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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 29, 1981

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6/30 to Mr. Anderson

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MEMORANDUM FOR MARTIN ANDERSON
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *RA*

SUBJECT: Request for Briefing of Ghanaian Deputy Minister
on July 15 or 16

The Department of State, Accra Embassy and the Afro-American Institute, have requested White House assistance in arranging for the briefing of Mr. Kingsley Kofi Asante, Deputy Minister for Presidential Affairs and Special Duties, Republic of Ghana. Mr. Asante will be visiting Washington in July on an IV Grant (Tab A). Mr. Asante would be available for a briefing on July 15 or 16.

More specifically, State requests a briefing in the areas of U.S. Executive Branch operations, principally Presidential management of domestic affairs, congressional relations, and direction and coordination of government department (Cabinet) activity.

Please contact Mr. Burt Laurent of the Afro-American Institute, telephone number 872-0521, if your office can provide appropriate briefings. Mr. Laurent is control officer for Mr. Asante's visit.

RECOMMENDATION: Provide appropriate briefing.

NSC # 8103780



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 25, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: FRED WETTERING *FW*

SUBJECT: Request to OPD for Briefing of Visiting Ghanaian Minister

State has requested White House assistance in briefing Mr. K.K. Asante, Deputy Minister for Presidential Affairs, of Ghana. Mr. Asante will be visiting on an ICA IV grant, and he will be available for briefings on July 15-16.

According to State, the subjects on which State would like Mr. Asante briefed - management and domestic affairs, coordination of Cabinet activities - clearly are in OPD's bailiwick. Your memo at Tab I requests Mr. Anderson's office to lend assistance for the briefings.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign the memo to Martin Anderson at Tab I requesting briefings for the visiting Ghana minister.

APPROVE _____

✓ BS CIA 6/29

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Attachment

Tab I

RVA memo to Martin Anderson, OPD
A State Dept telegram of 15 May 81

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

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E.O. 12065: N/A SUBJ: FY 81 IV PROGRAM

REF: ACCRA 03583

POST NOMINATES MR. K.K. ASANTE FOR A FULL IV GRANT AT DOLS 72 PER DIEM, CATEGORY 21B, TO COMMENCE ASAP. BIO-DATA FOLLOWS:

- 1. NAME: KINGSLEY KOFI "ASANTE" (MR.)
2. MALE
3. BORN DECEMBER 1939, ATEBUBU, BRONG AHAFO, GHANA.
4. GHANAIAN CITIZEN
5. DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL DUTIES.
6. POST WISHES SEND ASANTE WHO MEMBER OF PRESIDENT'S STAFF CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH AND COORDINATION AMONG MINISTERIAL LEVEL EXECUTIVES, FOR EXPOSURE TO ELEMENTS OF U.S. EXECUTIVE BRANCH OPERATIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE RELEVANT TO GHANA: PRINCIPALLY PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS AND DIRECTION AND COORDINATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY. SIMILARLY, EXPOSURE TO OPERATIONS OF ONE OR TWO STATE GOVERNORS' OFFICE OPERATIONS WOULD ALSO PROVE OF BENEFIT.
7. NO TRAVEL TO U.S.
8. ESCORT NECESSARY
9. MARRIED, FOUR CHILDREN
10. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE CASTLE, OSU, ACCRA, GHANA.
11. SIERRA LEONE, 1970-74; NIGERIA, 1976-79; BRITAIN, 1979.
12. GHANA FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS.
13. UNIVERSITY OF IFE (NIGERIA) 1976-78, M.PHIL, EXTENSION EDUCATION AND RURAL SCHOOL; KWADASO AGRIC. COLLEGE (KUMASI, GHANA) 1952-54, DIPLOMA IN AGRIC; NJALA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (SIERRA LEONE) 1970-74, B.S.C. AGRIC EDUCATION;

14. DEPUTY MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATIVES; COLLEGE CAPTAIN, AGRIC. COLLEGE, KUMASI, 1963.

15. EVALUATION OF NJALA AGRIC. PROGRAM.

16. FLUENT ENGLISH

17. SPEAKS TWI AND HAUSA, GHANAIAH LANGUAGES.

18. NO SPECIAL MEDICAL OR DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS.

19. VISIT SHOULD PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF WHITE HOUSE STRUCTURE AND ROLES WHITE HOUSE PLAYS, IN PARTICULAR HOW WHITE HOUSE DIRECTS AND COORDINATES DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY.

