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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GREGORY NEWELL
Director of Scheduling, White House
RICHARD V. ALLEN
Assistant to the President for National Security
CHESTER CROCKER
Bureau of African Affairs, State Department

Subject: Presidential Visit by President ^{Omar} Bongo of Gabon

During my recent trip to the Republic of Gabon as head of the U.S. delegation to the IMF Interim and Development Committee Meetings, I held a bilateral meeting with President Bongo of Gabon.

At that meeting, President Bongo discussed at some length his plans to make a private visit to the U.S. in June. He expressed a strong desire to meet with President Reagan during that visit.

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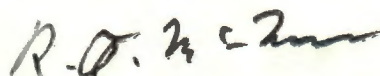
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1. President Bongo is a strong supporter of U.S. positions on a number of issues, particularly the PLO and Libya.
2. The Gabonese delegate is the new Executive Secretary or titular head of OPEC this year, and will be visiting me in Washington later this year.

3. President Bongo will be going to the Organization for African Unity meeting in late summer or early fall, and it would be an excellent indication of U.S. interest in Africa if President Reagan could have met an African leader of a stable nation by then.

I am assuming that the three of you can make the decision and take care of the necessary arrangements. I would be delighted to answer any additional questions about my visit that may not have been covered in the memcon I wrote. Otherwise, I need have no additional involvement and will leave it in your hands.



R. T. McNamar

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

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Sec. 3.4(b), E.O. 12958, as amended
White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2009
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FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN *John*

SUBJECT:

Request for Photo Opportunity with the President in Conjunction with a Visit with the Vice President for Gabon President Omar Bongo

FG006-12

President Omar Bongo of Gabon, a conservative, pro-American African leader, will be in Washington from June 10-15 on a private visit. He will be received by the Vice President on June 15 at 4:00 p.m. State proposes (Tab A) that a handshake/photo opportunity with the President be arranged. (C)

This would involve the new format of the President dropping by the Vice President's office, thus allowing him to greet Bongo, pose for a photo and then depart. (C)

Rationale:

- Currently, no Black African leader is scheduled to see the President this year, although many have requested such a meeting.
- The President did see South African Foreign Minister Botha on May 15.
- Bongo has influence in Africa, and will be going from his private visit in the US to an OAU Chiefs of State meeting. (C)

RECOMMENDATION: That the President shake hands with President Bongo in the Vice President's Office on June 15 in conjunction with Bongo's 4:00 p.m. visit with the Vice President. (C)

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Review on June 10, 1987

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

6/9/81

TO: Janet Colson
Charles Tyson

FROM: Dee Wilson

In Mr. Wattering's absence, I've redone the Bongo package, taking into consideration the fact that the VP's office has confirmed the visit for 4:00 p.m. on June 15.

(per Philip Hughes)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 1, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Request for Meeting with the Vice President
by President Omar Bongo of Gabon

In response to a request from your staff, the Department believes that even without a formal call on the President, an alternative format for a call by Gabonese President Bongo at the White House could achieve nearly equivalent impact in terms of U.S. interests.

As you know, President Bongo indicated to Treasury Deputy Secretary McNamar on May 20 his intention to visit Washington in the first half of June and his desire to meet with the President. Bongo understands the problem of the President's health and really only wants a short meeting with him. He indicated that he would be willing to discuss certain issues in detail with the Vice President.

Accordingly, we would like to propose a meeting in the White House with the Vice President during Bongo's visit in the first half of June. We would suggest also that the President "drop-in" the Vice President's office at the end of the meeting for a brief handshake and photo opportunity. Alternatively, the Vice President could accompany Bongo to the Oval Office for a walk-through meeting and photographs.

Under Bongo's leadership since 1967, Gabon has been a stable, moderate, pro-Western country which has consistently supported United States positions in the UN and other international fora. Gabon contributed troops to the Inter-African Forces in Shaba in 1978 and 79, and has often permitted us to use its sea and airport facilities for military supply, training, and emergency evacuation missions.

In the African context, Gabon has been a voice for moderation. Although it did not openly support the boycott of the Moscow Olympics, Gabon did not send a team. In the late summer, Gabon acted as host to a post-Olympic boxing clinic sponsored by the US. A pragmatist, Bongo has maintained good relations with his neighbors, despite ideological differences. Relatively young at 46, his Chairmanship of the OAU in 1977-78 nonetheless gave him stature among his African peers.

