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# Legislature of the Virgin Islands



Senate Building, Christiansted  
St. Croix, U. S. Virgin Islands 00820

JOHN A. BELL  
Majority Leader

P. O. Box 3737  
Christiansted

November 9, 1981

The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

047747

My dear President Reagan:

In expressing support for your nomination of Dr. Melvin H. Evans as U. S. Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, I know I am also expressing the sentiments of my fellow Virgin Islanders.

Dr. Evans has served the people of this Territory in many different capacities: As a competent and compassionate physician, as the last appointed and first elected Governor of the Virgin Islands, as our Delegate to Congress, and as a concerned and caring private citizen.

In all his roles he has earned the affection and respect of his own people and of those with whom he has come in contact in the broader political arena.

I know that he will bring wisdom, talent and understanding to the role of Ambassador, and will carry out his responsibilities in a manner to do honor to the nation he represents.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Bell", written over the typed name.

John A. Bell, Senator



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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August 26, 1982

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

SUBJECT: Appointment of James O'Neil Lewis as  
Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago to  
the United States

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of James O'Neil Lewis as Ambassador-Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

*Michael O. Wheeler*  
Michael O. Wheeler  
Staff Secretary

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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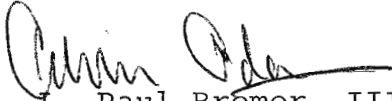
August 23, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of James O'Neil Lewis as  
Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago to  
the United States.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of James O'Neil Lewis as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Ambassador Lewis is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Lewis 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 Trinidad and Tobago.

  
L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

## Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Note dated August 11, 1982  
from Embassy of Trinidad  
and Tobago.

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BIOGRAPHY - James O'Neil Lewis

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Trinidad and Tobago

James Lewis has been Trinidad and Tobago's Ambassador to Belgium since 1973. One of Trinidad's foremost advisers on economic and oil policy, Lewis has served concurrently as Ambassador to the European Economic Community (EEC) while in Brussels and has directed his country's international trade relations there. He has also been accredited as Ambassador to Romania and to Yugoslavia since 1975. In 1979 Lewis served on Trinidad's Commission of Inquiry into Texaco Trinidad. U.S. Embassy officers described Lewis in 1964 as one of Trinidad's brightest civil servants; they also reported at that time that Lewis was friendly to the United States.

Lewis started his career as a journalist in Trinidad 1942-49. After receiving a bachelor's degree in commerce from London University (1950), Lewis returned to Trinidad to enter government service as assistant to the economic adviser. He has studied at the London School of Economics and in 1956, earned a bachelor of letters degree from Oxford University. The following year he was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn. Upon returning to Trinidad in 1957, Lewis held a succession of economic-oriented government posts including Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism (1961); Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce (1962); Personal Representative of the Prime Minister to the EEC (1963) and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Head of the Civil Service (1963). He has also been a member of Trinidad's Industrial Court since its establishment in 1965.

Lewis, 63, is married and has three sons and three daughters.

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

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**MEMORANDUM**

**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**

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August 20, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

*ASB*

FROM: ALFONSO SAPIA-BOSCH

SUBJECT: Appointment of James O'Neil Lewis as  
 Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago to  
 the United States

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago is seeking agreement  
 for James O'Neil Lewis as Ambassador to Washington. The  
 Department of State recommends acceptance and I agree  
 (Tab II).

Roger Fontaine concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Mike Wheeler to sign the memorandum  
 at Tab I agreeing to the appointment.

Approve *ASB* Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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- Tab I Memo to Bremer
- Tab II State incoming

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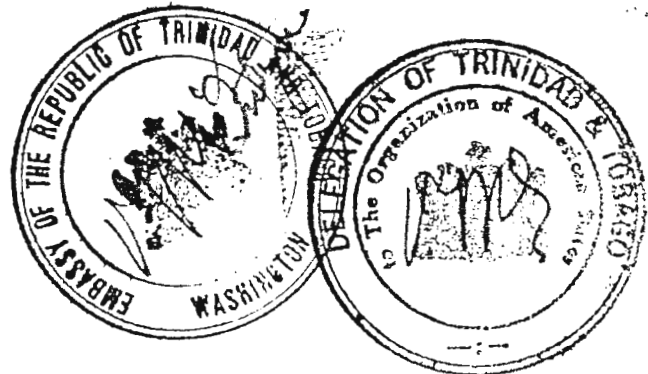
EMBASSY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
1708 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

August 11, 1982

The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago presents its compliments to the State Department and has the honour to inform the Department that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago proposes to appoint His Excellency Mr. J. O'Neil Lewis, Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago in Brussels as Ambassador to the United States of America to replace His Excellency Mr. V. C. McIntyre who has been transferred elsewhere.

