean.

These South Pacific nations have, until now, been our closest friends and have supported us on many international issues of great importance. Even now, Fijian troops are maintaining the peace in the troubled Middle East. A continuance of strong-arm tactics against a small country such as Papua New Guinea may endanger long standing friendships far more valuable to us than a slight increase in tuna costs through acceptance of licensing fees by our tuna industry.

I suggest that this matter requires the immediate attention of the Administration at the highest level, and that our committees of jurisdiction should hold hearings forthwith to try to avoid irreparable damage to our relationships with the independent nations of the South Pacific.

Three courses of action are available:

- 1) We can repeal the Fisherman's Protective Act
- 2) We can declare jurisdiction over the tuna which migrate within our declared fisheries zones, thus placing us in the same position as other nations, and accepting foreign nations' jurisdiction over tuna within their 200 mile zones
- 3) We can immediately implement the provisions of our 200 mile legislation which mandates that regional or international agreements shall govern the management of highly migratory species.

I suggest that the United States, on this latter point, should convene and host a meeting of the Pacific island nations

involved. Our goal would be to create a regional treaty following the pattern for regional cooperation in the management of highly migratory species recently set by the signing of the Nauru Fisheries Agreement.

By taking such positive steps, we will demonstrate the willingness of the United States to cooperate fairly and justly in the conservation and management of international fisheries stocks and to encourage the rational use of such resources by our own fishermen while still helping the small developing nations of the world to make use of, and prosper from the use of, their own natural resources.

We may also avert a renewed Soviet penetration into an area fully as important to us as the waters of the Caribbean which are presently the focus of sizable U. S. investment and national security actions.

Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.

March 10, 1982

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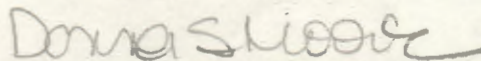
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Papua New Guinea Prime Minister, Michael Somare, was unable to get down to Washington because he had to get back to Papua New Guinea for urgent business, so he declined the V. P.'s invitation.

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Request for drop-by and photo-ops
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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October 5, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK
JOHN M. POINDEXTER

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON

FROM: DAVID N. LAUX *DL*

SUBJECT: Request for Drop-by and Photo-Op with the President for Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, Who Will Be Calling on the Vice President

State had originally hoped that we could arrange for the President to invite Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Michael Somare down from New York (where he will be visiting to receive the Pacific Man of the Year Award, and also to address the UN General Assembly). We asked instead that the Vice President see him, and he is doing so on Friday October 14, at 3:00 p.m.

We are requesting a drop-by and photo-op with the President, in addition to the Vice President's visit, for several reasons:

- Among the twenty or so small island states of the South Pacific, Papua New Guinea, with a population of 3 million, the largest area, and extensive natural resources, is probably the most important (along with Fiji).

- No head of state or government from any of these newly-emergent Pacific island nations has ever met a U.S. President. A Presidential handshake and photo will be news in the South Pacific, and helpful with our relations with all the island states. It would also please Australia and New Zealand, and help to focus Asian attention on the President's November trip.

- It will reward Somare for welcoming our Navy's port calls, hosting an Air Force C-5 visit, and providing observers for the Micronesia Trust Territory plebiscites.

- It will encourage Somare to move toward a long-sought sub-regional tuna fishing agreement which could open the way to the solution of a pervasive problem in the Pacific.

- Somare's moderation continues to set a good example and help us in our relations with the Pacific island mini-nations, and a Presidential handshake and photo will enhance Somare's stature as a regional leader, which is in our interest.

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- State's East Asia Bureau has been trying to schedule Somare for an official working visit for almost two years, but has been unable to do it against the competition from larger, more important countries. Somare knows this, and this unexpected Presidential attention would be a tremendous shot in the arm, and do a lot to compensate for past (and future) inability to get him scheduled for a regular visit.

The President has a meeting scheduled from 2:30 to 3:00, after which he is due to leave for Camp David. A five-minute meeting at 3:00 just before the President's departure, should fit the situation beautifully. The Vice President could escort Somare down the hall for a Presidential handshake and photo, then return with him to his own office.

This recommendation is strongly endorsed by State and the Vice President's office. A schedule proposal is attached.

