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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 30, 1982

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

SUBJECT: Appointment of Benjamin Razafintseho of the
Democratic Republic of Madagascar as Ambassador
to the United States

The President concurs in the proposed appointment of Benjamin Razafintseho of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar as Ambassador to the United States.

Michael O. Wheeler
Michael O. Wheeler
Staff Secretary

NSC #8201848

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MEMORANDUM

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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March 25, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: FRED WETTERING *FW*

SUBJECT: Requests for Agreement on New Ambassadors
from the Comoros and Madagascar

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Sec. 3.4(b), E.O. 12958, as amended
White House Guidelines, Sept. 14, 2006
BY NARA *dlh* DATE *6/10/10*

In two separate messages State has forwarded and endorsed the nominations of two new ambassadors to the United States, one from the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros, and one from the Democratic Republic of Madagascar.

The Comoros government is a semi-feudal, pro-Western French client state, principally consisting of three small islands off the east coast of Africa. We have a non-resident ambassador and the Comoran Government proposes to accredit their Paris ambassador to Washington. Since Paris is the most important Comoran post, he is presumably one of their best men (little is know of him).

The Madagascar Government, a leftist, Marxist autocratic regime, has been making some moves to conciliate relations with the West in recent months, primarily due to economic bankruptcy and the need for aid (and Soviet unresponsiveness to requests for aid). The proposed ambassador is one of the few pro-Western technocrats in the government and State is doubtless correct that this is a positive signal of sorts.

I support State's recommendations in both cases.

RECOMMENDATION: That you approve the two attached Wheeler-Bremer memos indicating Presidential concurrence with the agreement requests.

Approve Disapprove

Attachments

- Tab I Wheeler memo on Comoros agreement (1923)
 - A Incoming from State
- II Wheeler memo on Madagascar agreement (1848)
 - A Incoming from State

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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March 22, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE
HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

Subject: Appointment of Benjamin Razafintseheno
of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar
as Ambassador to the United States.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Benjamin Razafintseheno as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Madagascar to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Razafintseheno is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Razafintseheno 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 Malagasy Government.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Telegram No. 598
from Antananarivo.

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BIOGRAPHY - Benjamin Razafintseho

Democratic Republic of Madagascar

Ambassador Razafintseho is currently the Secretary General of the Malagasy Foreign Ministry. His most recent overseas position was Ambassador to the United Kingdom (1973-1975); he was also accredited to several Scandinavian countries at the time. Razafintseho is the first ambassadorial nomination proposed for Washington since the deterioration of bilateral relations in 1975. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar proposed restoring ambassador-level relations in early 1980 and a U.S. Ambassador presented his credentials in November of that year. Razafintseho is a tested friend of the West, who has wanted very much to go to the United States. His selection is evidence of President Ratsiraka's desire to sustain improving relations with the United States.

Razafintseho was born in 1926 and has studied law and diplomacy in French universities. From 1961-1970 he held several positions in the Foreign Ministry and in 1971 was named ambassador to Taipei. He returned to the Foreign Ministry briefly before being named to London. Since 1976 he has served in Antananarivo, at one point as a Supreme Court Counselor. In 1968 Razafintseho visited the United States as a leader grantee.

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

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TAGS: PDIP, PEPR, MA
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR MALAGASY AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES

REF: ANTANA 0571

1. ~~C~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER RICHARD HANDED ME DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON MARCH 12 REQUESTING AGREEMENT FOR BENJAMIN RAZAFINTSEHENO AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF MADAGASCAR TO UNITED STATES. RAZAFINTSEHENO WILL BE RESIDENT IN WASHINGTON.

3. CURRICULUM VITAE

--NAME: BENJAMIN RAZAFINTSEHENO
--BORN: AUGUST 7, 1926 IN ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR
--MARRIED TO: BEBY RAZAFIMANISA RAZAFINTSEHENO
--STUDIES: LAW FACULTY, GRENoble, FRANCE
LAW FACULTY, PARIS, FRANCE
INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL HIGHER STUDIES, PARIS
INSTITUTE OF HIGHER OVERSEAS STUDIES, PARIS
--ASSIGNMENTS:
1961-63 FOREIGN POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
1964-66 DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY
1967-70 DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
1971-72 AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
1973 INSPECTOR AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
1973-75 AMBASSADOR TO UNITED KINGDOM (DUALY ACCREDITED TO DENMARK, NORWAY, SWEDEN)
1976-79 EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
1979-80 SUPREME COURT COUNSELOR
1980 TO PRESENT SECRETARY GENERAL, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
--RANK: MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY
--AWARDS: DECORATED BY MADAGASCAR, COMOROS, FRANCE AND THE FRG
--LANGUAGES: FRENCH AND ENGLISH

