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Washington, D.C. 20520

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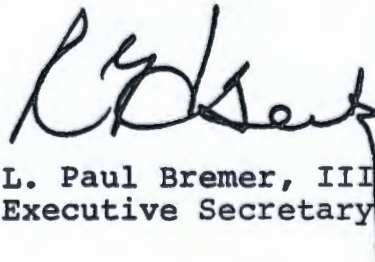
September 11, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of Habib Ben Yahia of the Republic of Tunisia as Ambassador to the United States.

The Government of the Republic of Tunisia has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Habib Ben Yahia as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Tunisia to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Ben Yahia is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Ben Yahia will make an excellent ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Tunisian Government.

for 
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Note No. 232 from Embassy of Tunisia.

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Department of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997
By smf NARA, Date 11/7/00

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BIOGRAPHY - Habib Ben Yahia
Republic of Tunisia

Habib Ben Yahia, 43, has been the Tunisian Ambassador to Japan since April 1977. In 1976, he had been announced as Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates but never took the position. Instead, he served as Chef de Cabinet for Foreign Minister Chatti from 1976 to 1977. From 1975 to 1976, he was Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Directorate (DCI) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (The office handles international economics and commercial issues and negotiates PL 480 and AID agreements.) For the two previous years, he was chief of the Ministry's Division of Bilateral Economic and Financial Cooperation. He served as Economic Counselor at the Tunisian Embassy in Paris from 1970 to 1973, having held the same position in Washington from 1967 to 1970. From 1965 to 1967, Ben Yahia worked in the American affairs section of the DCI. From 1964 to 1965, he studied international relations at Columbia University. His first post in the government was in the African affairs section of the Secretariat of State for Foreign Affairs, from 1963 to 1964.

Before joining the foreign service, Ben Yahia worked as an English-language radio announcer in Tunis and a teacher of English in a secondary school at Sfax. Having attended secondary school in Tunis, he studied English at the University of Tunis from 1959 to 1962. During his university years, he spent a summer studying English in England and another studying American civilization and literature at Columbia.

Mr. Ben Yahia is well known to American officials as a highly competent and motivated diplomat. He is an accomplished negotiator and manager, with particular experience in development assistance programs. Ben Yahia reflects the Government of Tunisia's policy of identifying closely with the U.S.; in the past he has advocated more U.S. aid for Tunisian development.

Ben Yahia was married in 1967 and has two children. He and his wife are pleasant and friendly with Americans. Ben Yahia speaks native French and Arabic and excellent English. His wife presumably speaks English as well, since she accompanied him on his study and tour in the United States.

A thorough search of United States Government sources reveals no grounds for objection.

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The Ambassador of Tunisia presents his compliments to the Honorable Secretary of State and has the honor to inform him that the President of the Tunisian Republic proposes to appoint Mr. Habib Ben Yahia to succeed Mr. Ali Hedda as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Tunisia to the United States of America.

On behalf of his Government, the Ambassador of Tunisia is requesting the agreement of the Government of the United States to the proposed nomination of Mr. Habib Ben Yahia in the above capacity.

A biographical sketch of Mr. Ben Yahia is enclosed herewith.

The Ambassador of Tunisia avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Honorable Secretary of State the assurances of his highest consideration. *Hy*

Washington, D.C., August 17, 1981



The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Washington, D.C.

CURRICULUM VITAE CONDENSE AMBASSADEUR BEN YAHIA

INSTRUCTION:

- 1959-62 UNIVERSITE TUNIS C.E.L.G. LICENCE ANGLAIS (STAGE EN G.B. ET U.S.A.)
- 1964-65 UNIVERSITE COLUMBIA NEW YORK, FACULTE RELATIONS INTLES STOP
CARRIERE PROFESSIONNELLE
- 1963-64 SECRT. AMB. MAE RESPONSABLE AFRIQUE ANGLOPHONE
- 1965-67 CHARGE COO ECO AVEC USA SEIN DCI
- 1967-70 CONSEILLER ECO AMB. TSIE WASHINGTON
- 1970-73 CONSEILLER ECO AMB. TSIE PARIS
- 1973-75 CHEF DIVISION COOP FIN BILATERALE DCI
- 1975-76 DIRECTEUR ADJOINT DCI
- 1976-77 CHEF CABINET MAE
- DEPUIS AVRIL 77: AMB TOKYO

A PARTICIPE PLUSIEURS NEGOCIATIONS DANS CADRE COMMISSIONS MIXTES BILATERALES
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