It would be appreciated if agreement could be granted for the proposed appointment of Ambassador J. O'Neil Lewis, whose curriculum vitae is enclosed.

The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to renew to the State Department the assurances of its greatest consideration.





# National Security Council The White House

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June 20, 1983

The Honorable William P. Clark  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bill:

Enclosed please find two letters I was asked to pass on to you. The one from Ambassador Lewis of Trinidad has been on my desk for a couple of weeks and, quite frankly, I forgot about it. Please forgive me for this.

I hope to see you soon and have several matters to discuss but have been very reluctant to bother you. I will call you to arrange an appointment.

With warmest personal regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*Arthur*  
Arthur Lee Quinn

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Enclosure

*John (McMurray)*

NSC ID 8304870

re: Unfair Trade Practices Petitions by U.S. Steel Industry Against Trinidad + Tobago



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WPC has asked if that  
the Ambassador's (not Quinn's)  
letter be staffed (McMinn)  
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TO CLARK

FROM O'NEILL LEWIS, JAMES DOCDATE 31 MAY 83

QUINN, ARTHUR LEE

20 JUN 83

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KEYWORDS: INTL TRADE

TRINIDAD TOBAGO

SUBJECT: PETITIONS BY US STEEL MANUFACTURERS ALLEGING UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES /  
TRINIDAD TOBAGO IRON & STEEL COMPANY

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EMBASSY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

May 31, 1983

Mr. William P. Clark,  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs,  
White House,  
Washington D.C.

NSC/State Waiver's  
12/26/2022

Dear Mr. Clark,

When he graciously received me at the White House last month, on the occasion of the presentation of my credentials as the new Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States, the President was kind enough to assure me that "the Government of the United States stands ready to offer you every possible assistance during your mission in this country".

I had not expected to have found it necessary so soon to avail myself of that kind offer, but it is on the strength of it that I am taking the liberty of seeking to bring to your attention a matter which has been a source of serious concern to my Government for the past several months.

In the last eight months, Trinidad and Tobago has been the subject of two separate petitions by a group of U.S. steel manufacturers alleging unfair trade practices on the part of the Iron and Steel Company of Trinidad and Tobago (ISCOTT) in its exports into the U.S.A. of steel wire rod.

The first petition, an anti-dumping suit, was filed before the Department of Commerce (DOC) and the International Trade Commission (ITC) in September 1982. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago, while recognizing the clearly protectionist intent of the petition, defended the suit before the ITC and DOC, and cooperated willingly with all efforts to elicit the facts relevant to ISCOTT exports of steel to the U.S. market. On April 27, 1983 the Department of Commerce made a preliminary determination that there was a dumping margin of approximately 14%.

The second petition, a countervailing duty case, was filed before the Department of Commerce on 16th May, 1983 and has still to be accepted by that Department.

The allegations of petitioners in the countervailing duty case filed against ISCOTT, are specifically aimed at an industry in its start-up phase. For example, the claim that a subsidy exists is explicitly predicated on the fact that ISCOTT - like any new, capital intensive firm - necessarily incurs losses in its initial years of operation. If it were not for those inevitable initial losses, the petitioners would not be able to argue, as they have done, that government capital and loan guarantees were given on non-commercial terms, or that the company was subsidized by reimbursement of operating losses.

If allegations of that sort were to be accepted as sufficient to found a countervailing duty claim, no new capital-intensive company would be able to export to the U.S. in its early years of operation, since any financial inputs it received from the share holder (in this case the Government of Trinidad and Tobago) would be subject to challenge as being a subsidy. The effect of such a policy would be particularly crushing on new industries in the Caribbean Basin which must necessarily rely on the U.S. as a primary export market. If that

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market is foreclosed to them in their crucial start-up years, they will be prevented from ever achieving viability.