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4. FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTED EARLIEST POSSIBLE AGREEMENT FOR RAZATINTSEHENO IN ORDER TO REPATRIATE PERSONNEL NOW STAFFING MALAGASY EMBASSY, WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED PROBLEMS, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF DEPARTMENT REQUIRES ANY FURTHER DOCUMENTATION IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE AGREEMENT PROCESS. RONDON

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DIDIER RATSIRAKA

PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE

DEMOCRATIQUE DE MADAGASCAR

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: RATSIRAKA, DIDIER

DATE: 05 JAN 83

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REQUIRED ACTION: FOR TRANSLATION / RECOMMENDATIONS

DUE DATE: 13 JAN 83

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FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER
STAFF SECRETARY

Pres. Ratsiraka Jan. 5 Message to Pres.
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FROM RATSIRAKA, DIDIER

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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July 13, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: MADAGASCAR: Agreement Request on New Madagascar
Ambassador

The President agrees to the appointment of Leon Maxime Rajaobelina as the next Madagascar ambassador to the United States.

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

NSC#8304749

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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 Sec. 3.4(a), E.O. 12958, as amended
 White House, Washington, Sept. 14, 2003
 BY NARA *dh* DATE *6/8/10*

July 12, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: FRED WETTERING *fw*SUBJECT: MADAGASCAR: Agreement Request on New Madagascar
Ambassador

State has requested White House approval for granting agreement on Mr. Leon Maxime Rajaobelina as the new Madagascar ambassador to the US.

Mr. Rajaobelina was educated in France, served with the IMF and World Bank, and for the past 10 years has been Governor of the Madagascar Central Bank. By Malagasy terms, he is a technocrat and a moderate. Previous Embassy dealings with him have been satisfactory.

I recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the attached Kimmitt-Hill granting approval for agreement on Mr. Rajaobelina (Tab I).

Approve *RMC* Disapprove _____
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Attachment
 Tab I Kimmitt-Hill memo

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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July 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of Leon Maxime Rajaobelina of
the Democratic Republic of Madagascar as
Ambassador to the United States.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Leon Maxime Rajaobelina as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Madagascar to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Rajaobelina is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Rajaobelina 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 Democratic Republic of Madagascar.

Recommended
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Telegram No. 01726
from Antananarivo.

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BIOGRAPHY - Leon Maxime Rajaobelina

Democratic Republic of Madagascar

Leon Rajaobelina has been Governor of the Central Bank, Madagascar's most important financial institution, for the past ten years. A member of the Central Committee of President Ratsiraka's political party, AREMA, he is also well connected at the highest political levels. Rajaobelina is well and favorably known to the U.S. Embassy in Antananarivo and to U.S. bankers with whom he has dealt on numerous occasions. He has good working relations and experience with the IMF and World Bank. From 1966 to 1972, Rajaobelina served at the IMF as Alternate Executive Director.

Rajaobelina, 46, was born in Antananarivo. He studied in Paris and was an IBRD fellow in Washington, D. C. In addition to service at the IMF as Alternate Director, he has long work experience in Madagascar's ministries responsible for budget and finance, and was a Director General of Economy in the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Rajaobelina speaks English well, is married and has four children.

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

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR MALAGASY AMBASSADOR

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2. I WAS CONVOKED BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTIAN REMI RICHARD ON JULY 1. PURPOSE WAS TO MAKE OFFICIAL REQUEST IN STRICT CONFIDENCE FOR AGREEMENT FOR NEW MALAGASY AMBASSADOR TO U.S. RESIDENT IN WASHINGTON VICE THE LATE BENJAMIN RAZAFINTSEHENO.

3. GDRM PROPOSES AS NEW MALAGASY AMBASSADOR LEON MAXIME RAJAobelina, PRESENTLY, AND FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF MADAGASCAR. CURRICULUM VITAE WILL BE SUBMITTED SEPTEL. IF AGREEMENT IS ACCORDED, RAJAobelina WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSUME NEW FUNCTIONS WITH MINIMUM DELAY.
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SUBJECT: APPT OF RAJAOBELINA AS AMB TO US

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

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Madagascar President Ratsiraka

Date: October 27, 1985 Subject: Thank you cable

Recent Visit to the W.H.