20. AS FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATIVES, ASANTE PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL INPUT CONCERNING GHANAIAH AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTAL POLICY TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. PRESENTLY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IS ONE OF GHANA'S HIGHEST PRIORITIES FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENT OF ECONOMIC STABILITY. IN VIEW OF THIS ASANTE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT CORNELL UNIVERSITY TO DISCUSS FUTURE POSSIBILITIES OF ADMISSION TO A PH.D. PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION (EDUCATION) AND RURAL SOCIOLOGY. HE ALSO WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN VISITING A MEDIUM SIZED TYPICAL U.S. FARM AND OBSERVE THE WORK ROUTINE AND SOMETHING OF U.S. FARM LIFE.

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~~Manday, Tuesday of next week~~

~~3 weeks from now~~

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15th or 16 July

Pending

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TO ALLEN

FROM WETTERING

DOCDATE 25 JUN 81

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KEYWORDS: GHANA

VISIT

ASANTE, K K

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR OPD TO BRIEF VISITING GHANIAN MINISTER

ACTION: FOR DECISION

DUE: 29 JUN 81 STATUS X FILES

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. President:

The visit of Barbara Bush and my Peace Corps Director, Mrs. Loret Ruppe, to Ghana to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Ghana's acceptance of our first Peace Corps Volunteer program provides me an opportunity to thank you and your countrymen for the warm hospitality extended to American volunteers over the years. The close cooperation which has marked the work of the volunteers with your fellow Ghanians is a source of pride to me as I know it must be to you.

We have followed events in Ghana closely and have been impressed by your government's progress in building new democratic institutions. We respect and share the ideals of democratic, civilian, constitutional government embodied in the Third Republic and admire the efforts you and your government have made in trying to find solutions to some difficult economic problems. I want to assure you the Third Republic will have our continued support.

It has been a source of satisfaction to me that Ghana and the United States have agreed on many important international issues and I look forward to the continuation of the close relations our countries have long enjoyed.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency
Dr. Hilla Limann
President of the Republic of Ghana
Accra

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ON 11-18-81.

THE WHITE HOUSE

His Excellency
Dr. Hilla Limann
President of the Republic of Ghana
Accra

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 18, 1981

*OK for
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[Signature]*

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *ARK*

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Letter for President Limann of Ghana to be Handcarried by Mrs. Bush

Mrs. Barbara Bush, accompanied by Peace Corps Director Mrs. Loret Ruppe, will visit Ghana from 20-23 November to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Peace Corps. Ghana was the first country to accept Peace Corps Volunteers.

During Mrs. Bush's visit she will be received by Ghana President Hilla Limann. The Vice President and State propose that Mrs. Bush handcarry a signed letter from you to President Limann. The proposed letter, drafted by State, notes the close cooperation between our countries and praises the efforts of President Limann in sustaining democracy and facing tough economic problems.

Ghana is one of the few real democracies in Africa and President Limann has proven a friend of the United States. We fully concur with State that a letter from you would provide a helpful political and psychological boost to President Limann and his Government.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign your letter to President Limann to be handcarried by Mrs. Bush.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

Attachment

Tab A Letter to Dr. Limann

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN *RA*

SUBJECT:

Proposed Vice Presidential Letter for President Limann of Ghana to be Handcarried by Mrs. Bush

We fully support the idea of letters from yourself and the President to President Limann of Ghana to be handcarried by Mrs. Bush on her 20-23 November visit to Ghana (a separate memo is going forward covering the proposed Presidential letter).

Ghana is one of the few functioning democracies in Africa and President Limann has proven himself to be a solid friend of the United States. As with your previous telephone call to President Limann, the gesture and the symbolism of the letters should prove an important reaffirmation of our close ties with Ghana.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the proposed letter to President Limann.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

Attachment

Tab A Letter to Dr. Limann

SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

My wife and I have enthusiastically discussed her trip to Ghana and I deeply regret being unable to accompany her.

I know she will enjoy Ghana's warm hospitality and the chance to become better acquainted with your country. As I told you during our telephone conversation upon the occasion of Ghana's inauguration of a ground satellite station, we very much appreciated your kindness in hosting our Peace Corps Volunteers in August to mark the 20th anniversary of the start of the first Peace Corps program. I think it is fitting that Ghana should have been the first site of the program given the leadership Ghanaians have exhibited in forging an independent Africa, and seeking to improve the lives of its citizens within the framework of democratic institutions. The cooperation and support Ghanaians have extended the American volunteers in their mutual work is deeply appreciated.