Gaston Sigur, Bob Sims, and Don Gregg concur.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the request for a drop-by and photo for Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Michael Somare.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment:

Tab I Schedule Proposal

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

October 5, 1983

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER

REQUEST: Drop-by and Photo-Op (White House Photo) for Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, who will be calling on the Vice President

PURPOSE: To create good will with Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific Island mini-nations; to enhance Somare's stature as a regional leader; and to influence Papua New Guinea to act favorably on U.S. Navy and Air Force requests and on a regional tuna fishing agreement important to the U.S.

BACKGROUND: Somare, who led Papua New Guinea to independence in 1975 and has served as Prime Minister for most of the intervening period, will be in the U.S. October 10-15. He will receive the first "Pacific Man of the Year Award" in New York City on October 12 and address the UN General Assembly on October 13.

Among the twenty or so small island states of the South Pacific, Papua New Guinea and Fiji are the most important. No head of state or government from any of these newly-emergent Pacific island nations has ever met a U.S. President.

The Vice President has invited Somare down from New York to visit him at 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 14. The President has a 2:30 p.m. meeting and is then scheduled to depart for Camp David at approximately 3:00 p.m. The Vice President would walk Somare down the hall to shake hands with the President and have a photo taken; then return with him to his own office.

Somare welcomes our Navy's port calls and recently hosted an Air Force C-5 visit. His government appears to be moving toward a long-sought sub-regional tuna fishing agreement which could open the way to the solution

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of a pervasive problem in the Pacific. Somare's government has contributed observers during the Micronesia Trust Territory plebiscites; and Somare's moderation continues to set a good example and help us in our relations with the Pacific island mini-nations.

A Presidential handshake and photo would be news in the South Pacific, and helpful in our relations with all the island states. It would also please Australia and New Zealand.

This request is strongly endorsed by State, the NSC, and the Vice President's office.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATE AND TIME: Friday, October 14, 1983, 3:00 p.m.
Duration: 5 minutes or less

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The Vice President
Prime Minister Michael Somare
U.S. Ambassador M. Virginia Shafer

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Vice President drops by on President, introduces Prime Minister Somare. White House photographer takes pictures. President makes a few remarks. Vice President takes Somare back to his office.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Minimal. Talking Points will be provided.

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photo for release, or wire service still photo op

RECOMMENDED BY: State, NSC, V.P. Office

OPPOSED BY: None

PROJECT OFFICER: David Laux, NSC
Walt Doran, V.P. Office

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January 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Ambassador to the United States from Papua New Guinea (U)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Mr. Kiatro Ottao Abisinio as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Papua New Guinea to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of Papua New Guinea.
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William F. Martin
Executive Secretary

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January 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM:

DAVID N. LAUX *DL*

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Mr. Kiatro Ottao Abisinio of
Papua New Guinea as Ambassador to the United
States

The Government of Papua New Guinea has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Mr. Kiatro Ottao Abisinio as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Papua New Guinea to the United States (Tab II). The State Department assessment and Embassy comments are at Tab III.

I agree with the State Department's assessment that Abisinio should be an excellent ambassador. I know him personally from his visits to the U.S., my visit to Papua New Guinea and from the Pacific Island Development Conference, and find him to be intelligent, capable and pro-American. He spent almost two years in the U.S., earning a masters degree at Fletcher in May, 1985.

Gaston Sigur^{6's} concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the memorandum of concurrence to Nicholas Platt at Tab I.

Approve *help for*

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Nicholas Platt memo
Tab II Cable from Papua New Guinea
Tab III State letter dated 1/10 and bio

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TAGS: PINS, OFDP, PP
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR NEW PNG AMBASSADOR

REF: PORT MORESBY 3031

1. ~~BY~~ PNG DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE EMBASSY REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR KIATRO OTTAA ABISINITO AS AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. WE PRESUME THAT THE GPNG HAS CHOSEN THIS CHANNEL BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED WITH CURRENT AMBASSADOR LOHIA. AS NOTED REFTEL, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES ABISINITO TO BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE AND HOPES AGREEMENT MIGHT BE EXPEDITIOUSLY GRANTED. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF NOTE AND ACCOMPANYING CURRICULUM VITAE, WHICH ARE BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2. ~~OUT~~ BEGIN TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE 830/85 DATED DECEMBER 19, 1985:
THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT HAS DESIGNATED MR. KIATRO OTTAA ABISINITO AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT WILL BE GRATEFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR GRANTING THE AGREEMENT TO THE PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF MR. ABISINITO.