WH Referral Dated: Oct. 30, 85 NSC ID# 8508767
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Department of State.

Action Taken:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- _____ A translation is attached.
- _____ 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.
- XXXX Other.

Remarks:

Copy of cabled response attached.
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Nicholas Platt
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Executive Secretary

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: OPDC, PREL, MA

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE (S/S 8532289)

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. UPON DEPARTING THE US ON OCTOBER 27 PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA SENT A THANK YOU CABLE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN. TRANSLATED TEXT READS, QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT:

AS I LEAVE YOUR GREAT AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AFTER A PLEASANT STAY IN WASHINGTON, I SHOULD LIKE, ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATION I HEADED AND IN MY OWN NAME, TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR WELCOME AND FOR ALL THE COURTESIES EXTENDED TO US.

IT IS MY CONVICTION THAT THE BONDS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE STRENGTHENED EVEN FURTHER TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH OUR PEOPLES. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. DIDIER RATSIRAKA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR END QUOTE.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE FOLLOWING RESPONSE.

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND NOTE OF OCTOBER 27, 1985. I VERY MUCH ENJOYED MEETING YOU AT THE UNITED NATIONS. VICE PRESIDENT BUSH HAS ADVISED ME THAT HE HAD A MOST ENJOYABLE AND USEFUL MEETING WITH YOU AS WELL HERE IN WASHINGTON.

I ALSO APPRECIATE AND SHARE YOUR INTEREST IN IMPROVING FURTHER OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER WE WILL ACHIEVE THAT GOAL.

WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN END QUOTE.

4. NO REPEAT NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLDW.

5. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXTS, BUT HAS

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BY: WV NARA, DATE 6/17/10

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SOURCE: RATSIRAKA, DIDIER

DATE: 27 OCT 85

KEYWORDS: MADAGASCAR

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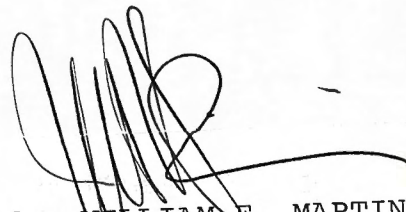
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REQUIRED ACTION: FOR TRANSLATION

RECOMMENDATIONS

DUE DATE: 06 NOV 85

COMMENTS:


for WILLIAM F. MARTIN
Executive Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

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[Message to President Reagan transmitted via Embassy of
Madagascar in Washington.]

No. 20.051

October 27, 1985

Mr. President:

As I leave your great and beautiful country after a pleasant stay in Washington, I should like, on behalf of the delegation I headed and in my own name, to express to you my sincere thanks for your welcome and for all the courtesies extended to us.

It is my conviction that the bonds of cooperation between our two countries will be strengthened even further to the benefit of both our peoples. Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my very high consideration.

(Signed:) Didier Ratsiraka
President of the Democratic
Republic of Madagascar

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HERE IS A MESSAGE TO H.E. R. REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF MADAGASCAR.

QUOTE :

MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT,

AU MOMENT OU JE QUITTE DE BEAU ET GRAND PAYS APRES UN
AGREABLE SEJOUR A WASHINGTON, PERMETTEZ-MOI DE VOUS ADRESSER,
AU NOM DE LA DELEGATION QUE J'AI CONDUITE ET EN MON NOM PERSONNEL,
TOUS MES SINCERES REMERCIEMENTS POUR L'ACCUEIL QUI NOUS A ETE
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PEUPLES, JE VOUS PRIE D'AGREER, EXCELLENCE, LES ASSURANCES DE
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SIGNE : DIDIER RATSIRAKA

PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE
DEMOCRATIQUE DE MADAGASCAR.

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HERE IS A MESSAGE TO A.E. R. REAGAN. PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF MADAGASCAR.

QUOTE :

MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT,

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PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE
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HERE IS A MESSAGE TO H.E. R. REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR.

QUOTE :

MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT,

AU MOMENT OU JE QUITTE CE BEAU ET GRAND PAYS APRES UN AGREABLE SEJOUR A WASHINGTON, PERMETTEZ-MOI DE VOUS ADRESSER, AU NOM DE LA DELEGATION QUE J'AI CONDUITE ET EN MON NOM PERSONNEL, TOUS MES SINCERES REMERCIEMENTS POUR L'ACCUEIL QUI NOUS A ETE RESERVE ET POUR TOUTES LES FACILITES QUI NOUS ONT ETE ACCORDEES. CONVAINCU QUE LES LIENS DE COOPERATION ENTRE NOS DEUX PAYS SE DEVELOPPERONT DAVANTAGE, POUR LE PLUS GRAND BIEN DE NOS DEUX PEUPLES, JE VOUS PRIE D'AGREER, EXCELLENCE, LES ASSURANCES DE MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION.