Understandably, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago is extremely distressed at what it cannot help regarding as yet another attempt on the part of some American steel companies to frustrate the legitimate, though modest, aspirations of Trinidad and Tobago towards the creation of a stable economic base, deriving from its own natural resources and in cooperation with technologically advanced countries including the United States of America. From their nature, the present petitions against ISCOTT cannot but be seen as constituting virtual harassment of a small foreign producer.

The Iron and Steel Company of Trinidad and Tobago (ISCOTT) began production of wire rod in the middle of 1981 and made its first exports in November of that year. The technology, the machinery, the consultancy and managerial services were in a large part furnished by Korf Technologies of the United States. The ISCOTT plant is probably the most modern and technically efficient steel manufacturing plant of its kind in the world today, using the Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) process. The DRI process being used and the producing equipment were bought from Midrex Inc., a sister company of Georgetown Steel Corporation and the Georgetown Texas Steel Corporation, two of the petitioners in both suits. In September 1982, less than one year after ISCOTT began exporting steel, these beneficiaries of the decision by the Trinidad and Tobago Government to construct ISCOTT had already elaborated their "case" and had filed a petition aimed at blocking its exports to the U.S.A.

Moreover, the case brought against ISCOTT runs counter to U.S. policy of encouraging growth of capital industries in developing nations. In fact, in accord with this policy, the United States Export-Import Bank, after an extensive study of ISCOTT's viability, provided project line financing of \$73M.

The United States has gone on record as taking a firm stand in favour of free and open international trade. The Secretary of State only last week linked the "prosperity of the advanced countries of the North to the opening up of trading opportunities for the developing countries of the South". Indeed, increased access to the U.S. market is the keystone of this Administration's own Caribbean Basin Initiative which also evidences a commitment to the development of strong, stable Caribbean economies and concomitant political stability. ISCOTT's establishment is precisely the type of development sought to be encouraged by the CBI. It is, in fact, the "centerpiece" of Trinidad and Tobago's industrialization plan.

Trinidad and Tobago's steel industry was established as a result of the government's firm policy of diversifying its industrial base, giving priority to carefully selected areas of economic activity selected for their high probability of success. Such diversification creates employment and long-term economic stability, and by promoting development through linked industrial activity, renders the economy significantly less vulnerable to declines in world markets for single products, such as petroleum. Such strengthening of an economy such as Trinidad and Tobago's, significantly diminishes the need for financial or other assistance from international sources which are already under severe strain to meet the calls upon their resources.

Initiation of this countervailing duty proceeding would not only frustrate the efforts of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to strengthen its economy, but would undermine the policy of the U.S. government in support of such efforts. Such policy considerations apart, in light of the established pattern of steel and other trade between the U.S. and Trinidad and Tobago, initiation of a countervailing duty action is commercially unjustified. In its eighteen months of production, the largest exports of its wire rod to the U.S. were \$14.8M in 1982. But total steel imports into Trinidad and Tobago from the U.S.A have been



far higher and were as follows for the years:

1978	-	\$18.5m.
1979	-	\$19.7m.
1980	-	\$25.8m.
1981	-	\$18m.
1982	-	\$32.314m.

The United States remains Trinidad and Tobago's largest trading partner by a wide margin, absorbing 50% of total exports and supplying 45% of all Trinidad and Tobago's imports. United States' total exports to Trinidad and Tobago over the last five years rose by 170%; and in 1982 alone rose by 29%. By comparison, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Trinidad and Tobago's exports to the U.S. over the last five years rose by only 14% in comparison and non-oil exports actually declined by 19%.

The U.S. Government has in the past expended considerable energy, heartsearching and financial resources in dealing with dynamic situations in the Caribbean, often when it is too late to prescribe effective remedies without an even greater expenditure of resources.

The introduction of the Caribbean Basin Initiative has signalled an important and welcome change in your government's approach to economic cooperation with the Caribbean countries.

My Government was gratified to learn from the President's "Remarks" to me that the United States recognizes that in the Caribbean "the role of Trinidad and Tobago can be especially important in promoting the sense of community and commonality of interests which is needed".

Trinidad and Tobago's ability to continue to play that role in the Caribbean will be greatly impaired if it should find itself hampered in its efforts to strengthen its own economic capacity to help itself and its Caribbean neighbours.

