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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997

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DOE, SAMUEL K

SUBJECT: LIBERIA / TELEPHONE CALL FM HEAD OF STATE DOE TO PRES RE WASHINGTON
POST NEWS ARTICLES

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CLARK DUE: 24 MAY 83 STATUS S FILES

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May 20, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: FRED WETTERING *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Liberia: Chairman Doe's Pique at US

On May 12 the Washington Post ran a piece by Leon Dash on Liberia. In the article, the US ambassador (Bill Swing) was described as virtually the US viceroy who instructs Doe. This article, combined with the pressure Doe has been getting from us on return to constitutional rule, apparently caused Doe to lose his temper. (S)

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Last Friday he attempted to telephone the President, with the purpose of complaining about the ambassador - and was not put through. This irritated him further (although it was a good call not to put the phone call through). (S)

According to veteran Liberia watchers, this will probably blow over in a few weeks. Meanwhile, both State [REDACTED] have instructed their people to cool it for a few weeks. (S)

A State memo explaining this further is attached FYI.

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State Memo

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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SITUATION ROOM

May 19, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: Liberia: Telephone Call from Head of State Doe to
the President

Liberian Head of State Samuel Doe's attempt to telephone the President on May 12 was apparently sparked by Doe's discomfort over recent newspaper articles, including one in the Washington Post, insinuating the U.S. is exercising undue influence over events in Liberia. Doe, who has great respect for the President and regards him as a father-figure, wanted his personal reassurance that the U.S. respects Liberia's sovereignty and dignity. Despite Doe's excellent relations with U.S. Ambassador William Swing, Doe was reluctant to raise the matter with him since it is through Swing that much of the U.S. influence in Liberia is exercised. Doe did, however, call Swing in on May 16 and, in the presence of another member of the People's Redemption Council (PRC), reprimanded him for the Washington Post article and for what Doe called his "aggressive" political activity.

Doe's actions were designed to accomplish a variety of objectives: assuage his own bruised ego; reassure himself of U.S. good intentions; put us on notice that there are limits even to a client state relationship; and save face with his PRC peers. Although Doe's pique may result in cooled relations for several weeks, we remain confident that over the longer term our bilateral relationship will remain healthy and the United States will continue to play a constructive role in Liberian political and economic affairs. If this breach worsens, however, we might want to recommend a Presidential letter or envoy which would probably go a long way toward repairing any continuing strain in relations.

Charles Hill
Executive Secretary~~SECRET~~
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May 20, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: FRED WETTERING *W*

SUBJECT: Africa: Short Term Trends and Developments

The following is my brief analysis of certain short term trends and developments in Africa arising from recent intelligence.

Africa/US: Occasionally it is useful to note instances of effective US diplomacy and policy payoff. I cite the following for your attention:

Madagascar: The Foreign Minister told us that he had instructed the Madagascar UN Rep to "stay away" from the Nicaragua debate at the UNSC in deference to our sensitivities.

Zimbabwe: The Zimbabwe UN Ambassador made a 180 degree turnaround and gave a moderate, non-polemic speech (Jeane, please take note). His speech was re-written here by the Zimbabwe Embassy following some candid talk from State and myself.

Cape Verde: As one minor point in the Libyan arms to Nicaragua stuck in Brazil incident, the Cape Verde government denied overflight and landing rights not only to the initial group of Libyan aircraft, but also denied subsequent requests from Tripoli. Kudos both to State and the Vice President, who briefed them on Libyan activities.

Central African Republic: State can share credit with the French for the expulsion of the 75 Libyan military advisors from the CAR. Both in Bangui and in WDC State officials have been beating on CAR representatives on this matter. (S)

South Africa: A bomb explosion today in Pretoria killed several (during rush hour). If whites were killed, and it is likely, South Africa will be strongly inclined to retaliate against the ANC (the likely perpetrators), meaning a cross-border raid into a neighboring country. Some theorize that this incident may have been directed by the Soviets to provoke just this type of reaction in order to screw up the Angola/Namibia talks. (S)

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Southern Africa Initiative: The UNSC begins debate on Namibia on May 23. French Foreign Minister Cheysson doublecrossed his own people and us and cancelled a Contact Group understanding, complicating our collective defense at the UNSC. Cheysson will neither associate nor disassociate France with the Contact Group and the Angolan talks. Cheysson also threatened to go to New York if Secretary Shultz did. Likely no foreign minister will now go from the Contact Group. It is possible that the CG foreign ministers will informally discuss this matter further at the Williamsburg Summit. (S)