SIGNE : DIDIER RATSIRAKA

PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE
DEMOCRATIQUE DE MADAGASCAR.

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SINCERELY YOURS
THE EMBASSY OF MADAGASCAR
IN WASHINGTON.

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FROM RATSIRAKA, DIDIER

DOCDATE 27 OCT 85

KEYWORDS: MADAGASCAR

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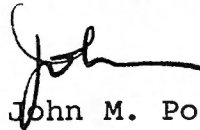
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Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of April 5. I was pleased to read the Inspector General team's report of your fine work in Madagascar. You are to be congratulated, both on your efforts at the Embassy, and on your appointment to the World Bank.

Give me a call when you return to Washington.

Sincerely,


John M. Poindexter

Ambassador Robert B. Keating
Embassy of Madagascar
Antananarivo



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506ACTION

April 18, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: HELEN E. SOOS 

SUBJECT: Reply to Note From Ambassador Keating

Ambassador Robert Keating has written to you from the Embassy in Madagascar and has passed along some comments recently made by the State Inspector General's team praising his efforts there.

As you know, Ambassador Keating is on his way home where he will take on a new job at the World Bank. He would like to have breakfast with you sometime after his return. Attached is a short reply to his note.

RECOMMENDATION:

Sign and dispatch your letter to Ambassador Keating.

APPROVE  _____

DISAPPROVE _____

Attachments

Tab I Your letter to Ambassador Keating
Tab II Incoming letter



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Antananarivo, Madagascar
April 5, 1986

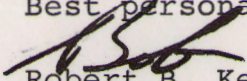
Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter, USN

Dear John,

At this time of Gramm-Rudman budget-cutting, I wanted you to see the comments of the Inspector General's team concerning the work of my embassy. They praised my efforts to define country goals and make maximum use of available resources to achieve them. They judged that I had implemented management by goals and objectives to a degree highly unusual for the foreign service. Especially flattering was the request of the team leader, Mr. Walter Silva, that I write to the Inspector General on my analytical approach to policy-making and resource allocation. He was convinced that such improved methodology would help State in the weighing of priorities and the recognition of trade-offs under present circumstances of stringent budgetary constraints. Is it possible that the door to more rational policy-making is now opening in State?

On a personal note, I'm expecting to hear next week about my background investigation (my third so far, but this one has taken a long time). Hopefully, the official announcement of my appointment to the World Bank can then be made allowing me to leave here by the end of this month. Perhaps you could have breakfast with me when I arrive back in Washington?

Best personal wishes,


Robert B. Keating

March 26, 1986

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The Honorable
Robert B. Keating
American Embassy
Antananarivo, Madagascar

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

My colleagues and I have nearly completed our inspection of Embassy Antananarivo and we look forward to our final meeting with you on Thursday. Attached are a copy of the draft inspection report and its annex which includes a consolidated listing of summary inspection findings and recommendations. A final record copy of the report and its annex will be produced in Washington and given appropriate limited circulation. You will be provided a copy for the post's files.

A list of operational findings and recommendations directed to the mission is also attached. These form a part of the official record of the inspection but are not normally circulated outside the Office of the Inspector General. We will be pleased to discuss any of these with you at our Thursday meeting.

I shall not here elaborate on any particular sections of the report. However, I would like to draw your personal attention to some aspects of our findings:

-- Management of the mission's role in implementing the foreign policy of the United States in Madagascar is outstanding. The dialogue you promoted between the post and the Department on the premises of U.S. policies here has been exemplary.

-- We were especially aware of the spirit of collegiality that underlies the activities of the post, the participation and cooperation of other agencies of the mission in the analysis of the American role in Madagascar and in the reporting and representational functions of the Embassy, the easy flow of communications in all directions. Clearly, your staff has a high regard for both you and your DCM.

-- We were impressed by the excellent job done by your DCM, who carries the bulk of the reporting load of the Embassy and who during his tour has frequently served as charge, sometimes for extended periods.

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-- The quality of the post's reporting is excellent in light of the limited resources available to you. Washington end-users have, however, pointed to the need for broader coverage and more rapid communication of certain aspects of the situation in Madagascar. In order to make that possible, we are strongly recommending to the Department that additional resources be made available to you.