Among the considerations which have constantly to be borne in mind in the present situation is that national stability, in a democratic Republic such as Trinidad and Tobago, depends very much on the ability of the Government and entrepreneurs from the private sector, acting harmoniously together, to utilize their resources. A freely elected Government must be seen to be doing its utmost to improve the lot of its people. Should it not be able to do this through the tried and tested means of domestic activity and international trade - and this is much more crucial in a developing country than in the case of a developed economy - then the calls upon the Government to take extreme measures alien to the spirit of liberal enterprise become so frequent and so strident, that the situation may deteriorate thus creating the type of environment that invites outside interference.

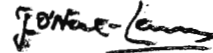
The second consideration is, that if legitimate avenues for trade with the U.S. be denied Trinidad and Tobago, its Government might find itself constrained by the pressure of public opinion to review its own liberal trade policies.

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The third factor that must be considered is that the U.S. steel market would, if the petitioners succeed, become effectively closed. Such a closure would seriously threaten the very viability of ISCOTT, since its marketing strategy included continuing access to the U.S. market, the largest market in the Western World, and to a more limited extent, Western Europe and Central and South America. The collapse of ISCOTT would present the Government with serious financial, economic and political difficulties, the repercussions of which are unlikely to be confined to Trinidad and Tobago.

I would urge the U.S. Administration, in keeping with its commitment to free and fair trade, to recognize that the importation of steel into the U.S.A. from Trinidad and Tobago, a firm and stable friend and neighbour, breaches no rules of conduct, poses no threat either to the steel industry or the economy of the U.S.A., and should therefore be permitted to continue as at present to the mutual benefit of both our countries and to the region as a whole.

Yours sincerely,



James O'Neil-Lewis  
Ambassador



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Request for Meeting with the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has requested an informal working meeting in Washington between President Reagan and Prime Minister George Chambers. Chambers wishes to discuss urgent questions of Trinidadian national security, bilateral economic issues, and security in the Eastern Caribbean region.

The GOTT proposes some time around December 5 for the meeting, following Chambers' attendance at the Miami Conference on the Caribbean.

Given the unexpected and urgent nature of the request, the Department believes it would be in the U.S. interest to arrange a meeting with the President for Chambers in early December.

As an alternative the Department requests authorization to inform the Trinidadians that a meeting has been approved for the first half of next year. A request for that time period had already been submitted (under S/S-8330003) before the current request from the GOTT was received.

Trinidad and Tobago is Western-oriented and has established democratic institutions, the strongest economy in the Caribbean, and a stable political structure. Geographically close to Grenada, it has powerful potential for countering Cuban/Soviet influence in the Eastern Caribbean, and it could be equally helpful to US interests in the Non-Aligned Movement.

Despite the government's strong pro-West stand, no Trinidadian president or prime minister has ever met an American president, primarily because of the long-standing isolationist attitude of the previous prime minister. This request for a high-level visit is a significant departure from past attitudes, and indicates Trinidadian desire for closer relations with the U.S. It offers us an opportunity to encourage and support Trinidad's useful regional influence, and fits in with the goals of the NSDD on Eastern Caribbean regional security.

*for* *Charles Hill*  
for Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

NSD 8307334

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 18, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GEORGE C. WORTLEY

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER  
CHAMBERS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REGARDING  
KEY ELEMENTS IN OUR CARIBBEAN STRATEGY

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Date 11 JUN 1985

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan. FROM: The Honorable George C. Wortley  
DATE: May 15, 1985 SUBJECT: Invitation to meet with  
Prime Minister Chambers of Trinidad and Tobago

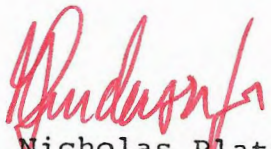
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Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

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       A translation is attached.  
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       We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.  
       The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.  
       Other.

REMARKS:

  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

JUN 10 1985

Dear Mr. Wortley:


I am replying to your letter of May 15, to President Reagan and the Secretary which described your impressions concerning Trinidad and Tobago and suggesting the desirability of a meeting between the President and Prime Minister George Chambers.