Kenya: President Moi continues to blunder and commit actions which destabilize Kenya. His latest gaffe is to claim that "a foreign power" is working with a high-placed Kenyan "traitor" to depose him. The implication was heavy that the power was the UK and the individual was the powerful Constitutional Affairs Minister Njonjo. A clique of Moi sycophants has seized on this to settle personal scores, especially against senior Kikuyu tribals. Moi has backed away from naming the "traitor" and has called for elections in September, noting that all critics will be replaced. The trend here is that Moi has opened the door to a host of anti-Kikuyu moves, and the Kikuyu factions are beginning to talk to one another. They have the real capability of overthrowing Moi if they perceive a common threat. Meanwhile, Moi continues to fudge on important economic reforms, and Kenya will likely fall out of IMF compliance next month. Moi is also showing pique that the US and UK are not giving him blank cheques to resolve his economic problems. We have a growing problem here, and talks with our Ambassador (Harrop) are scheduled next week in which I will participate. (S)

Angola/Cubans: State analysts have formally concluded that reports of major Cuban reinforcements to Angola are not true, and they speculate that these reports may be a conscious disinformation by pro-Soviet elements to upset the West. (S)

Ghana/US: Intelligence indicates that Ghana leader Jerry Rawlings has a tape recording of an alleged meeting between US diplomats and Ghanaian opposition elements plotting to overthrow Rawlings. The tape is a forgery, but Rawlings believes it. It is probably yet another East German or Soviet disinformation piece (the East Germans recently surfaced a forged West German diplomatic message which was accepted by the Rawlings regime as legitimate despite denials and proofs to the contrary). (S)

Chad: Habre forces lost 300 men and 21 vehicles in an abortive attack at a Libyan-supported dissident stronghold in the far north of Chad. There is to date no indication that the dissidents have followed up their successful defense, though, and foreign supporters of Habre appear to be making up materiel losses. The skirmish between Habre forces in the west on Lake Chad with Nigerian army units continues, despite formal agreements between governments to stand down. The Nigerian army, sore at losses, seems to be somewhat out of control for the moment and is seizing a few islands to salvage national honor.

~~(S)~~

Upper Volta/Libya: The putsch by President Ouedraogo of pro-Libyan Prime Minister Sankara and his supporters seems to be holding, and Ouedraogo has now started PNGing Libyans. There is some concern about two Libyan 707 flights to neighboring Ghana in the last two days and fear that Libya may run some guns and money up to stiffen the one remaining pro-Libyan unit not yet subdued. It seems unlikely, though, given the chaos in Ghana.

~~(S)~~

Sudan: Loyal government troops, who are also black southerners, have suppressed two mutinies of two companies of troops in the south. The troops mutinied rather than be transferred. The situation is not acute, but shows a steady deterioration of central government control (and feel for southern sensibilities) in the south.

~~(S)~~

Equatorial Guinea: A coup plot was discovered and broken up by loyal forces. Details are lacking, but at first look there appears to be no outside involvement.

~~(S)~~

Zambia/USSR: A Soviet delegation led by a major general broke off talks in Zambia and flew home early. The Soviets were attempting to press the Zambians to repay arms debts - the Zambians have refused, citing the economic crisis.

~~(S)~~

Zimbabwe: Prime Minister Mugabe cancelled a scheduled trip to the USSR when he learned he would not be received by Andropov. Embassy Harare notes that Mugabe has declined to travel to Havana despite a year-old invitation and the Cubans have not replaced their ambassador (vacant for a year). A Zimbabwe high-level private business delegation will be touring the US in early June (I will meet them). They will carry the message that private enterprise is alive and well in Zimbabwe.

~~(S)~~

Angola/USSR: Angolan leader dos Santos continues to get the red carpet treatment in Moscow. His level of reception was unique for a third world speaker, being received by Andropov, Ustinov, Tikhonov, Ponomarev, and the entire Secretariat.

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As one analyst put it to me, not only the whole first team but much of the second as well. Meanwhile, Savimbi's UNITA forces are on a tear, scoring repeated new successes in recent weeks.

