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July 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: CHARLES P. TYSON *cm*

SUBJECT: Briefing Memo for Credentials Ceremony  
July 10 -- 3 PM

Attached is the briefing material for backgrounding the President on the credentials ceremony on July 10 for the Ambassadors of Swaziland (Tab A), Italy (Tab B), Nigeria (Tab C), Kiribati (Tab D) and Syria (Tab E), which have been cleared with the staff.

The memo for the President, with 3 x 5 background cards, are provided for your signature for forwarding to the President (Tab I).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the briefing memo to the President forwarding the 3 x 5 cards (only) at Tab I.

Briefing material at the tabs are for your use.

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*Chuck —  
I think there's  
still too much info  
on a card — as you  
know, these things  
rarely become  
substantive in nature.  
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PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMATIC CREDENTIALS

Friday, July 10, 1981  
Beginning at 3:00PM  
The Oval Office

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

I. PURPOSE

To receive for accreditation the diplomatic credentials of five ambassadors.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

- A. Background: You will receive credentials from the Ambassadors of Swaziland, Italy, Nigeria, Kiribati and Syria. After the exchange of documents, you will hold a brief (5 minute) conversation with each ambassador.
- B. Participants: The Ambassador of Swaziland and Nigeria will be escorted by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Harold E. Horan. The Italian Ambassador will be escorted by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State H. Allen Holmes. The Kiribati Ambassador will be escorted by Assistant Secretary of State John H. Holdridge. The Syrian Ambassador will be escorted by Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotos. Chief of Protocol Annenberg will make the introductions. I will be present with members of the NSC staff.

Families Attending: The Swazi Ambassador will be accompanied by his wife, Thokozilie Mary and daughters Sibongile (15) and Phindile (13); the Italian Ambassador will be accompanied by his wife, Anne Merete; the Nigerian Ambassador will be accompanied by his wife, Clara Noyogiere, son, Omoregie (Reggie) Tokunbo (23) and daughters Ifueko Iyabo (11) and Isoken Izin (5); the Kiribati Ambassador will be unaccompanied; the Syrian Ambassador will be accompanied by his 16-year old daughter, Rafif.

- C. PRESS ARRANGEMENTS: Meetings to be announced. Press photo session and White House Photographer.

III. BACKGROUND MATERIAL

3 x 5 cards attached

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS

1. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMB. LAWRENCE MFANA MNCINA (Mmm-NEE-Nah),  
SWAZILAND

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - WIFE, THOKOZILIE MARY  
DAUGHTERS, SIBONGILE (15) &  
PHINDILE (13) \*

WH - RICHARD V. ALLEN

NSC - FRED WETTERING

STATE - HAROLD HORAN

-- 44 YEARS OLD; MARRIED 8 CHILDREN

-- SWAZILAND ONCE BRITISH PROTECTORATE: IN-  
DEPENDENT IN 1968; KING SOBHUZA (81YRS)  
CELEBRATES 60th YEAR REIGN IN SEPTEMBER

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2. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMB. RINALDO PETRIGNANI (PehgreenYanee), Italy

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - WIFE, ANNE MERETE

WH - RICHARD V. ALLEN

NSC - JIM RENTSCHLER

STATE - AMB. ANNENBERG  
ALLEN HOLMES

-- 54 YEARS OLD; MARRIED

-- BEEN IN US PAST 10 YEARS AS DEPUTY CONSUL  
IN NEW YORK; COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON; NOW  
FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO

. YOU WILL MEET PRIME MINISTER SPADOLINI AT  
OTTAWA SUMMIT. SPADOLINI TOOK OFFICE IN JUNE;  
VISITED US IN MARCH AS LEADER OF REPUBLICAN

3. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMB. CHIEF ABUDU YESUFU EKE (EH kay), Nigeria

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - WIFE, CLARA NOYOGIERE  
SON, OMOREGIE (REGGIE)  
TOKUNBO (23)

DAUGHTERS, IFUEKO IYABO (11)  
& ISOKEN IZIN (5)

