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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Attention Mr. Mullett
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February 6, 1970

Dear Wally:

As you may know, the President acted favorably on my recommendation that he nominate Sam Harry Wright to be the Representative of the United States of America on the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, to receive compensation at the rate of \$33,495 per annum while actually employed. Mr. Wright has since been confirmed and sworn in, but it appears that there has been some misunderstanding about the extent of his duties.

Elliot Richardson has discussed these problems with him and has written him to explain the situation. Since Senator Mundt also wrote me in Mr. Wright's behalf, I have explained it to him as well.

I enclose copies of Elliot's letter to Mr. Wright and my letter to Senator Mundt, in the thought that they will be of assistance to you and your associates in any conversations that you may have with Mr. Wright.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

William P. Rogers

Enclosures:

As stated.

The Honorable
Walter J. Hickel,
Secretary of the Interior.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

JAN 27 1970

Dear Mr. Wright:

Since our conversation on January 8, I have considered further the question of identifying possible additional duties for you in the Department, outside those encompassed by your position as U.S. Representative on the United Nations Trusteeship Council. As you know, your duties in connection with the Trusteeship Council itself will involve preparations for, attendance at, and follow-up on the single meeting of the Trusteeship Council each year. This would all involve about six weeks of your time and constitutes the entire scope of duties for our Trusteeship Council Representative.

In addition to these basic duties, we believe that it would also be desirable for you to go beyond your UN role and take part from time to time in consideration of United States policy with respect to the U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and to make a visit to the Trust Territory. Apart from the visit to the Territory, we would estimate that your participation in the consideration of policy regarding the Trust Territory would require an additional six weeks or so during this year.

I regret that beyond these additional duties, we have not been able to identify other tasks for you in the Department which would absorb more of the time that I fully understand you would otherwise like to contribute to the Government's work. As you know, we are pledged to an economy program both here and overseas that is forcing us to reduce positions and personnel on a fairly drastic scale.

Mr. Sam Harry Wright,
Potomac Plaza Apartments,
2475 Virginia Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

You will be compensated for the periods you are actually engaged in these assignments. Ambassador Yost and Assistant Secretary De Palma will assure that you receive timely notice in advance of occasions requiring your services, so that you can make your plans without inconvenience to you and your family.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

~~Elliot Richardson~~

Elliot L. Richardson

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

FEB - 6 1970

Dear Karl:

Upon receipt of your letter of December 12 about Sam Harry Wright's appointment, I asked Under Secretary Elliot Richardson to look into the matter. Elliot has met with Mr. Wright, and has written him to clarify the scope and nature of the duties we would expect Mr. Wright to undertake.

In brief, we anticipate that we will need Mr. Wright's services for a total of approximately three months during the course of this year. As Representative of the United States, his duties would include preparing for and attending the annual meeting of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, and assisting us in the consideration of policy regarding our Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. In addition, there is also the possibility of Mr. Wright's visiting our Trust Territory in order to familiarize himself with the area, and so better prepare himself to represent the United States on the Trusteeship Council.

I believe our discussions with Mr. Wright have cleared up any misconception that existed concerning his duties here. We look forward to working with Mr. Wright and hope he will find his service a source of satisfaction.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

William P. Rogers

William P. Rogers

The Honorable
Karl E. Mundt,
United States Senate.

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January 30, 1970

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TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: S/S *ML*

FROM: IO - Samuel De Palma *SDP*

SUBJECT: Sam Harry Wright, U.S. Representative on the
UN Trusteeship Council - ACTION MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to your recommendation (Tab C), the President nominated Sam Harry Wright as the Representative of the United States of America on the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations. In due course, the Senate confirmed this nomination. As arrangements were being made to swear Mr. Wright in, he indicated that he had not theretofore understood that his appointment was essentially part time, and that he would be compensated only for the time he is actually at work.

Mr. Wright has indicated to me and to others in the Department, as well as to officers of the Department of the Interior and to his sponsor, Senator Mundt, his disappointment and his determination to work in effect full time. Senator Mundt has written you in support of Mr. Wright's interpretation of his appointment (Tab D).

Under Secretary Richardson discussed the matter with Mr. Wright on January 8 to try to remove any remaining misunderstanding, and to make clear to him that he should only come to work when we see the need for his services, wrote him on January 27 (Tab E).

It is now desirable for you to write Secretary Hickel and reply to Senator Mundt's letter.

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Recommendation:

That you sign the letter to Secretary Hickel at Tab A and the letter to Senator Mundt at Tab B.

Clearances:

IO/EX - *MC* Mr. Nielson

U - Mr. Hastings *WHD*

CHP
H - Mr. Prentice

Attachments:

Tab A - Letter to Secretary Hickel

Tab B - Letter to Senator Mundt

Tab C - Memorandum to the President
on Wright Nomination

Tab D - Letter from Senator Mundt

Tab E - Letter of January 27 to Mr. Wright

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January 30, 1970

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TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: S/S

FROM: IO - Samuel De Palma

SUBJECT: Sam Harry Wright, U.S. Representative on the
UN Trusteeship Council - ACTION MEMORANDUM

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Under Secretary Richardson discussed the matter with Mr. Wright on January 8 and, to try to remove any remaining misunderstanding, and to make clear to him that he should only come to work when we see the need for his services, wrote him on January 27 (Tab E).

