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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK
MICHAEL K. DEEVER ✓
JOHN HERRINGTON
DEPUTY SECRETARY KENNETH DAM

FROM: Jim Cicconi *JMC*
SUBJECT: Memorandum from Charles Z. Wick

Jim Baker asked that the attached memorandum from Director Wick, along with the resume of John W. Shirley, be forwarded to you for your information.

Thank you.

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Washington, D.C. 20547

June 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Honorable
James A. Baker III
Chief of Staff
and Assistant to the President
The White House

FROM:

Charles Z. Wick 
Director

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1968-69 Policy Officer, Near East and South Asian Affairs, U.S. Information Agency.

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MILITARY SERVICE:

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June 22, 1983

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Dear Mike:

I would like to follow up my memorandum about **Jock Shirley** with a few additional thoughts.

You are aware that I found myself in an awkward position with regard to the ambassadorship to Hungary. Both Jock and Nick Salgo are friends of mine and I did not feel that I could do other than to recommend them both and then leave it to you to determine whether you felt that the position should go to a Political Appointee or a Career Officer.

I am in no such quandary with regard to Prague and want to reaffirm to you my very strong support for Jock.

As I said in my memorandum of June 15, 1983 (attached) this is a matter of great importance to me as Director of USIA. Since we came into office only two USIA officers have been named ambassador. Jim Rentschler who was appointed in recognition for his work at the NSC to Malta and Art Lewis to Sierra Leone. Art also was named for reasons that transcended his record at USIA. Jock Shirley is this Agency's Senior Foreign Service Officer. HE HAS SERVED THE PRESIDENT AND ME WITH EXTRAORDINARY DEDICATION AND ZEAL, first as Acting Director of the Agency, then as Counselor and now as my interim Deputy. By rewarding him with an assignment which he richly deserves and which all Foreign Service Officers regard as the pinnacle of their ambition we will be making an important statement to the entire USIA Foreign Service. It is also the right and just thing to do.

I hope that you can help.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Charles Z. Wick
Director

The Honorable
Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
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June 15, 1983

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 16, 1983

Dear Helen:

Thank you for your letter of June 12th. I've taken the liberty of sending your letter and my recommendations to John Herrington.

We are always looking for supporters such as yourself and Al.

I'm sure John will be contacting you soon.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mrs. Helen Sayles Sisson
Post Office Box 1855
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577

bcc: J. Herrington

bcc: John Herrington

HELEN SAYLES SISSON
P. O. Box 1855
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(803) 449-7516

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June 12, 1983.
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Mr. Michael Deaver,
The White House,
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mike,

Having worked with you as the only full-time volunteer on the hard fought, but unsuccessful "Prop. I" campaign in Sacramento, you are aware of my husband's and my allegiance to President and Mrs. Reagan.

In today's newspaper was a release about your heading up a group to help "court" women in preparation for the 1984 election.

Seeing this news release has prompted me to write you this letter.

Needless to say, I too am quite concerned about the President getting the "women's vote" in the 1984 election and would want to help in any way possible and could be an effective spokeswoman. Some of my national association "women's credits" include Daughters of the American Revolution of which I am a Regent and American Women in Radio and TV.

Over a year ago I wrote you about my husband Al and myself and of our interest in coming to Washington to be of service to President Reagan, since we had both served in his administration in California.

You turned my letter over to John Herrington, who at that time was in charge of personnel. We received a very prompt call from him.

At his request we went to Washington where he arranged for several interviews for both Al and myself.

However, John returned to DOD at the end of the week we were there. Following his departure everything he had originated for us came to a complete halt. Unfortunately, but through no fault of John's, it seemed we were passed into the hands of people with no decision making authority.

About a month ago, I saw in the Washington papers that John was coming back to White House personnel. (It needs his fine hand.) I wrote him and again expressed our interest in coming to Washington, but doubtless he has not been on the new job long enough to get back to me.

~~Al and I are still both interested in positions in the Reagan Administration and believe our diverse and varied business, government and political backgrounds and our loyalty to President Reagan can be of service to him in his Administration.~~

Unfortunately during the first year and a half of President Reagan's administration, Al and I were both "out of commission" as the result of a serious auto accident right after election day. I was on crutches for 10 months. Now all is back to normal, however, this is the reason we were not in touch with The White House immediately after election day per my conversation with Ed Meese when he and I talked at the Republican National Convention in Detroit.

HELEN SAYLES SISSON
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Mr. Michael Deaver,
June 12, 1983,
Page 2,

Al and I both have extensive business backgrounds: Al in marketing, business administration and government affairs with The Dow Chemical Company for 30 years. My business career was in New York City in merchandising and promotion management in the publication field with LIFE, PHOTOPLAY and FAMILY CIRCLE; in Los Angeles in public affairs, communications, consumer affairs, shopping center management and promotion; in South Carolina in tourism.

In Sacramento, Al was Chief Deputy Director of General Services. After "Prop. I", as you know, I was appointed Special Consultant to the Department of Consumer Affairs, handling special projects, communications, and serving as liaison between City, State and Federal programs for the department.

Following the Reagan Administration in California, we both served in Washington as White House appointees in the Ford Administration. Al as Special Assistant to the Administrator of GSA, functioning in many sensitive areas; I served as Associate Administrator in the Dept. of Social and Rehabilitation Services of HEW (now HSS).

In addition to our business and government backgrounds, we both have had long years of experience in Republican political campaign activities in California, New York and South Carolina. I was on the Executive Committee of the Republican State Central Committee of California for a number of years where I served as Chairman of the Speakers Bureau. In 1980, I was alternate delegate from South Carolina to the Republican National Convention and for the past four years have also served as Secretary of our 6th Congressional District.

My political activities originated in my home state of Kansas where my great-grandmother was one of the founders of Wichita, Kansas and the first superintendent of schools.

If our talents can be of service in important positions in the Reagan Administration to help him fulfill some of his objectives...and to help get him re-elected in 1984...we'd like very much to hear from you.

We still have our Jelly Bean Jars from California as a memento of our service there.

Best wishes and kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Helen Sayles Sisson,
(Mrs. H. Allen Sisson)

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July 12, 1983.

Mr. Michael K. Deaver,
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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your very prompt reply to my letter of
June 12th.

I appreciated your forwarding my letter, with your
recommendations, to John Herrington.

To date, we have not heard from John, but hopefully
we will very soon.

Thanks again...and kindest regards.

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