WH - RICHARD V. ALLEN

NSC - FRED WETTERING

STATE - AMB. ANNENBERG  
HAROLD HORAN

-- 57 YEARS OLD; MARRIED 8 CHILDREN

--- FORMER FEDERAL COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION;  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE; ACADEMIC

. REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING

- . REAFFIRM YOUR INTENTION TO SEND SENIOR DELEGATION TO KING'S DIAMOND JUBILEE IN SEPTEMBER (YOU WERE INVITED TO ATTEND); PRINCESS MARGARET WILL ATTEND
- . ACKNOWLEDGE SWAZI ROLE AS MODERATE, STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
- . EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR SWAZI ASSISTANCE GIVEN AMERICAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL EXPELLED FROM MOZAMBIQUE IN MARCH
- . ACKNOWLEDGE SUPPORT FOR U.S. ON KEY SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES & HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE CROCKER DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO SWAZI-LAND.

PARTY (A SMALL CENTER-LEFT PARTY) AND MET WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE CLARK

- . STRESS THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT FULLY WITH ITALY AND THAT WE REGARD HER AS VALUED AND MAJOR PARTNER
- . EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR ITALY'S ROLE IN AGREEING TO ACCEPT THEATER NUCLEAR FORCE (TNF) ON ITS TERRITORY; EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF HOLDING TO SCHEDULE ON DEPLOYMENT

NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE; OUR DISAPPROVAL OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA, & OUR COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH THOSE WHO WANT PEACEFUL CHANGE

- . EXPRESS OUR COMMITMENT TO EXPAND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS TO ASSIST NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENT & REDRESS OUR TRADE DEFICIT (\$9.7 billion in 1980)
- . NOTE OUR MUTUAL INTERDEPENDENCE ON PETROLEUM (NIGERIA IS OUR SECOND LARGEST SUPPLIER WE PURCHASE ABOUT HALF OF THEIR TOTAL PETROLEUM EXPORTS)
- . EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR NIGERIA'S RETURN TO CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT

4. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMB. ATANRAOI BAITEKE (BYE-teh-keh), Kiribati  
(formerly Gilbert Islands)

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - None  
WH - RICHARD V. ALLEN  
NSC - JIM LILLEY  
STATE - AMB. ANNENBERG  
JOHN HOLDRIDGE

-- 43 YEARS OLD; MARRIED 4 CHILDREN; EDUCATOR

-- KIRIBATI (KEE-ree-bas) IS NEW NATION:  
JULY 12, 1979 BECAME INDEPENDENT FROM  
GREAT BRITAIN. ITS CAPITAL, TARAWA, WAS  
SCENE OF KEY BATTLE DURING WORLD WAR II

5. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMB. RAFIK JWEIJETI (JOO uh JAH tee), Syrian  
Arab Republic

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - DAUGHTER, RAFIF (16)  
WH - RICHARD V. ALLEN  
NSC - GEOFF KEMP  
STATE - AMB. ANNENBERG  
NICHOLAS VELIOTES

-- 59 YEARS OLD, MARRIED 3 CHILDREN  
-- DEGREES FROM DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY, SORBONNE,  
LONDON UNIVERSITY, NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL  
RESEARCH IN NEW YORK: ALSO ATTENDED  
PRINCETON

-- IN 1979, WE CONCLUDED A TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH KIRIBATI WHICH IS NOW BEFORE THE SENATE FOR ADVICE/CONSENT BEFORE RATIFICATION.

- .WELCOME KIRIBATI'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO US
- .EXPRESS HOPE THAT ALTHOUGH THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE RESIDENT IN TARAWA, WE WILL HAVE MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH HIM
- . REITERATE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEOPLES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

.WE RECOGNIZE THAT SYRIA IS IMPORTANT ARAB STATE & RECIPROCATE THE SYRIAN DESIRE FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS, BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT

.YOU BELIEVE FRANK & ACCURATE COMMUNICATIONS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND YOU ARE PLEASED TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR SO SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN US

.EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HOSPITALITY & GOOD WILL EXTENDED AMBASSADOR HABIB. INDICATE YOU ARE FOLLOWING HABIB'S EFFORTS CLOSELY BOTH BECAUSE IT CAN OPEN NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEALING POSITIVELY WITH OTHER PROBLEMS IN LEBANON & THE REGION