We share the ideals of your democratic government and wish it every success. I look forward to meeting you some day and to reciprocating your hospitality.

Sincerely,

George Bush

His Excellency,
Dr. Hilla Limann,
President of the Republic of Ghana,
Accra.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 17, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: FRED WETTERING

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential and Vice Presidential Letters for President Limann of Ghana to be Handcarried by Mrs. Bush for Meeting November 20-23

Mrs. Barbara Bush, accompanied by Peace Corps Director Mrs. Loret Ruppe, will visit Ghana from 20-23 November to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Peace Corps. Ghana was the first country to receive Peace Corps Volunteers.

During Mrs. Bush's visit she will be received by President Hilla Limann of Ghana.

The Vice President and the State Department have proposed that we use this opportunity to extend political and psychological support to President Limann's Government in the form of letters from the President and Vice President.

I fully concur that President Limann is an established friend of the US who heads one of the few real democracies in Africa. The letters themselves are boilerplate affirmations of goodwill, but the real significance is in the signature.

The speechwriters have cleared both letters.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign your two memos to the President and Vice President covering the proposed letters and endorsing them.

NOTE: The Vice President's Office requests that they receive the signed letters no later than noon, Thursday, November 19.

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____

Attachments

- Tab I RVA Memo to the President
- A Ltr to President of Ghana from President Reagan
- Tab II RVA Memo to the Vice President
- A Ltr to President of Ghana from Vice President

cc:
Tyson



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

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WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: Proposed Letters from President Reagan and Vice
President Bush to President Hilla Limann of the
Republic of Ghana

Mrs. Barbara Bush will be in Ghana November 20-23 where she will join Mrs. Loret Ruppe, the Director of the Peace Corps, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Peace Corps and to honor Ghana which was the first country to receive Peace Corps Volunteers.

The government of Ghana has supported the US on many international issues and views the US as a friend. Most recently it closed the Libyan Embassy in Accra and fought the selection of Libya as the site of next year's OAU summit because it is concerned Libyan subversive activities could undermine its new democratic institutions.

Mrs. Bush's visit provides an opportunity to extend political and psychological support to President Limann's government. Vice President Bush has suggested that a letter from President Reagan to President Limann which Mrs. Bush could personally present would be a useful gesture of support which would add to the effect of Mrs. Bush's mission. We recommend that President Reagan send the attached letter to President Limann. The Vice President has also suggested and we concur that he send a letter for his wife to carry to President Limann.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Proposed Letters

SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

The visit of Barbara Bush and my Peace Corps Director, Mrs. Loret Ruppe, to Ghana to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Ghana's acceptance of our first Peace Corps Volunteer program provides me an opportunity to thank you and your countrymen for the warm hospitality extended to American volunteers over the years. The close cooperation which has marked the work of the volunteers with your fellow Ghanaians is a source of pride to me as I know it must be to you.

We have followed events in Ghana closely and have been impressed by your government's progress in building new democratic institutions. We respect and share the ideals of democratic, civilian, constitutional government embodied in the Third Republic and admire the efforts you and your government have made in trying to find solutions to some difficult economic problems. I want to assure you the Third Republic will have our continued support.

His Excellency

Dr. Hilla Limann,

President of the Republic of Ghana,

Accra.

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It has been a source of satisfaction to me that Ghana and the United States have agreed on many important international issues and I look forward to the continuation of the close relations our countries have long enjoyed.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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Comments:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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18 NOVEMBER 1981

JANET,

on the attached package, memo
to the President at Tab I was
signed; I carried to Darman
already.

What about the memo to VP at
Tab II? Should that be signed
now so that the VP can look
over the letter which is
suggested for his signature?

jcp
1130 hrs

Janet
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TO ALLEN

FROM BREMER

DOCDATE 16 NOV 81

KEYWORDS: GHANA

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LIMANN, HILLA

BUSH, G

BUSH, B

SUBJECT: PROPOSED LTR FM PRES & VP TO PRES LIMANN FOR MRS BUSH TO HANDCARRY ON TRIP HONORING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEACE CORPS

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR ALLEN

DUE: 17 NOV 81 STATUS S FILES

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COMMENTS ** Mrs. Bush will be in Ghana on Nov 20

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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October 21, 1982

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

SUBJECT: Ghanan Ambassador to the United States
(S/S 8231634)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Eric Kwamina Otoo as Ambassador-Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Ghana 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 Ghana.