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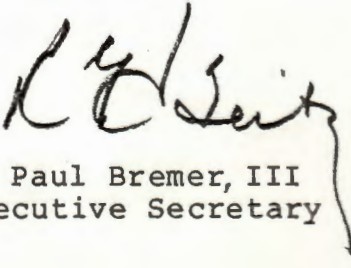
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A meeting with President Bongo just before the OAU summit in Nairobi would serve to reassure African nations of US intentions to take their concerns into consideration. It would also help offset the effect of the widely-publicized meeting with Foreign Minister Botha, reassure Bongo of the United States' continued interest in the prosperity and stability of his country and the region, and counterbalance possible fears that we intend to tilt toward the larger countries of Africa with no concern for the smaller ones. Finally, it would cement a friendship with a country that has supported US views and positions for many years, and maintain our military access to Gabonese facilities.

The Department of State therefore requests agreement in principle from the Vice President's office for a 20-minute office call by President Bongo during his private visit to the United States in the first half of June.

for 
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Biographic Information on
President Bongo

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

May 29, 1981

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✓ RICHARD V. ALLEN
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CHESTER CROCKER
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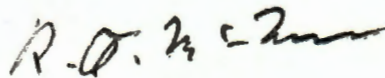
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R. T. McNamar

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 9, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

VIA: CHARLES TYSON *CT*

FROM: FRED WETTERING *FWR*

SUBJECT: Request for Photo Opportunity with President for President Omar Bongo of Gabon

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BY *du* NARA DATE 10/27/2022

SIGNED

State has recommended and the Vice President has agreed to receive Gabon President Omar Bongo on June 15, at 4:00 p.m. State also requests that a brief handshake and photo opportunity be arranged with the President, either immediately after the Vice President's meeting or, if possible, if the President could "drop by" during the meeting with the Vice President. (C)

Despite Bongo's lobbying through private contacts, there are good arguments in favor of a Vice Presidential meeting and a Presidential handshake. With the apparent cancellation of the Proposed Moi and Shagari meetings with the President it is important in terms of African foreign policy that one Black African leader be met this year. Such a meeting is even more important since the President met with Pik Botha on May 15, in order that we not give the misimpression to Black Africa of a "tilt" in favor of South Africa. Finally, Bongo will be going to the OAU Chiefs of State meeting right after his Washington visit. He is pro-American and conservative and could be pumped up to advance our interests at that meeting. (C)

At Tab I is a memo from you to Mr. Deaver requesting a handshake/photo opportunity with the President. If approved, I will ask State to make it clear to President Bongo that the appointments were due to the arguments of the Embassy and not due to the efforts of private lobbyists. (C)

RECOMMENDATION: Sign the memo at Tab I to Mr. Deaver requesting a photo opportunity with the President. (U)

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Sign

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Attachments

- Tab I RVA memo to Mr. Deaver
- A State's background material on President Bongo

Review May 28, 1987

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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BY ds MRA/DATE 10/27/2022

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL ^K DEAVEY
~~DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF~~

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Request for Photo Opportunity with the President
in Conjunction with a Visit with the Vice President
for Gabon President Omar Bongo

President Omar Bongo of Gabon ~~is~~ a conservative, pro-American African leader ~~and friend to the United States of long standing.~~ He will be in ~~the~~ Washington ~~area~~ from 10-15 June on a private visit, ~~and he~~ will be received by the Vice President on June 15 at 4:00 p.m. State ~~has~~ proposed (Tab A) that a handshake/photo opportunity with the President be arranged, ~~in conjunction with seeing the Vice President.~~ (C)

This would involve the new format of the President stopping by the Vice President's office, thus allowing him to greet Bongo, pose for a photo and then depart.