. EXTEND YOUR GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT ASSAD



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Lawrence Mfana Mncina (Phonetic: Mmm-NEE-nah) - Appointed Ambassador of Swaziland

Head of State - King Sobhuza II (Phonetic: So-BOOZE-ah)

Head of Government - Mabandla Dlamini, Prime Minister

Ambassador Mncina, 44, is married with eight children. He was formerly Deputy Foreign Minister and Swaziland's representative to the UNGA and OAU Conferences. Before that he served as Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Pertinent Background: None

Significant Issues: Swaziland, once a British protectorate, became independent on September 6, 1968. This September, 81-year-old King Sobhuza will celebrate his 60th year of reign.

Issues for Discussion:

- Acknowledge Swaziland's role as a moderate, strongly anti-communist force in southern Africa.
- Express our appreciation for the assistance Swaziland afforded the American Embassy personnel expelled from Mozambique in March.
- Reaffirm your intention to send a senior level delegation to King Sobhuza's Diamond Jubilee Celebration in September 1981. (Note: You were invited to attend and asked that we inform the Government of Swaziland of your intention to send a senior level delegation. Princess Margaret will represent the British Crown.)
- Acknowledge Swaziland's support for us on key southern African issues and the gracious hospitality with which the King received Assistant Secretary Crocker during his recent visit to Swaziland.

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Rinaldo Petrignani (Phonetic: Peh-treen-Yanee) -  
Appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Italy.

Head of State - Alessandro Pertini (Phonetic:  
Per-TEE-nee), President.

Head of Government - Giovanni Spadolini (Phonetic:  
Spah-doh-LEE-nee), Prime Minister.

Ambassador Petrignani, 53, has already served for more than ten years in the U.S., as Deputy Consul in New York and as First Secretary, later Counselor, in Washington. He has also been diplomatic advisor to Prime Minister Mariano Rumor. Most recently he was Deputy Secretary General of NATO. He is married.

Pertinent Background: President Pertini has long hoped for an invitation to visit the U.S. Prime Minister Spadolini, who took office June 28, visited the U.S. in March 1981 as leader of the Italian Republican Party (a small center-left party). He met with Deputy Secretary Clark. You will meet him at the Ottawa Summit.

Significant Issues: U.S. Consultations with Italy;  
Theater Nuclear Force (TNF) Modernization.

Issues for Discussion:

- Stress that we will continue to consult fully with Italy, and that we regard Italy as a valued and major partner.
- Express appreciation for Italy's role in agreeing to accept TNF on its territory; emphasize the importance of holding to schedule on deployment.

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Chief Abudu Yesufu Eke (Phonetic: EH kay) - Appointed  
Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Head of State - Alhaji Shehu Usman Aliyu Shagari  
(Phonetic: sha-GA-ree), President

Head of Government - Alhaji Shehu Usman Aliyu Shagari

Ambassador Eke, 57, married, eight children. Previous positions include Federal Commissioner of Education, Mid-Western State (now Bendel) Commissioner of Finance, and various academic positions.

Pertinent Background: President Shagari visited the United States in October, 1980. Vice President Mondale visited Nigeria in July, 1980, to chair US delegation to US-Nigeria bilateral economic talks. President Carter visited Nigeria in April, 1978 returning the visit of General Obasanjo to the US in October 1977.

Significant Issues: Southern Africa; petroleum

Issues for Discussion:

- Reaffirm the Administration's commitment to achieving Namibian independence, our disapproval of apartheid in South Africa, and our commitment to work with those who want peaceful change.
- Express our support for Nigeria's return to civilian government and success thus far.
- Express our commitment to expand commercial relations to assist Nigerian development and redress our trade deficit (\$9.7 billion in 1980).
- Express appreciation for Nigeria's moderating role in regional problems and in international fora such as the United Nations.
- Note our mutual interdependence on petroleum - Nigeria is our second largest supplier of crude petroleum; we purchase about half of their total petroleum exports.