Michael O. Wheeler
Michael O. Wheeler
Staff Secretary

NSC #8209207

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October 19, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: FRED WETTERING

SUBJECT: Agreement for Ghanan Ambassador

The Agreement regarding the appointment of Eric Kwamina Otoo of the Republic of Ghana is attached for your approval. I agree with the view that Mr. Otoo will be an acceptable ambassador.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Wheeler-Bremer memo at Tab I.

APPROVE _____



DISAPPROVE _____

Attachments

Tab I

Wheeler-Bremer Memo
A Background Material from State

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Authority ~~AS~~ State Waiver
11/18/2022

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BIOGRAPHY - Eric Kwamina Otoo

Republic of Ghana

Mr. Otoo was, at the time of his nomination as Ambassador to the United States, retired from public life. From 1974 to 1979, he had served as the senior principal secretary and head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A career civil servant, Mr. Otoo previously had been Ghana's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and High Commissioner to Kenya. In the government of the late Kwame Nkrumah he was the principal secretary in charge of security in the Office of the President and Chief of the Central Intelligence Board.

Mr. Otoo graduated in 1953 from the University of Gold Coast with a BA with honors in history. He is 56 years old and is married with five children.

A thorough search of U.S. Government sources reveals no grounds for objection to the request for agreement.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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October 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
 THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of Eric Kwamina Otoo of the
 Republic of Ghana as Ambassador to the
 United States.

The Government of the Republic of Ghana has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Eric Kwamina Otoo as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ghana to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Mr. Otoo is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Otoo will make a good 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 the Republic of Ghana.

Katharine Schubert
 L. Paul Bremer, III
 Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Telegram No. 09566
 from Accra.

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SUBJECT: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTS AGREEMENT
S
FOR ERIC KWAMINA OTOO AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

1. ON SEPTEMBER 29 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SIGNED
DIPLOMATIC NOTE
REQUESTING AGREEMENT FOR ERIC KWAMINA OTOO
AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. MR. OTOO'S CURRICULUM VITAE FOLLOW.

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: JULY 26, 1926, CAPE COAST, GHANA

EDUCATION: ATTENDED HFANTSIPIM SCHOOL,
. CAPE COAST

. JULY 1953 GRADUATED IN B.A. (HONS)
. HISTORY, UNIV. OF THE GOLD COAST

EXPERIENCE:

JANUARY 1959 JOINED GHANA FOREIGN SERVICE
APRIL 1959-JUNE 1960 CHARGE D'AF

RES A.I. GHANA
JULY 1960-MAY 1962 SECRETARY, CONGO COORDINATION

MAY 1962 TRANSFERRED TO MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
NOVEMBER 1963 PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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-MAY 1966 SECRETARY TO THE PRES. ON
. SECURITY MATTERS & REORGANIZATION
. OF SECURITY SERVICE OF GHANA
MAY 1966-JULY 1970 (A) HEAD OF ECONOMIC, INFORMATION
. & CULTURAL DEPT. MFA
. (B) HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPT, MFA
AUGUST 1970-JULY 1972 GHANA HIGH COMMISSIONER TO KENYA
. AND KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
AUGUST 1972-JULY 1974 GHANA AHLVVACR

0 THE FEDERAL

. REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
DECEMBER 1973 APPOINTED SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRE-
. TARY
AUGUST 1974-SEPT. 1979 SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND
.
. HEAD OF MFA
SEPTEMBER 1979 RETIRED
JANUARY 1981-JAN. 1982 CHAIRMAN, GHANA BROADCASTING
. CORPORATION
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED WITH FIVE CHILDREN

3. TEXT OF NOTE, RECEIVED SEPTEMBER
30, FOLLOWS.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE LATTER
THAT THE G
VERNMENT OF GHANA INTENDS TO APPOINT MR.
ERIC KWAMINA OTOO AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENI-
POTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA TO THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

THE CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR.
ERIC KWAMINA OTOO IS ATTACHED
HEREWITH

MINISTRY SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE
EMBASSY WOULD ASSIST IN OBTAINING AN EARLY AGREEMENT OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE
APPOINTMENT.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIR
OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
AVAILS ITSELF OF
HIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES
OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END OF TEXT.