THE CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR. ABISINITO IS ATTACHED.

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

3. ~~OUT~~ BEGIN TEXT OF CURRICULUM VITAE OF KIATRO OTTAA ABISINITO:

PERSONAL PARTICULARS:

DATE OF BIRTH 25 MAY 1954
PLACE OF BIRTH GOROKA EASTERN HIGHLANDS
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED
RELIGION CHRISTIAN

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

1985 ---- FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY, TUFTS. UNIVERSITY--MASTERS OF ART IN LAW AND DIPLOMACY (UALD).

1977 ---- BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS DEGREE, UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

1972 ---- MATRICULATION, UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.
SERVICEMASTERY

SEPT 1983--MAY 1985--- TOOK STUDY LEAVE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PNG TO UNDERTAKE MASTERS OF ARTS IN LAW AND DIPLOMACY PROGRAM AT FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY, TUFTS UNIVERSITY, USA.

JUNE--AUG 1984 --- CHARGE'D AFFAIRS AT EMBASSY OF PNG, WASHINGTON, D.C.

FEB--1982--1985 --- FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY--POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND TRADE.

APRIL 1983 ---- GUEST OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT--VISITED TOKYO AND HELD TALKS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

MARCH 1983 ---- REPRESENTED THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT AT THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN NEW DELHI, INDIA.

FEB 1983 ---- GUEST OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM. EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND VISITED SEVERAL STATES.

NOV 1982 ---- LEADER OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE OF NATURAL DISASTERS HELD GARDNER IN TONGA.

JUNE 1982 ---- LEADER OF PNG DELEGATION TO THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM, HELD AT ROTORUA, NEW ZEALAND.

MAY 1982 ---- ACCOMPANIED PNG'S AMBASSADOR TO ASEAN STATES TO REPRESENT PNG AT THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING HELD IN SINGAPORE.

NOV 1981 ---- GUEST OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT--VISITED SEVERAL PROVINCES IN ITALY--FACT FINDING MISSION.

SEPT 1981 ---- ACCOMPANIED THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE TO THE UNGA SESSIONS IN NEW YORK.

JUNE 1981 ---- ACCOMPANIED THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE TO THE ACP MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN SUVA, FIJI.

FEB 1981 ---- REPRESENTED THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE AT THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF NON-ALIGNED STATES HELD IN NEW DELHI, INDIA.

SEPT-OCT 1980 ---- ACCOMPANIED THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE ON OFFICIAL VISITS TO AUSTRALIA, FIJI, THE UNITED STATES AND UNGA SESSIONS IN NEW YORK.

SEPT 1980-JAN 1982 -- ASSISTANT SECRETARY--INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BRANCH--POLITICAL DIVISION.

JUNE 1980 ---- LEADER OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA DELEGATION TO THE COCOTECH MEETING OF ASIA-PACIFIC

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FEB 1960 ---- ACCOMPANIED PNG'S AMBASSADOR TO
ASEAN STATES, M.E. DOMINIC DIWA ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO
THAILAND

MAY 1976--SEPT 1980 - SECOND SECRETARY AT THE EMBASSY
OF PNG IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA.

JAN--APRIL 1978 --- DESK OFFICER--SOUTH EAST ASIA
BRANCH--POLITICAL DIVISION.

JUNE--DEC 1977 --- SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO THE
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, PRIME MINISTER'S
DEPARTMENT.

JAN--MAY 1977 ---- EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO THE
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

JUNE 1976--MAY 1977 - DESK OFFICER--INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS BRANCH--POLITICAL DIVISION.

JUNE 1976 ----- JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE.

DECEMBER 1975 ---- ASSISTED FIRST ASSISTANT
SECRETARY, MIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP DIVISION WITH THE
PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR NATIONALIZED
CITIZENSHIP.