~~There are three arguments which make the case for a handshake/photo opportunity persuasive if not compelling:~~

Rationale:

- ~~As it currently stands,~~ no Black African leader is scheduled to see the President this year, although many have requested such a meeting. ~~Considerable resentment and ill feeling will be generated against the US in Africa if this situation stands.~~
- The President did see South African Foreign Minister Botha on May 15. ~~A meeting with a Black African leader is needed to offset any misimpression that our African policy has "tilted" in favor of South Africa.~~
- Bongo ~~is an old friend with some real~~ ^{has} influence in Africa, ~~and he~~ will be going from his private visit in the US to an OAU Chiefs of State meeting. ~~These meetings will increase his enthusiasm to advance our interests at that meeting.~~ (C)

Office

RECOMMENDATION: That the President ^{shake hands} meet with President Bongo ~~in the Vice President's~~ office for ~~five minutes~~ on June 15 in conjunction with Bongo's 4:00 p.m. visit with the Vice President, ~~for a handshake and photo opportunity.~~ (C)

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SUBJECT: APPT REQUEST FOR PRES BONGO W/ VP DURING MID -- JUN

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with Gabonese
President

The Vice President has agreed to meet with Gabonese President Omar Bongo at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15.

Attached are briefing papers and biographic information for the meeting. Bongo's schedule is not yet known to us. We will forward a copy to the White House as soon as possible.

Handwritten signature: L. Paul Bremer, III
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:
As stated.

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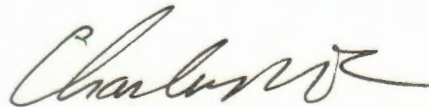
June 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
The Department of State

SUBJECT: President Omar Bongo of Gabon

On Monday, June 15, the Vice President will meet with President Omar Bongo of Gabon in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. Please prepare talking points and background papers for the Vice President's use by close of business Wednesday, June 10.

Thank you.



Charles P. Tyson

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

3315

June 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR ALLEN LENZ

FROM: Nancy Bearg Dyke *MSD*

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with President Omar
Bongo of Gabon

The Vice President will meet with President Omar Bongo of Gabon on Monday, June 15 from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. May we please have recommended talking points and background papers for the Vice President's use by close of business, Thursday, June 11. Thank you.

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July 20, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Gabonese Ambassador to the United States
(S/S 8121024)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Hubert Ondias^x Souna as Ambassador-Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Gabon to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of the Republic of Gabon.

Allen J. Lenz
Allen J. Lenz *cat*
Staff Director

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July 15, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: FRED WETTERING *W*

SUBJECT: Agreement of Hubert Souna of Gabon

Attached is the Agreement and background information regarding the appointment of Hubert Ondias Souna of the Republic of Gabon. I agree with the view that he will be an acceptable Ambassador.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the memo at Tab I from Allen Lenz to Paul Bremer.

APPROVE *FW*

DISAPPROVE _____

Attachment
Tab I

Memo from Allen to Paul Bremer
A Background info on Mr. Souna

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 13, 1981

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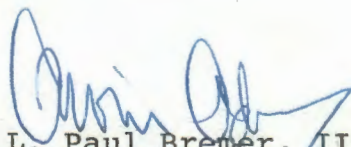
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of Hubert Ondias Souna of the
Gabonese Republic as Ambassador to the
United States.

The Government of the Gabonese Republic has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Hubert Ondias Souna as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Gabonese Republic to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Souna is attached (Tab 1).

Despite the negative comments mentioned in para. 3, Tab 1, the Department sees no basis for refusal of agreement and accordingly recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment of Souna. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of the Gabonese Republic.


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Telegram No. 1431 from Libreville.

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT1. ~~1~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.2. ON MAY 22 MOFA SECGEN RATANGA HANDED AMBASSADOR NOTE
VERBALE DATED MAY 19 INFORMING OF GOG DECISION TO RECALL
AMBASSADOR BOKOKO AND REQUESTING AGREEMENT FOR HUBERT ONDIAS
SOUNA, CURRENTLY GABONESE AMBASSADOR TO CANADA. EMBASSY
TRANSLATION OF NOTE FOLLOWS:"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA IN LIBREVILLE, AND HAS THE HONOR TO
INFORM IT THAT THE GABONESE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO
TERMINATE THE MISSION OF MONSIEUR ABOUBACAR BOKOKO OF
REPRESENTING THE GABONESE REPUBLIC TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, AND TO RECALL HIM IN ORDER TO
ENTRUST HIM WITH NEW FUNCTIONS."IN ASKING THE EMBASSY TO BRING THIS INFORMA-
TION TO THE ATTENTION OF ITS GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION
WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO THE EMBASSY IF IT WOULD TRANSMIT
AT THE SAME TIME A REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR THE
NOMINATION OF MONSIEUR HUBERT ONDIAS SOUNA AS NEW
AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY."THE CURRICULUM VITAE OF M. HUBERT ONDIAS SOUNA
IS ATTACHED TO THIS NOTE.

"COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE."

3. CURRICULUM VITAE

BORN APRIL 3, 1947 AT NOUO

FATHER: NORBERT SOUNA

MOTHER: NTSIEBAGA

PRIMARY SCHOOL: AT NGOUHI THEN AT FRANCEVILLE
1953-1960SECONDARY SCHOOL: FRANCEVILLE "EN ROUTE" TO LIBREVILLE
1961-67 AT THE LYCEE LEON MBA
(LIBREVILLE)UNIVERSITY: FACULTY OF LAW AT LIBREVILLE, THEN ABIDJAN.
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AT THE ECOLE SUPERIEURE FOR GENDARMERIEPOSTS OCCUPIED SUCCESSIVELY IN THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION:
TWICE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RADIO DIFFUSION GABONAISE,

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL IN LIBREVILLE,

MILITARY CHIEF OF CABINET OF THE PRESIDENT, GABONESE

AMBASSADOR TO THE IVORY COAST, FINALLY, GABONESE
AMBASSADOR TO CANADA.GABONESE DECORATIONS: MERITES (NO TRANSLATION) GABONAIS,
COMMANDER.FOREIGN DECORATIONS: SENEGALESE, CENTRAL AFRICAN, VOLTAN
CAMEROONIAN, CONGOLESE, CROSS OF
MALTA, NIGERIAN (NIGER) MERITES.

FAMILY: MARRIED, FATHER OF FIVE CHILDREN.

4. COMMENT: SOUNA IS UNKNOWN TO US. AS FOR BOKOKO, IT
APPEARS THAT FORMER AMBASSADOR AMIAR'S RECENT TRIP TO
THE U.S. SIGNALLED THE END OF THE ROAD. WE DO NOT KNOW
WHETHER HE IS AWARE OF HIS RECALL.5. WE POUCHING ORIGINAL NOTE TO AF/C AND WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING INFORMED WHEN AGREEMENT IS GRANTED.

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FROM BREMER

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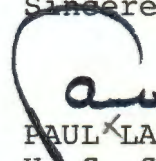
Dear Mike:

Martindale, Steven A.

Although I don't pretend to know the nuances of African politics, it would seem to me that the President Bongo visit would be a natural.

x
Charlie Goodell was in and was enthused about the prospects of such a meeting.

Sincerely,



PAUL LAXALT
U. S. SENATOR

Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant
to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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Enclosure

Copy to: Honorable Charles Goodell

Request meeting between President Reagan and President Bongo of Gabon

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ALEXANDER M. LANKLER

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Steven A. Martindale

TO: Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
c/o Morgan Mason

RE: President Bongo of Gabon

May 7, 1981

Thank you for having Morgan Mason call me in answer to my calls to you. I know how busy you are and I'm sure Morgan will call this matter to your attention.

A client of ours has business in Gabon. My partner, former U.S. Senator Charles Goodell, was in Libreville last week and the client arranged a meeting with President Bongo. Bongo indicated to Charlie that he had officially requested, through our Ambassador in Libreville, an opportunity to have an appointment with President Reagan in early June. He does not seek or expect a state visit or anything elaborate. Just a one hour meeting.

In Charlie's discussions with him, President Bongo expressed strong agreement with the Reagan administration's policies generally and particularly with reference to Namibia, South Africa and Angola.

It occurred to us that the timing could not be better politically and diplomatically for President Reagan to meet with a black African leader who will publicly support President Reagan's overall foreign policy. We assume President Bongo's request will eventually work its way through the State Department, but an inquiry from the White House would certainly speed the process. Bongo plans to attend the OAU meeting on June 24 and he believes it would help him if he speaks with the prestige of having recently met with President Reagan. Based on Charlie's discussions with Bongo, he will be a defender of U.S. policies.

I attach some materials on Gabon for your convenience. It is a country that is small in population but rich in extractive minerals and oil. The State Department's country report on human rights gives Gabon high marks. It is a peaceful, serene country, apparently well governed, increasingly surrounded by Cubans, communists and Qaddafi.

A meeting between President Reagan and President Bongo would appear to be a ten-strike politically!

Please let me or Charlie know if there is anything more we can do to help. Charlie will probably have to return to Libreville in a couple of weeks and could let Bongo know informally if there is a generally favorable reaction from the President about a meeting.