It is now desirable for you to write Secretary Hickel and reply to Senator Mundt's letter.

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Recommendation:

That you sign the letter to Secretary Hickel at Tab A and the letter to Senator Mundt at Tab B.

Clearances:

IO/EX - Mr. Nielson

H - Mr. Prentice

Attachments:

- Tab A - Letter to Secretary Hickel
- Tab B - Letter to Senator Mundt
- Tab C - Memorandum to the President
on Wright Nomination
- Tab D - Letter from Senator Mundt
- Tab E - Letter of January 27 to Mr. Wright

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January 22, 1970

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TO: U - The Under Secretary
THROUGH: S/S Robert L. Ebel Jr.
FROM: IO - Samuel De Palma
SUBJECT: Sam Harry Wright, U.S. Representative on the
UN Trusteeship Council - ACTION MEMORANDUM

To follow up your conversation with Sam Harry Wright on January 8, and to try to remove any remaining misunderstanding, I recommend that you write Mr. Wright. Unless it is made clear to him that he should only come to work when we see the need for his services in his assignment, there is a real likelihood that he will continue to come to this Department and to Interior at his own initiative.

The procedure I suggest is consistent with the Secretary's Memorandum to the President recommending Mr. Wright's appointment (TAB D). I would assume that any change from the arrangements contemplated therein would have to be resubmitted to the White House.

If you agree, I shall recommend to the Secretary that he write Secretary Hickel explaining the situation, along the lines of the draft at TAB B.

Since Mr. Wright's sponsor, Senator Mundt, has written the Secretary on the matter (TAB E), it seems an appropriate occasion for the Secretary to reply to him, along the lines of the draft at TAB C.

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Recommendation:

I recommend that you sign the attached letter to Sam Harry Wright (TAB A).

Attachments:

- TAB A - Letter to Sam Harry Wright
- TAB B - Letter to Secretary Hickel
- TAB C - Letter to Senator Mundt
- TAB D - Memorandum to the President on Wright Nomination
- TAB E - Letter from Senator Mundt to Secretary Rogers

Clearances:

IO/EX
Mr. Nelson

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Mr. Prentice

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Mr. Hastings

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03 TAB D

Mr. Richardson

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Nomination of Sam Harry Wright as
the Representative of the United
States of America on the Trusteeship
Council of the United Nations

There is enclosed for your approval the
nomination of Sam Harry Wright, of the District of
Columbia, to be the Representative of the United
States of America on the Trusteeship Council of the
United Nations, vice Mrs. Eugene Anderson.

This nomination is made in accordance with the
provisions of the United Nations Participation Act
of 1945, as amended. Mr. Wright would receive com-
pensation at the rate of \$33,495 per annum when
actually employed.

Mr. Wright has been accorded security clearance
on the basis of a full field investigation by the
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

William P. Rogers

William P. Rogers

Enclosures:

1. Nomination.
2. Biographic sketch.

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TAB E

KARL E. MUNDT
MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA

R. L. McCAUGHEY
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

ROBERTA VAN BEEK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

WALTER C. CONAHAN
PRESS SECRETARY

ROBERT E. RUDDY
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 12, 1969

MEMBER:
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON
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Honorable William P. Rogers
Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Bill:

In visiting with S. Harry Wright, who has been appointed as the U. S. Representative to Micronesia, I was dismayed to learn that representatives in the Department of State have indicated his duties would be limited and perhaps much less than full time.

Bill, this is difficult to understand. When I was contacting the Department of State relative to this nomination, I was advised that they were making the selection very carefully because of the load which would be carried. I was also advised upon checking that the former holder of this position was on the job almost full time. I would have to hope that this would be so in view of the fact that we are giving an independent status to Micronesia. In fact, Secretary Hickel advises me that he is visiting that area because of the plans and programs for it. I therefore hope that Ambassador Yost and the U. S. delegation to the United Nations and the State Department will find it feasible and proper to utilize to the fullest extent all of the talents of Mr. Wright in the capacity for which he has been selected.

Thanking you for your kind consideration, and with best wishes,
Sam

Cordially yours,

Karl E. Mundt
U. S. Senator

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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cc to OHH

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January 27, 1970

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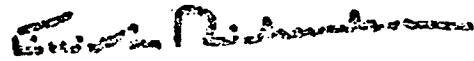
Mr. Sam Harry Wright,
Potomac Plaza Apartments,
2475 Virginia Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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With all good wishes,

Sincerely,



Elliot L. Richardson

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Mr. Nielson

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 22, 1970

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TO: U - The Under Secretary

THROUGH: S/S *RSB*

FROM: IO - Samuel De Palma *SDP*

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Recommendation:

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Clearances:

IO/EX
Mr. Nielsen

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