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France/Libya: Doubtless motivated by Libyan actions in Chad and Upper Volta, the French have come to us breathlessly noting that the Libyans seem to be working against our collective interests, and that we should do something. At the same time, Cheysson and Penne are spreading the canard that the fault is ours since we are still purchasing Libyan oil, thus bankrolling Qadhafi. A series of bilateral consultations on Libya are scheduled, but I have small hope that anything positive will come from them. ~~(S)~~

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MORETTI, ROBERT

DOE, SAMUEL K

SUBJECT: MEMCON OF WETTERING MTG W/ MORETTI

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June 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Transmittal

Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum of a telephone conversation which occurred on June 3, 1983, between Fred Wettering of the NSC Staff, and Robert Moretti, a California businessman.


Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

On June 3, 1983, Mr. Robert Moretti, a California businessman with interests in Liberia, and a close confidante of Liberian Chairman Doe, called me to discuss Chairman Doe's recent pique at the U.S. This pique was directed at the U.S. Ambassador, primarily (according to Mr. Moretti) because the U.S. Embassy was "pushing Doe too hard" to implement his pledge of the return to constitutional rule in 1985. Doe's irritation was increased when he attempted to telephone the President and was unable to get through. Mr. Moretti asked what was my reading of the situation and what could he tell Doe on his return?

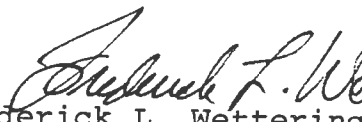
I explained to Mr. Moretti that my reading of the current situation was that Chairman Doe had calmed down; that he had a very useful meeting with Ambassador Swing which seemed to have allayed local tensions, and that I did not think anything further from our end was called for.

I further noted that if appropriate I would explain to Chairman Doe that with no reflection against our close relationship with him, we do not do business by telephone. I suggested that if Chairman Doe had an urgent thought he wished to get to the President he could do this in one of several ways:

- Pass it to the U.S. Embassy
- Pass it to his ambassador in Washington for delivery
- Send a special emissary

I reaffirmed that if Chairman Doe wrote to the President he could be certain of a response if one was called for.

Mr. Moretti indicated that one thing that Chairman Doe wanted a reading on was whether the White House would look with approval if he chose to run for the Presidency in 1985. I stated that the most important thing was the fulfillment of the Chairman's pledge towards returning to constitutional rule in 1985. While I was unable to predict the President's reaction on this I felt that, speaking personally, I did not see any insurmountable obstacles to this as long as proper constitutional forums and procedures were followed. I stressed, however, that this was strictly my view and should not be regarded as a definitive USG view.


Frederick L. Wettering

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 3, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: FRED WETTERING *W*

SUBJECT: Liberia: Conversation with Mr. Robert Moretti

Pursuant to what Dick Morris had briefed you on, I was called by Mr. Robert Moretti on June 3, 1983, and we had a conversation about Chairman Doe of Liberia. It was a cordial conversation and Mr. Moretti seemed pleased. A memcon of the conversation is attached at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Kimmitt-Hill memo at Tab I transmitting a copy of the memcon to the State Department.

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Attachments:

Tab I

Kimmitt-Hill memo

A Memorandum of Conversation

cc:

Dick Morris

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DOE, NANCY

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COURTESY CALL ON FIRST LADY BY WIFE OF LIBERIAN HEAD OF STATE / 22 JUN

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June 9, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES ROSEBUSH

FROM: CHARLES TYSON *CT*

SUBJECT: Request for a Courtesy Call on Mrs. Reagan
by Mrs. Nancy Doe, Wife of Liberian Head
of State

Mrs. Nancy Doe, wife of Liberian head of state Samuel Doe, will be in the U.S. on a private visit during the period 15-30 June 1983. She will be in Washington June 21-23 and would like to pay a courtesy call on Mrs. Reagan while here, if possible on June 22. (C)

The State Department supports this request and notes the extremely close relationship we have with Chairman Doe of Liberia, and the significant U.S. interests in Liberia. We also support this request and believe that such a meeting would be helpful with our current diplomacy in Liberia. Despite our close relations there have been occasional misunderstandings as, with our encouragement, Chairman Doe returns Liberia to constitutional government. (C)

You will recall that Chairman Doe paid a working visit on the President on August 17, 1982. (U)

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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June 8, 1983

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CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: Request for a Courtesy Call on Mrs. Reagan by
Mrs. Nancy Doe, Wife of Liberian Head of State

Mrs. Nancy Doe, wife of Liberian Head of State Samuel Doe, will be in the US on a private visit during the period June 15-30. In coordination with the Phelps-Stokes Fund, she will visit New York, Washington, and Chicago. Mrs. Doe will be in Washington June 21-23. The Liberian Embassy has told us she would like to pay a courtesy call on Mrs. Reagan while in Washington, if possible on June 22.