*Best,
Steven*

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I have a very special request for you. I would like to see you in person as soon as possible. I am sure that you will be able to help me in my work. I am sure that you will be able to help me in my work. I am sure that you will be able to help me in my work.

Yours truly,
[Signature]

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For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Ms. A. Hartley, VP of Maison Blanche

Date: August, 1982 Subject: Vice President of Maison

Blanche sends a copy of bill which is owed by Amb. Onzias - Souna of Gabon

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- _____ A draft reply is attached.
- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- _____ A translation is attached.
- xx _____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- _____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- _____ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- _____ Other.

Remarks:

L. Paul Bremer, III
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 8, 1982

Ms. A. Hartley
Vice President
Maison Blanche
1725 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Hartley:

Your letter to President Reagan has been referred to this office for reply.

As we informed you in our letter of June 14, the Department of State has taken up your claim with the Embassy of Gabon. Pursuant to your recent letter to the President, we have contacted the Embassy again with a request that your claim be settled as rapidly as possible.

The Embassy is aware of its obligations in this matter and has informed the Office of Protocol that it will contact you directly regarding payment.

We regret the delay in payment of this bill and ask that you inform this office if settlement has not been reached within a reasonable time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Gookin".

Richard Gookin
Associate Chief of Protocol

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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AUGUST 30, 1982

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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FROM: MR. A. HARTLEY
VICE PRESIDENT
MAISON BLANCHE
1725 F STREET, NW
WASHINGTON DC 20006

SUBJECT: WRITER IS VICE PRESIDENT OF MAISON BLANCHE
HE SENDS A COPY OF BILL WHICH IS OWED BY
AMBASSADOR ONZIAS - SOUNA OF GABON

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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October 4, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Gabonese Ambassador to the United States
(8229660)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Mocktar Georges Abdoulaye Mbingt as Ambassador-Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Gabonese Republic to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of the Gabonese Republic.

Michael O. Wheeler
Michael O. Wheeler
Staff Director

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September 30, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of Mocktar Georges Abdoulaye Mbingt
of the Gabonese Republic as Ambassador to the
United States.

The Government of the Gabonese Republic has inquired
whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Mocktar
Georges Abdoulaye Mbingt as Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of Gabon to the United States (Tab 2). A
biography of Mbingt is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available
that Mbingt is acceptable to the United States as Ambassador
and recommends that the President agree to the proposed
appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the
Government of the Gabonese Republic.

L. Paul Bremer, III
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Telegram No. 2622 from
Libreville - LIMDIS.

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BIOGRAPHY - Mocktar Georges Abdoulaye Mbingt

Gabonese Republic

Mocktar Georges Abdoulaye Mbingt is an experienced and articulate diplomat who has served as Ambassador to the Ivory Coast, Equatorial Guinea, and Brazil. He is currently the Gabonese Ambassador to Ethiopia and the OAU.

Mbingt has degrees in engineering, statistics, and economics. He was educated in France at the College Technique et Modern de Nimes, Preparation Arts et Metiers in Aix-en-Provence, and the Institute National des Statistiques et des Etudes Economiques in Paris.

Mbingt has served as Chief of the Gabonese National Statistical Service, Statistician at the United Nations in New York, Assistant Representative of the United Nations Development Program in Algiers, Director General of Tourism, and Director General of Statistics.

Mbingt is reported to have been favorably impressed with the United States when he was working at the United Nations in the early 60's. He speaks excellent English and is friendly with U.S. officials.

Mbingt was born March 9, 1934 in Lambarene, Gabon. He is married and has seven children.

A thorough search of U.S. Government sources reveals no grounds for objection.

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2. SECRETARY GENERAL OF MFA, SLYVESTRE RATANGA, GAVE DCM NOTE VERBALE ON SEPT 14 REQUESTING AGREEMENT FOR ABDOULAYE MBINGT MOCKTAR AS AMBASSADOR (EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY) TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE GABONESE REPUBLIC. A SECOND ACCOMPANYING NOTE STATES THAT, IN MAKING THIS NOMINATION, THE GOG WISHES TO CONVEY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ITS INTENTION TO GIVE A NEW EMPHASIS (INCLUSION NOUVELLE) TO ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND THAT AMB. ABDOULAYE-MBINGT POSSESSES THE REQUISITE QUALITIES FOR THIS DEDICATED MISSION.