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Atanraoi Baiteke (Phonetic: BYE-teh-keh) - Appointed  
Ambassador of the Republic of Kiribati (Phonetic: KEE-ree-bas).

Head of Government - Ieremia Tabai, President and Minister of  
Foreign Affairs

Ambassador Baiteke, 43, married, four children. Education  
specialist; had previously served as Secretary for Education.  
Serving since 1979 as Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Pertinent Background: There have been no visits from Kiribati  
by head of government to U.S., nor has there ever been a  
Presidential visit to Kiribati.

Significant Programs or Issues: Kiribati is a new nation, having  
achieved independence from Great Britain on July 12, 1979. Its  
capital, Tarawa, was the scene of a key battle during World War II.  
Contact between the United States and Kiribati is friendly but  
minimal. Eight Peace Corps Volunteers constitute the only U.S.  
presence there. In 1979, we concluded a Treaty of Friendship  
with Kiribati. The treaty is now before the Senate for advice  
and consent to ratification.

Issues for Discussion:

- Express appreciation that the Republic of Kiribati has  
sent its first Ambassador to the United States.
- Express the hope that although the Ambassador will be  
resident in Tarawa, we will have many more opportunities  
to meet with him.
- Reiterate our support for the economic and social  
development of the peoples of the South Pacific.

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Rafik Jweijeti (Phonetic: JOO uh JAH tee) - Appointed Ambassador of the Syrian Arab Republic

Head of State or Government - Hafiz al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic

Ambassador Jweijeti, 59, is married and has three children. He holds degrees from Damascus University, Sorbonne, London University, and the New School for Social Research in New York; he also attended Princeton University. Dr. Jweijeti joined the Foreign Ministry in 1947. His foreign assignments were London (1947-1952), Madrid (1954-1956), and New York (at the Syrian Delegation to the United Nations from 1956 to 1958 and from 1964 to 1973 as Deputy Permanent Representative). From 1973 to 1981, Ambassador Jweijeti was Director of the Department of Western Europe at the Foreign Ministry. He speaks Spanish, German, French, and English and is well-disposed toward the West.

Pertinent Background: The last visit by a U.S. President or Vice President to Syria was June 15-16, 1974, when President Nixon went to Damascus to initiate the resumption of diplomatic relations. During the past two months, Presidential envoy Philip Habib has visited Syria to discuss with President Assad the placement of Syrian missiles in Lebanon and plans another visit in the near future.

Significant Programs or Issues: None.

Issues for Discussion:

- You might say we recognize that Syria is an important Arab state and reciprocate the Syrian desire for friendly relations, based upon mutual respect.
- You might add that you believe that frank and accurate communications are extremely important, even in cases where honest differences of viewpoint exist. For that reason, you might say, you are pleased to receive Ambassador Jweijeti so soon after his arrival.
- You might express your appreciation for the hospitality and goodwill shown Phil Habib in Damascus. You can say we are following Habib's efforts closely both because it is important to defuse tensions and because it can open new opportunities for dealing positively with other problems in Lebanon and the region.
- You might ask Ambassador Jweijeti to transmit your personal greetings to Syrian President Assad and say that you are receptive to exchanges of view on matters of common concern.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

6/30/81

TO: RICHARD ALLEN  
FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL  
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY.

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. SUBMIT THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3:00 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Presentation of Diplomatic Credentials by the Ambassadors-designate of Swaziland, Italy, Nigeria, Kiribati and Syria  
DATE: July 10, 1981  
TIME: 3:00 pm  
DURATION: 40 minutes  
LOCATION: Oval Office  
REMARKS REQUIRED: To be covered in briefing paper  
MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office  
FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

cc: J. Brady  
M. Brandon  
J. Canzeri  
K. Darman  
M. Deaver  
E. Dole  
H. Donaldson  
M. Evans  
D. Fischer  
J. Fitzgerald  
M. Friedersdorf  
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DATE: 24 JUNE 1981

MEMORANDUM

TO: RICHARD ALLEN  
FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL  
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY.