JUNE--NOV 1976 ---- WON THE UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW
GUINEA--UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH PACIFIC STUDENT EXCHANGE
AWARD AND STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH PACIFIC,
SUVA, FIJI.

DEC 1974-FEB 1975 -- WORKED WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY, POLICY & PLANNING BRANCH OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT.

MAY 1974-JUNE 1976 -- AFTER SUCCESSFULLY WINNING A
GOVERNMENT CADETSHIP, STUDIED AT UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA
NEW GUINEA AS A PUBLIC SERVICE CADET.

WORKED AS AN ASSISTANT TO THE RECRUITMENT OFFICE,
RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, PORT MORESBY.

GO
FIC 1972-FEB 1973 -- WORKED FOR LOWA MARKETING
CORPORATION AS AN EXTENSION OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF
SERICULTURE, GOROKA, EASTERN HIGHLANDS PROVINCE.

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January 10, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Appointment of Kiatro Ottao Abisinito of Papua New Guinea as Ambassador to the United States

The Government of Papua New Guinea has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Mr. Kiatro Ottao Abisinito as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Papua New Guinea to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Mr. Abisinito is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Mr. Abisinito will make an excellent Ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of Papua New Guinea.

for Kenneth McClain
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Telegram Port Moresby 3074.

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3. ABISINITO, CURRENTLY FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY (POLITICAL) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IS A PERSONABLE, EFFECTIVE DIPLOMAT AND SHOULD MAKE AN OUTSTANDING AMBASSADOR. HE IS A RECENT GRADUATE OF THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY AND SERVED FOR THREE MONTHS AS CHARGE IN WASHINGTON LAST SUMMER. A FEW MONTHS AGO, ABISINITO SUCCESSFULLY RESISTED A PROPOSAL TO HAVE THE CONCURRENT US-UN AMBASSADOR REMAIN IN NEW YORK RATHER THAN WASHINGTON. HE DID SO BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THAT IN A CONTEXT OF SLOWLY WANING AUSTRALIAN AID AND INFLUENCE, IT IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE FOR PNG TO STRENGTHEN ITS BILATERAL TIES WITH OTHER MAJOR WESTERN POWERS, AND THE U. S. IN PARTICULAR.
4. COMMENT. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT APPOINTMENT, MARRED ONLY BY THE FACT THAT ABISINITO WILL BE SORELY MISSED IN PORT MORESBY, WHERE HE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING HIS DEPARTMENT A FRIENDLIER AND MORE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION.
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I appreciate receiving your memorandum of July 24, 1985 stressing the importance of inviting Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister to the White House later this year or early next year. The arguments you mustered on the Prime Minister's behalf were compelling, and I share your view that Prime Minister Somare has been one of our strongest and most important supporters in the South Pacific. As you are aware, he has played an influential role in winning island nation support for the on-going regional fisheries negotiations and for our plans to implement the Compact of Free Association in Micronesia, and has consistently supported our national security interests in the South Pacific. An invitation at this time would demonstrate our appreciation for his support and could increase his prestige and power in government.

The Department has in the past recommended to the White House that Somare be invited for an official working visit. We are presently engaged in consolidating our next set of recommendations and will give Somare careful and sympathetic attention. It will probably not be possible to have a decision in time for the tenth anniversary celebration.

Sincerely yours,

George P. Shultz

The Honorable
Caspar W. Weinberger,
Secretary of Defense.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

24 JUL 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE *gump*
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL *Bud*
SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Prime Minister Somare Visit

I recommend that an invitation be extended to Prime Minister Somare of Papua New Guinea for a White House visit later this year or early next year.

Prime Minister Somare is one of our most important friends in the South Pacific. At great political risk, he has positioned himself as pro-American, supporting liberal ship visit and overflight policies which are important to U.S. interests in the area.

For the past several months, Prime Minister Somare has faced mounting trouble within his own party, and his strong position within the government seems to be eroding. A White House invitation at this time, even if the visit cannot take place until 1986, would help combat the impression that the U.S. is unwilling to help a valued friend. Therefore, I recommend that an invitation be extended prior to Papua New Guinea's tenth anniversary celebrations in September 1985. If a visit this year is not possible, I recommend Prime Minister Somare be invited in September for a visit in early 1986.

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