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June 22, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES ROSEBUSH

FROM:

CHARLES TYSON ^S

SUBJECT:

Courtesy Call on Mrs. Reagan by Mrs. Doe

Attached are talking points, a bio sheet, and a list of attendees, which have been provided by State Department for the call on the First Lady by Mrs. Nancy Doe, wife of the Liberian Chief of State, scheduled for June 23, 11:00-11:15, in the Yellow Oval Office.

Attachment

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BRIEFING PAPER

Background and Talking Points
for Mrs. Reagan's meeting with
Mrs. Doe on June 23, 1983 at 11:00 A.M.

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11:30 a.m., June 23

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June 22, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Mrs. Reagan's Meeting with Mrs. Doe
June 23, 1983, at 11:00 AM

Attached please find a classified background paper with talking points and biographic information for Mrs. Reagan's meeting with Mrs. Doe on June 23 at 11:00 AM.


Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Tab 1 - Background paper with talking points.
- Tab 2 - Biographic information.
- Tab 3 - Proposed participants.

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June 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Second Request for Courtesy Call on Mrs.
Reagan by Mrs. Doe (S/S 8318783)

The First Lady's Office has advised that Mrs. Reagan will receive a courtesy call from Mrs. Nancy Doe, wife of the Liberian Chief of State, from 11:00 to 11:15, Thursday, June 23. (C)

Please provide by noon, June 22, brief talking points, biographic information on Mrs. Doe, and a list of attendees. Mrs. Doe and party are advised to enter via the Southwest gate and proceed to the diplomatic entrance where she will be escorted to the Yellow Oval Room. (C)

Robert M. Kimmitt

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Executive Secretary

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FROM: Fred Wettering

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES ROSEBUSH

FROM: CHARLES P. TYSON *CT*

SUBJECT: Liberia -- Renewed State Request for Meeting with Mrs. Nancy Doe, Wife of Liberian Leader Samuel Doe

State has forwarded a second request asking for your office's reconsideration of their request that Mrs. Reagan meet for 15-20 minutes with Mrs. Nancy Doe, wife of the Liberian Leader Chairman Samuel Doe during the week of June 20.

State bases this appeal on advice from our Ambassador in Liberia who noted the strong negative impact no meeting would have on our bilateral relations.

The NSC staff believes the Ambassador is correct in possible negative implications of no meeting. Chairman Doe is an autocrat, is quite young and emotional, and while he greatly admires the President, reacts badly to what he perceives as rejection. We support the request if the First Lady's schedule permits.

Jim, Bill Clark feels this is extremely important and strongly urges your reconsideration.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

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SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: Second Request for a Courtesy Call on Mrs. Reagan by
Mrs. Nancy Doe, Wife of Liberian Head of State

As indicated in the first request (attached), Mrs. Nancy Doe, wife of Liberian Head of State Samuel Doe, will be in the US during the second half of June. She is now scheduled to arrive on June 19 and to remain until about July 1.

The Liberian Minister of State called in the US Ambassador to Liberia on June 16 to initiate a reclama of the earlier negative decision on a meeting between the two First Ladies. He made clear Mrs. Doe was fervently looking forward to paying a courtesy call on Mrs. Reagan and that Mrs. Doe had already selected a number of official gifts for Mrs. Reagan in keeping with the special friendship between our two countries. The Minister noted our good bilateral relations would be ill-served if Mrs. Reagan could not meet briefly with Mrs. Doe while the latter is in the US. He explained Mrs. Doe would alter her itinerary to accept an invitation from Mrs. Reagan any time between June 19 and July 1.

Liberians tend to be very serious and literal about the "special" relationship between our two nations. Chairman Doe has a very high regard for the President, considering him akin to a father figure. He will react negatively, with consequent strain in our relations, if his wife is unable to meet with Mrs. Reagan.

The State Department respectfully requests a reconsideration of the earlier decision. We strongly believe a 10-15 minute meeting between Mrs. Reagan and Mrs. Doe would have a positive impact on bilateral relations.