3. RATANGA STATED THAT MBINGT IS CURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA AND THE OAU AND IS THE GOG'S SECOND MOST SENIOR AMBASSADOR, HAVING SERVED IN SEVERAL OTHER AMBASSADORIAL POSTS. RATANGA ADDED THAT MBINGT HAS EXPERIENCE IN THE U.S. AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. HE IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED AN APPROPRIATE CHOICE.

4. CURRICULUM VITAE ACCOMPANYING NOTE STATES MBINGT WAS BORN MARCH 9, 1934, IN LAMBARENE, GABON. HE IS MARRIED AND THE FATHER OF SEVEN. SCHOOLING INCLUDES:

ECOLE DES METIERS, OWLHO	1948-49
COLLEGE TECHNIQUE ET MODERN DE NIMES (FRANCE)	1949-1955
PREPARATION ARTS ET METIERS, AIXEN-PROVENCE (FRANCE)	1955-58
ECOLE D'INGENIEUR DE CONSTRUCTION MECANIQUE	1958-59
INSTITUTE NATIONAL DES STATISTIQUE ET DES ETUDES ECONOMIQUES (PARIS)	1958-61

HE HAS RECEIVED DEGREES IN ENGINEERING, STATISTICS, AND ECONOMICS. PREVIOUS POSITIONS INCLUDE:

- CHIEF OF THE GABONESE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SERVICE (1961-62)
- STATISTICIAN AT U.N. NEW YORK (1962-64)
- ASST. REPRESENTATIVE OF FUND IN ALGIERS (1964-66)
- AMBASSADOR TO THE IVORY COAST (1966-68)
- DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TOURISM (1968-73)
- DIRECTOR GENERAL OF STATISTICS (1973-74)
- AMBASSADOR TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA (1974-75)
- AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL (1975-79)
- AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA AND THE OAU (1979-82)

IN ADDITION, CV LISTS MEMBERSHIP ON DELEGATIONS TO NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. FOR THE RECORD, CV STATES HIS FAMILY NAME IS ABDOULAYE-MBINGT, WHILE MOCKTAR GEORGES ARE GIVEN NAMES (PRENOM). (EMBASSY BIO INFORMATION ON NEW AMBASSADOR IS UNDER GIVEN NAME MOCKTAP--ALSO SPILLED MOKTAR.)

5. BACKGROUND TO THE REMOVAL OF PREVIOUS GABONESE AMBASSADOR FOR "MIL ADMINISTRATIVE" AND MBINGT'S NOMINATION...

REFTEL. THE AMBASSADOR HAD RECOMMENDED TO PRESIDENT BONGO THAT NEW AMBASSADOR BE AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT AND HAVE A COMMAND OF ENGLISH IN ORDER TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY IN WASHINGTON. THIS NOMINATION CONFIRMS THAT PRESIDENT BONGO HAS ACCEPTED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND IS TRYING TO PUT BEST FOOT FORWARD IN ENLARGING RELATIONS WITH U.S.

6. EMBASSY'S BIO FILE ON MBINGT STATES THAT, AS A WELL EDUCATED YOUNG INTELLECTUAL, HE WAS IDENTIFIED WITH OPPOSITION ELEMENTS TO PRESIDENT MBA IN THE EARLY 60'S. HE SUBSEQUENTLY MADE HIS PLACE WITH MBA AND WAS APPOINTED TO SEVERAL GOVERNMENT POSTS. WHILE FRENCH-EDUCATED, REPORTS FROM THE LATE 60'S DESCRIBE HIM AS SOMEWHAT ANTI-FRENCH AND WELL DISPOSED TOWARD U.S. DUE TO HIS EXTENDED PERIOD OVERSEAS, EMBASSY HAS NOT HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH MBINGT FOR MANY YEARS. BIO REPORTS FROM THE 1960'S DESCRIBE HIM AS ARTICULATE AND IMPRESSIVE. HOWEVER, WE GATHER FROM EMBASSY ADDIS (ADDIS 1790) THAT HIS PERSONAL LIFE MAY HAVE INTERFERED WITH HIS EFFECTIVENESS IN ADDIS.

7. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO REASON NOT TO ACCORD AGREEMENT TO MBINGT AND RECOMMENDS POSITIVE RESPONSE. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING A RESPONSE TO THE GOG AGREEMENT REQUEST.
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