-- For the benefit of your and your DCM's successors, you should consider reducing to writing the post's travel and representational plans as they emerge from your decisions on post objectives.

-- We have identified several areas in which the absence of rigorous internal controls presents opportunities for waste, fraud, and mismanagement. There may be others which we did not have time to examine closely. The presence of a very capable "rover" administrative officer over the past few weeks has already made some difference though it will take more time than he has available to effect all the corrections needed. He has however already identified virtually all the weaknesses reflected in our findings and is to be congratulated for what he has achieved in a short time. Over the long term, more intrusive attention to internal controls should be given by post management.

-- In our discussions with your staff we made a number of suggestions that do not appear in the report. In those cases corrective action was taken immediately, making further action unnecessary.

I would stress that the views, opinions, findings, and conclusions contained in the report, its annex, and in the list of findings and operational recommendations attached, are subject to confirmation by the Inspector General. The Inspector General will send you a telegram advising you of any changes in formal or operational recommendations resulting from the Washington review and asking that you begin compliance. Compliance with the formal recommendations will be subject to the procedures described in 2 FAM 134.4 and in the attached "Inspection Compliance Procedures." Your response to the operational recommendations should be in the same format for the formal recommendations, but should be in a separate FI Channel message for the Inspector General.

You are authorized to show the draft report, its annex, or any of the other materials we leave with you to any of the American members of the mission who have a need to know its

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contents. However, it may not be released beyond the American personnel of the mission without the prior authorization of the Inspector General. Our overall evaluation of the mission's performance is contained in the body of the report. This written assessment combined with the discussions we have had with you and your staff over the course of the inspection comprise the total product of the team's efforts.

We have been most appreciative of everything you and your staff have done to facilitate our inspection and make our visit a pleasant one.

For the many kindnesses extended to us and the hospitality of the post, we are sincerely grateful.

Cordially,



Walter John Silva
Team Leader

(U) Post leadership has implemented management by goals and objectives to a degree highly unusual for the Foreign Service. Keeping in mind the overall U.S. interest of strategic denial to the Soviet Union, the Ambassador has developed seven major goals and charted the means of pursuing them. The resulting matrix assigns relative weights to the programs of all U.S. Government agencies as well as to private enterprise initiatives. The entire country team and all Embassy sections are involved in the planning effort and work as an integrated unit.

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SUBJECT: DEPARTURE OF AF/EX ROVING ADMIN OFFICER BAKER --
POST OPERATIONS: ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR

1. HAVING BEEN TDY TO ANTANANARIVO FOR ONLY 13 DAYS, I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE EMBASSY'S SECRET IS BUT THE BUREAU SHOULD FIND OUT AND USE IT FOR OTHER POSTS AROUND THE CONTINENT THAT ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES WITH THEIR OPERATIONS. UNDOUBTEDLY, THE EMBASSY HERE IS THE MOST EFFICIENT WELL-MANAGED POST OF ANY I'VE SEEN AS A ROVER. IT MAY WELL BE THE BEST-RUN POST I'VE EVER SEEN PERIOD.

2. THE FSN STAFF IS EXCELLENT. CASHIER AND BUDGET OPERATIONS SEEM TO BE IN PERFECT ORDER. PROPERTY IS CLEAN AND VERY WELL MAINTAINED. MORALE IS HIGH. THE COMMUNICATIONS OPERATION IS TOP NOTCH. IN GENERAL, ANTANANARIVO IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW AN EMBASSY CAN AND SHOULD FUNCTION.

3. MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL HERE ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED. I HOPE THE BUREAU WILL FIND THE TIME TO DO SO. REGARDS.

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TO POINDEXTER

FROM KEATING, ROBERT

DOCDATE 05 APR 86

KEYWORDS: MADAGASCAR

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May 29, 1986

MEMORANDUM

TO : Ms. Sally Kelley
White House

SUBJECT: Greetings Cards for the President
and Vice President

Attached are greeting cards for President Reagan and Vice
President George Bush from General Desire Rakotoaijaona, Prime
Minister and Head of Government.

(Madagascar)

Elijah Kelly
Elijah Kelly
Director, Information
Management Section

Attachment:
As stated

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
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- As we discussed

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CHARLES A. DONOVAN 
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LE PREMIER MINISTRE

CHEF DU GOUVERNEMENT

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Le Général de Brigade Désiré RAKOTOARIJAONA,
Premier Ministre, Chef du Gouvernement,

*vous adresse ses meilleurs vœux
à l'occasion du Nouvel An*