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND SUBMIT BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3:00 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Presentation of Diplomatic Credentials  
DATE: Friday, July 10, 1981  
TIME: 11:00 am (changed from 2:30) DURATION: 45 minutes  
LOCATION: Oval Office  
REMARKS REQUIRED:  
MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office  
FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

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| J. Canzeri    | D. Gergen                     |
| R. Darman     | C. Gerrard                    |
| M. Deaver     | K. Khachigian                 |
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/16/81

TO: RICHARD V. ALLEN  
FROM: GREGORY ~~W~~ NEWELL  
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY.

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND SUBMIT BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3:00 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Presentation of Diplomatic Credentials

DATE: July 10, 1981  
(Changed from June 23, as previously notified)  
TIME: 2:30 pm DURATION: 45 mins  
LOCATION: Oval Office  
REMARKS REQUIRED:  
MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office  
FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

- cc: J. Brady
- M. Brandon
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/15/81

TO: RICHARD V. ALLEN  
FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL  
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY.

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND SUBMIT BRIEFING  
PAPER AND REMARKS TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3:00 P.M.  
OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Presentation of Diplomatic Credentials

DATE: June 23, 1981  
(Changed from June 22, as previously notified)  
TIME: 2:30 pm DURATION: 15 mins

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED:

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

cc: J. Brady M. Friedersdorf  
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/12/81

TO: RICHARD ALLEN  
FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL  
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY.

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND SUBMIT BRIEFING  
PAPER AND REMARKS TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3:00 P.M.  
OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Presentation of Diplomatic Credentials

DATE: June 22, 1981

TIME: 1:30 pm

DURATION: 30 mins

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: No

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

cc: J. Brady  
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REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC  
DR. RAFIK JWEIJATI  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

There are moments in the life of individuals and in the phases of relationship between countries which are richest in human emotion, fullest of particular significance. This is one of these moments in my diplomatic career, where I am presenting to His Excellency, President Reagan, President of the United States of America, my Letters of Credence as Ambassador of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United States after the mission of my predecessor, Ambassador Sabah Kabbani has come to fulfillment. This is, Mr. President, my first assignment as Ambassador and the generous trust His Excellency, President Hafez El-Assad put in me in naming me Ambassador first and assigning me to represent him in Washington fills me with gratitude and stimulus and challenges my aptitude to

render a positive contribution in the bilateral relationship between the U.S. and the Syrian Arab Republic and to work for developing a common understanding in the domain of international questions and particularly as far as the problem of the region we live in is concerned.

Mr. President, at this solemn occasion allow me to reiterate that my country is keenly desirous of continuing to have with the U.S. the best relations and to strengthen cooperation in all fields. In the framework of the region, we seek a just and global peace based on right and justice as formulated by the United Nations Resolutions. Withdrawal from the Arab territories occupied in 1967, respect of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people are two essential elements of any just and durable peace. The removal of the injustice of which the Arabs have been the victim will permit the Arab nation, I am sure, to resume its historically splendid contribution to civilization.

Likewise, it is peace, the end of bloodshed, the strengthening of the legal authority, the safeguard of sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity that we seek to promote in Lebanon. We have no other objective. We seek no special gain.

Syria belongs to the non-aligned movement and has been member of its bureau of coordination since the inception of this movement and we intend to remain in it and continue to adhere to its principles.

On my humble part, I pledge to deploy my utmost to work for the strengthening of our bilateral relations and the meeting of minds over the principles, the procedures, the

ways and means on the path of achieving peace, justice and progress. There can be no nobler task.

May I in conclusion convey to Your Excellency the warm greetings of my President, His Excellency Hafez El-Assad and his wishes for your happiness and the prosperity of the American people.



REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC  
RINALDO PETRIGNANI  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to present to you the letters whereby the President of the Italian Republic accredits me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States and to hand over to you my predecessor's letters of recall.

It is for me a great honor, of which I am deeply conscious, to represent Italy in the United States. It is equally for me a reason for personal satisfaction to return to this great country which I know and admire, having served here in the past during my career for eleven consecutive years.