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National Security Council
The White House

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Judge Clark	_____	_____	_____
John Poindexter	<u>1</u>	<u>J</u>	_____
Staff Secretary	<u>2</u>	<u>NW</u>	<u>A</u>
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AGREMENT

OTOO, ERIC KWAMINA

SUBJECT: APPT OF OTOO OF REP OF GHANA AS AMB TO US

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CLARK

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Name of Correspondent: Paul B. Thompson

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Subject: Release of President's Letter to Ghana (John Rawlings)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 23, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL B. THOMPSON
STAFF LEGAL COUNSEL AND DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS,
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Release of Presidential Letter to Jerry Rawlings

This memorandum will confirm the preliminary opinion given to you by this office that, from a purely legal standpoint, we have no objection to the release, here and abroad, of copies of the October 6, 1983 letter from the President to Jerry Rawlings, Chairman of the Provisional National Defense Council of the Republic of Ghana. The decision whether to release the document therefore should be made on the basis of its effect on foreign relations.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 23, 1983

FOR: FRED F. FIELDING
FROM: DAVID B. WALLER *DBW*
SUBJECT: Release of President's Letter to
Chairman of the Provisional National
Defense Council of Ghana

By memorandum of October 13, 1983 (Tab A), Paul Thompson, Staff Legal Counsel and Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, National Security Council, indicated that "[t]he Department of State would like an opinion on whether" an October 6, 1983 letter from the President to Jerry Rawlings, Chairman of the Provisional National Defense Council of the Republic of Ghana (Tab B) "can be released here and abroad."

The letter, as indicated in the October 6 memorandum from William Clark to the President recommending that it be signed (Tab C), was intended "to respond to high level Ghanian requests for an improvement in relations [and] at the same time sternly warn Rawlings against crediting anti-American forgeries and disinformation." The latter refers to a forged document, initially accepted by the Ghanian government, which alleged U.S. culpability in local coup plotting, and which led last spring to our retaliatory termination of all U.S. bilateral assistance.

I initially contacted Thompson to determine (1) whether he sought a memorandum from you directly to State, or simply a memorandum from you to him, which he could use to notify State, and (2) whether we should assume that the letter had already been released by the Ghanians.

This afternoon Paul notified me that State simply wants to know whether we would have any objection should they, at some future date, decide to release the document as part of a package intended to demonstrate our improved relations with Ghana. Paul referred the question to you simply because the letter is signed by the President rather than being an NSC document.

Paul responded to my second question by indicating that the United States has no control over what the Ghanians do with a letter such as this, and we, therefore, should assume it has been released by them.

I indicated that it was my preliminary view that from a purely legal standpoint, we have no objection to the letter being released. I advised him that I would confirm that view with you and we would provide him with a memorandum to that effect. Attached for your review and signature is a draft of same (Tab D).

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 13, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRED FIELDING

FROM: PAUL B. THOMPSON *PT*

SUBJECT: Release of President's Letter to Ghana

The Department of State would like an opinion on whether the attached letter can be released to the public here and abroad.

Please advise as soon as possible.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1983

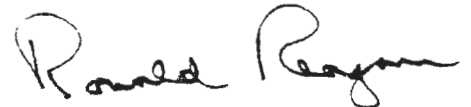
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I was pleased to read, in your letter of June 22, of your interest in renewing the mutual confidence and trust which have traditionally characterized United States-Ghanaian relations. As you noted, the spurious document of March 31, and its initial treatment by your Government, resulted in certain tensions in our relations. I trust that on the basis of representations by former Ambassador Thomas Smith and Ambassador Robert Fritts, the fraudulent nature of this document is clear.

It is an unfortunate fact that enemies of the United States deliberately engage in such forgeries and disinformation; it is incumbent on all parties to investigate carefully and consult closely prior to giving credence to such hostile endeavors. We must not permit them to succeed in disrupting cordial relations.

I have been informed of the very cordial reception you and your associates have accorded Ambassador Robert Fritts since his arrival in July, and of the measures you have taken to improve our dialogue on matters of mutual concern. I welcome these and future efforts to restore with Ghana the close and cooperative relationship which our two countries enjoyed for the past 25 years.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Flt. Lt. Jerry John Rawlings
Chairman of the Provisional National Defense
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