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Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Executive Secretary

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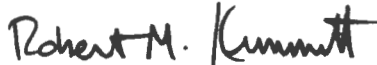
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Liberian Ambassador to the United States
(S/S 8327281)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Mr. George Toe Washington as Ambassador-Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Liberia to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of the Republic of Liberia.


Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

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September 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: FRED WETTERING *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Liberia: Request for Agreement on Mr. George Toe Washington

The State Department has forwarded with its concurrence the Liberian request for agreement on Mr. George Toe Washington to be the next Ambassador to the U.S. (U)

Mr. Washington was formerly the Chief of Staff of the Liberian armed forces until 1971. He has attended numerous training courses in the U.S. and is highly regarded by our embassy. The current Liberian ambassador to the U.S., Joseph Guannu, is a lemon and I have been encouraging various people to get Chairman Doe to replace him. I am pleased to see Chairman Doe got the message. I concur in State's proposal. (S)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Kimmitt/Hill memo granting agreement on George Toe Washington. (U)

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Attachments

- Tab I Kimmitt/Hill Memo of Agreement
- Tab II State's memo w/background material

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of George Toe Washington of the Republic of Liberia as Ambassador to the United States.

The Government of the Republic of Liberia has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of George Toe Washington as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Liberia to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Mr. Washington is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Washington is acceptable to the United States as Ambassador and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of the Republic of Liberia.

Katharine Sully
for
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography,
2. Telegram No. 8453 from Monrovia.

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BIOGRAPHY - George Toe Washington

Republic of Liberia

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During the 1970's, General Washington served the Liberian Government in a number of civilian capacities. He was the Special Assistant to the Minister of Education from 1973-1975. In 1977 General Washington was appointed Superintendent of Liberia's Kru Coast Territory. He remained in that position until 1981 when he was posted to Beijing as the Liberian Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. General Washington is presently in Beijing.

General Washington has received a number of awards and decorations from various organizations. He has been named a fellow of the International Biographic Association and has lectured on military logistics in several African nations. He holds military-related decorations from Morocco, Central African Republic, Togo, Chad, Mauritania, Tunisia, etc. General Washington was a member of the Liberian delegation to the OAU in 1976 and 1970. General Washington was president of the St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel Men from 1976-77.

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

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COURSE IN LIBERIA IN 1955

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QUARTERMASTER SCHOOL AT FORT LEE,
VIRGINIA, USA, IN 1956

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VIRGINIA, USA, IN 1961

2. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR J. ADOLPHUS DURING,
MET WITH AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 2 TO PRESENT GOL REQUEST
FOR AGREEMENT FOR MR. GEORGE TOE WASHINGTON TO BE THE
NEXT LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.
AMBASSADOR WASHINGTON, CURRENTLY SERVING AS LIBERIA'S
AMBASSADOR TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WOULD
REPLACE AMBASSADOR JOSEPH GUANNU. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR
DURING, AMBASSADOR GUANNU WILL BE REASSIGNED AS LIBERIA'S
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
AMBASSADOR GUANNU IS BEING INFORMED OF THIS REASSIGNMENT
THIS WEEKEND.

GRADUATED FROM THE COMMAND AND
GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE, FORT
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, USA, IN 1964
WITH MASTERS' DEGREE IN MILITARY
ART AND SCIENCE

3. TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE:

ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA
LAW SCHOOL - DID NOT COMPLETE DUE
TO TRANSFER FROM MONROVIA TO KRU
COAST TERRITORY AS SUPERINTENDENT

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- THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR
TO CONVEY THE WISH OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA TO APPOINT MR. GEORGE TOE WASHINGTON AS AMBASSADOR
EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

- THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA, THEREFORE, REQUESTS THE AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE APPOINTMENT
OF MR. GEORGE TOE WASHINGTON AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF LIBERIA TO THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

- THE CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR. GEORGE TOE WASHINGTON
IS THERETO ATTACHED.

- THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REHEW TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE
ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM.

MONROVIA, AUGUST 31, 1983

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: GEORGE TOE WASHINGTON
DATE OF BIRTH: APRIL 15, 1930
PLACE OF BIRTH: BARCLAYVILLE, KRU COAST TERRITORY,
LIBERIA
MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED TO MRS. BARBARA HUTCHINS

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