May I also recall my most recent assignment as Deputy Secretary General of NATO, which enabled me to appreciate from a unique vantage point the irreplaceable contribution of your country to the Alliance, both from the standpoint of political solidarity and cooperation amongst the Allies as well as of deterrence and defense. In a world which is unfortunately

beset today by great uncertainties and perils, NATO remains the strongest bulwark for upholding the indivisible security of the West, for preserving the common heritage of political values of the Free World, as well as for safeguarding detente and world peace.

Friendship and cooperation with the United States, both bilaterally and within the Alliance and the other multilateral organizations which our two countries belong to, have consistently been, from 1946 onwards, one of the cornerstones of Italian foreign policy. I do not have to stress here the numerous ties, historical and moral, on which our friendship thrives. Common ideals have inspired the formation of our two nations into modern states. The Italian Risorgimento and American Independence were both inspired by the same concept: that of national independence as a means and guarantee for the freedom of the individual. The great contribution offered by the Americans of Italian descent to the building and the progress of the American nation is another historical bond which unites us - a bond of blood, I would say, of the highest significance. To the many millions of Italian-Americans whose fathers reached these shores finding here a new, great and generous fatherland, I wish to address on this first formal occasion, at the inception of my mission, a special thought and my warmest greetings.

The same Western vocation which in the last century inspired Italian reunification constitutes the most solid platform for the policies of contemporary Italy. For this reason, adherence to the Atlantic Alliance and to the European Community are for us essential elements of our foreign policy. Italy sees no contradictions between these two elements, which, to the contrary, she considers complementary, since defense and construction of

Europe would be inconceivable without the ties of solidarity and cooperation with the United States and Canada. Strengthening constantly the trans-Atlantic relations, in a spirit of partnership amongst equals, is for us in effect the most valued prerequisite both for the progress of European integration as well as for the continuation and the relaunching - should the Soviet attitude permit it, as we hope - of a dialogue and detente with the East. By the same token, the progress of European integration represents a similar prerequisite for the development of a balanced and effective partnership.

The consistent reaffirmation of these political principles can be found in the platforms of all the various Governments which have succeeded each other in Italy during these years. The firm Atlantic commitment of my country has again been concretely expressed both by the increase of the Italian defense efforts, in keeping with the Alliance's resolutions, as well as by the decision adopted by Italy concerning the modernization program of the theater nuclear forces in Europe. The consciousness of bringing this continuing and consistent contribution to the common policy of the Alliance, the weight of her own position in the Mediterranean, and above all, the awareness of being a great nation, are the basis for Italy's determination to occupy in the political structures of the West the position she is entitled to.

For Italy, as for all industrial democracies, security and development are strictly linked. As a country characterized by an economy of transformation, lacking raw materials but rich in human resources and productive energies, Italy is highly dependent upon the export of its products as well as upon economic order and stability in the world. The current difficulties experienced by the world economy, and by the Italian

economy in particular, thus require more than ever an effort of cooperation between our two nations. Even though in different situations, we are both confronted by similar problems, such as energy, environment, inflation, unemployment, to mention but a few. Our inter-dependence is evident.

The United States, with its economic and financial potential, plays a fundamental role in the world economy and I am sure that we will be able to rely once more on an effective American contribution to find our way back to recovery. To this end, it is essential to succeed in establishing an international monetary system based on a more complete and more articulate order, as well as in further strengthening cooperation in the financial field, especially with reference to the international capitals' market and to the role therein played by the American currency. Solidarity and cooperation among democratic industrialized countries naturally cannot but apply also to the problems of the developing countries, whose political balance and economic and social progress are so relevant to world stability and peace. This is another field in which I know that our two countries share the same goals.

America has now entered one of her great phases of renewal, seeking from the depths of her national conscience, the energies, the values and the inspiration for a grandiose relaunching of her strength and of her role in the world. The strength of America and of the idealism of America, the former at the service of the latter, are a guarantee to all free men. I consider it, thus, a singular privilege to be from this moment on the interpreter for my country of this process of renewal.