Trinidad and Tobago, because of its size and wealth, has the potential to become increasingly influential in the Caribbean region. In fact, as you indicated in your letter, Trinidad and Tobago takes on special importance because of its position on the United Nations Security Council. Because we recognize the importance of good relations with Trinidad and Tobago, we frequently consult with Trinidadian officials, both here in Washington and in Port of Spain on a wide range of matters. In late March, Deputy Secretary Ken Dam met here in Washington with Trinidad's new Minister of External Affairs, Errol Mahabir, for a useful exchange. The Deputy Secretary had met Prime Minister Chambers previously in Miami in December, 1983. These meetings have provided an opportunity for an open and frank discussion on issues of mutual importance to our countries and the Caribbean basin.

You may be aware that there have been at least two opportunities for a meeting between President Reagan and Prime Minister Chambers in the past: the first in Bridgetown, Barbados in 1982, the second, more recently in Columbia, South Carolina during July, 1984. Unfortunately, the Prime Minister was unable to be present. Scheduling an official visit is very difficult given the President's busy schedule. We have, however, encouraged Trinidadian officials to take advantage of any future opportunities for an informal visit.

I appreciate your thoughtful letter and interest in our relations with Trinidad and Tobago. Please be assured that we recognize the importance of that nation and value our friendship with its leaders and people.

Sincerely,

  
William L. Ball III  
Assistant Secretary  
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable  
George C. Wortley,  
House of Representatives



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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

MAY 24, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
ATTN: WILL BALL

ACTION REQUESTED:  
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 304454

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 15, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE GEORGE C. WORTLEY  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER  
CHAMBERS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REGARDING  
KEY ELEMENTS IN OUR CARIBBEAN STRATEGY

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(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

May 21, 1985

Dear George:

On the President's behalf, I would like to thank you for your May 15 letter relaying your impressions following your meetings with high officials of Trinidad and Tobago.

We very much appreciate your taking the time to detail the views these officials conveyed to you regarding Caribbean strategy. I was pleased to ask the President's foreign policy advisers to review your letter in more detail and to get back in touch with you relative to your suggestion that President Reagan meet with Prime Minister Chambers. In the interim, let me assure you that your offer of assistance will be kept in mind.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable George C. Wortley  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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GEORGE C. WORTLEY  
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## House of Representatives

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May 15, 1985

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you today concerning a matter I believe to be of great urgency in the Caribbean Basin.

In recent weeks, I have had the opportunity to meet with high officials of Trinidad and Tobago in an informal face to face discussion as well as telephone conversations.

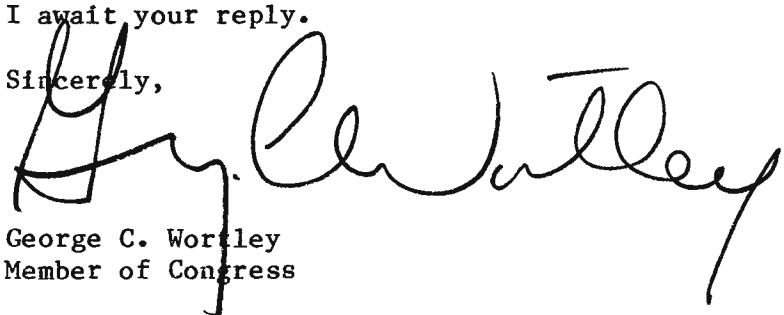
The result of these discussions, in my opinion, spells out a great need for high level discussions, as soon as possible, between you and Prime Minister Chambers of Trinidad and Tobago. It has become clear to me that Trinidad and Tobago want to be key elements in our Caribbean strategy and desire to establish closer ties to the United States.

Frankly, it was spelled out to me that, Trinidad and Tobago want to be of assistance in the United Nations. This is extremely important since it has a vote in the Security Council. As you are well aware, our support in the Security Council is tenuous at best. They also are interested in more American trade and investment and are ready to provide assistance to Grenada as that country develops. A discussion of the north-south drug trafficking could also be beneficial.

I would be glad to discuss with you or your Deputy more of these conversations in detail. Please keep me advised of the progress of your consideration of suggesting a meeting between you and Prime Minister Chambers in Washington. Obviously, this does not have to be a formal state visit, but something that would provide both leaders an opportunity to know one another better.

I await your reply.