The new government which was very recently formed in Italy by Senator Giovanni Spadolini and who just last Monday appeared before Parliament in order to obtain the vote of

confidence, committed itself in presenting its program to the twofold objective of fighting inflation and of safeguarding employment. While reaffirming the basic principles which inspire Italian foreign policy, the Spadolini Government stressed the necessity for the entire European Community to maintain with the United States a firm line of Western solidarity, in the interest of the indivisible relationship between Europe and the United States.

Italy remains, in her attachment to the democratic system, in her determination to pursue civil progress, in her foreign policy orientations, a politically stable country, as is also shown by the stability of her electorate. Italy at other times in the past has demonstrated her capabilities of recovery. The vitality of the Italian entrepreneurs and the operosity and dedication of her working classes constitute a guarantee that reliance on the friendship of Italy is a good investment.

Mr. President, I have been instructed to fulfill my mission so as to contribute within the sphere of my responsibilities, in every possible way to the strengthening of the relations with the United States, to which my Government attaches the utmost importance. I am deeply committed to the fulfillment of this mission and I am certain that I will find in you, Mr. President, and in your Administration, the same interest, as well as the support which is the legacy of the American tradition and which is deeply rooted in the old friendship uniting our two countries.

I am gratified to transmit to you, Mr. President, the warmest expressions of friendship and the good wishes for the success of your work from the President of the Italian Republic. May I be allowed to add my sincere wishes for the prosperity of the United States and for your personal happiness and that of your family.

REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI  
ATANRAOI BAITEKE  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Your Excellency:

I have the honour to present my credentials as Kiribati Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America. Since our Independence in 1979, I have had the good fortune to have worked closely with officials of your Government and have become more appreciative of the mutual interests that we share.

Our historic connections date back to the early days of discovery and particularly the last war when your marines fought bravely at the Battle of Tarawa. Today the relationship between the United States and Kiribati has developed into closer economic and social cooperation during our links with Hawaii and American Samoa. It is my belief that mutual understanding and friendly cooperation between our two countries will continue to prosper for our common good.

I will do my best during my period as non-resident Ambassador to further strengthen the ties between our two countries. I also anticipate that your Government will be able to consider the United States-Kiribati Treaty of Friendship as soon as convenient.

On behalf of the Beretitenti of the Republic of Kiribati and Kiribati Government and people, I extend to Your Excellency and Government and people of the United States our best wishes for a prosperous future.

REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
CHIEF ABUDU YESUFU EKE  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

It is my privilege to present to you the Letter from Alhaji Shehu Usman Aliyu Shagari, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, accrediting me as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United States of America. I am delivering at the same time the Letter of Recall of my distinguished predecessor in office, Ambassador Olujimi Jolaoso.

Permit me, Mr. President, to say how honoured I feel to have been appointed for this important mission at such a momentous period when history is being made practically everyday. The eyes of the world are focused on the United States, and perhaps on Nigeria. It is true that your great country and mine have always been friends. It is true also that both of them are more akin in constitution, in complexity, in human and natural resources, and in their strong belief in the freedom



and the dignity of man than any other two countries. But it is also true that at no other time than now has there been a greater need and urgency to strengthen the friendship and to realign the foreign policies. Therefore, this is a time of challenge, and I enter into it with a sense of mission.

As you know, Mr. President, our two countries are closely interdependent in our economic policies. We in Nigeria are aware of an increasing need for closer economic cooperation and inter-relations between us. About half of the crude oil produced in Nigeria is exported to the United States without the necessary industrial and commercial feedback from the U.S. even though there exist immense investment and commercial opportunities in Nigeria. Consequently there was, for example, an imbalance of trade of some \$10 billion in our favour only last year.

But what Nigeria would prefer, in order to keep her economic relations intact, is for the United States to take positive and dynamic steps to participate in this extensive market of 80 million people, steps which could ultimately lead to a balance of trade. The entrepreneurial abilities of the American people should play an increasing role in Nigeria for the mutual benefit of our two peoples. Needless to say that there should be an adaptation and transfer to Nigeria of the scientific and technological expertise for which the United States is renowned. Indeed, the need for investment in the field of agriculture is as great as it is in the manufacturing industry. Therefore, Mr. President, I am glad to acknowledge that a good beginning has been made in this connection, and that evidence of it may be seen in the Joint Economic and Agricultural Commissions already established, in the rapidly increasing social and cultural intercourse, and in the various

educational programmes now mounted. My first and foremost task, whilst here in the United States, will be to apply myself assiduously to the rapid promotion of this welcome development.