Sincerely,

  
George C. Wortley  
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress  
George C. Wallace



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 23, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO

SUBJECT: WRITES RECOMMENDING A MEETING WITH PRIME  
MINISTER GEORGE CHAMBERS OF TRINIDAD AND  
TOBAGO

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8516488

Date June 24, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Robert J. Lagomarsino

Date: May 16, 1985 Subject: Request President

meet with Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago


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Department of State

Action Taken:

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proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks:

*for*   
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

JUN 24

Dear Mr. Lagomarsino:

I am replying to your letter of May 16, to President Reagan which described your impressions concerning Trinidad and Tobago and suggesting a meeting between the President and Prime Minister George Chambers. Your letter was forwarded to me for reply by Mr. M. B. Oglesby, Jr., Assistant to the President.


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Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable  
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House of Representatives.

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MAY 30, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
ATTN: WILL BALL

ACTION REQUESTED:  
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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 16, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: SUGGESTS THAT YOU CONSIDER MEETING WITH THE  
PRIME MINISTER OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,  
MR. GEORGE CHAMBERS. STATES THAT SUCH A  
MEETING WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE IN THAT THAT  
NATION "PLAYS SUCH A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE  
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

May 28, 1985

Dear Bob:

On the President's behalf, I would like to thank you for your May 16 letter recommending that President Reagan meet with the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.

I was pleased to ask the President's foreign policy advisers to review your letter in more detail and to get back in touch with you. In the interim, let me assure you that we appreciate your taking the time to write.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert J. Lagomarsino  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO  
19TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States  
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May 16, 1985

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Shortly after you were first elected, I wrote to you to suggest the importance of meeting with leaders from our neighboring countries, specifically Mexico and Jamaica. I realize that you did this not so much as a reaction to my suggestion but as a reflection of your own appreciation of their importance.

Well, Mr. President, I will presume once again to offer a suggestion of someone, I believe, you should consider meeting. This time, I believe it would be useful if you were to meet with the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Mr. George Chambers. While the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has differed with the United States Government on occasion, I believe it would be productive to meet with the leadership of this nation which plays such a significant role in the Caribbean. It would be a useful opportunity to emphasize once again the importance we attach to the Caribbean and the efforts of the United States in continuing to support the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

I hope you will give serious consideration to this suggestion.

With best wishes always,

Sincerely,

  
ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO  
Member of Congress

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cc:His Excellency Dr. James O'Neil-Lewis  
Ambassador  
The Honorable Langhorne A. Motley  
Assistant Secretary of State



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June 5, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MELVYN LEVITSKY  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Agreement for Ambassador Designate from the  
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (e)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of John Reginald P. Dumas as Ambassador to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to inform the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. (e)

Grant S. Green  
Executive Secretary

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
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June 5, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: JOSE S. SORZANO

SUBJECT: Agreement for Ambassador Designate from the  
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

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White House  
BYNARA ds  
9/10/10

We have no unfavorable information about John Reginald P. Dumas, the person proposed by the GOTT as their Ambassador to Washington. Therefore, I recommend that agreement be granted.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memorandum to State.

Approve WSP Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

- Tab I Green/Platt Memo
- Tab II State Incoming

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Prepared by:  
Kim Flower

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 30, 1987

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~~Attachment)~~

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Appointment of John Reginald P. Dumas of the  
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago as Ambassador to  
the United States

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of John Reginald P. Dumas as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States (Tab 2). Mr. Dumas' biography is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Mr. Dumas 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 Trinidad and Tobago.

Melvyn Levitsky  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Letter to the Secretary of State.

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May 7, ..... 1987

Mr. George Schultz,  
Secretary of State,  
State Department,  
Washington D.C.,  
UNITES STATES OF AMERICA.

Dear Secretary of State,

In the general conduct of international relations, it becomes necessary for countries, from time to time, to reconsider their appointment of personal representatives.

In the case of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago this is particularly pertinent at this time as the country has recently undergone for the first time since the achievement of independence a change of government. The new government has enunciated a new development policy with the prime aim being the reconstruction and restructuring of the economy.

It is primarily because of this new outlook that I seek your agrément for Mr. John Reginald P. Dumas who is a trusted, loyal and efficient servant of my government to be the representative of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in the United States of America.

I would be grateful for your earliest response, under seal, including your suggestions to the issue of a joint communique on the matter. I have attached a curriculum vitae of Mr. Dumas.

I remain,  
Yours respectfully,

A.N.R. Robinson



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