Nonetheless nations do not live by bread alone. There is, therefore, another function which I must address myself to, apart from the economic and social ones indicated above. I refer to matters pertaining to the restoration of human dignity and the emancipation of oppressed peoples of Africa. Just as the United States is the acknowledged leader of the Western world, championing its cause, protecting its boundaries, and safeguarding its interests, so does Nigeria owe obligations towards the rest of Black Africa. It is our duty to ensure that the wind of change blowing over the continent continues. We would be failing in our duty to stand idly by. So we would hate to see a change of the good wind.

Towards that end, it is desirable that the foreign policies of Nigeria and the United States of America be harmonised. In this connection, Nigeria hopes it can count on the goodwill of your great country, the first in modern history to overthrow the yoke of colonialism and oppression. Nigeria trusts that your country which has been built on sound notions of Liberty and Justice will not overtly or covertly engage, or aid and abet others, in taking measures likely to delay the realisation of liberty and justice elsewhere. In addition, Nigeria is anxious that in your country's attempt to contain the spread of communism, it will not overlook the fact that by allying itself to the wrong regime in Africa it stands to lose larger and more valuable grounds elsewhere. Taking cognisance of my country's views above, I intend to engage in a continuous and reasoned dialogue with United States

diplomats, policy makers and public men whenever and wherever I encounter them.

As regards world peace, may I say, Mr. President, that Nigeria is following with interest your efforts in this field. Since peace is indivisible and since war in one part of the world affects mankind everywhere, my country, like every other country, ought to have vested interest in your current efforts. Permit me to assure you of my country's continuing determination to work towards the reduction of world tension. Whatever contributions I can make whilst here in the United States, I will gladly carry out through the proper channels. This will be my third duty in the United States no less important than the others.

Perhaps you will bear with me if I state an obvious fact here, that is, that my basic aim in the three matters I have touched upon above is to serve as a reliable interpreter between your government and that of my country. I will endeavour at all times to reflect as accurately as possible the views, policies and aspirations of the one to the other. I hope a meeting of minds will result therefrom. My success in this regard will depend considerably on the cooperation and goodwill I receive from your Administration.

In conclusion, Mr. President, allow me to state that the conduct of relations between Nigeria and the United States of America will be characterised by honesty and candour, two virtues which you are known to hold very dear. I wish to assure you that it is with sincerity that I shall apply myself to the promotion and strengthening of friendly relations. I end this letter as I began it by conveying the special assurances of the highest esteem of Alhaji Shehu Usman Aliyu Shagari, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. I express also my own warm wishes for your personal well-being, that of the United States of America, and of the American people.

REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND  
LAWRENCE MFANA MNCINA  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Your Excellency:

It is a great honour and privilege for me to present to Your Excellency the Letter of Credence by which His Majesty, King Sobhuza II has been graciously pleased to appoint me as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Swaziland to the United States of America.

I also have the honour to convey to Your Excellency warm greetings and best wishes for your personal welfare and happiness from His Majesty the King.

My appointment today adds to the already existing good relations between our two countries and it will be my utmost endeavour to raise these relations to a higher level. I feel particularly privileged to have been entrusted with this Mission of strengthening the bonds of friendship between our two countries at a time when the need for concrete cooperation between member States of the community of Nations is more urgent than ever before.

The people of Swaziland have watched and admired with keen interest the economic and social progress made by the United States

of America under your wise, progressive and dynamic leadership. Your tremendous efforts in the economic and social fields, guided by the principles of justice, peace and rights of mankind will certainly guarantee the lasting prosperity and well-being of the American people.

We in Swaziland are mindful and most grateful for the generous assistance received from American Institutions under numerous aid programmes, particularly in the fields of higher education and advanced technology.

In the discharge of my Mission to your great country, I seek Your Excellency's wise guidance and counsel and look forward to the cooperation of your government.

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