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DIVISION OF TERRITORIES AND ISLAND POSSESSIONS
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Memorandum

To: The Secretary

From: James P. Davis

Subject: Appointment of civilian High Commissioner for the Trust Territory and civilian Governor of American Samoa.

I strongly recommend that the Department take immediate steps to nominate to the President, through the Secretary of the Navy, candidates for High Commissioner for the Trust Territory and Governor of American Samoa. According to the Navy-Interior memoranda of understanding which the President approved, these appointments should be made on or about July 1, 1950. Further delay will raise doubts as to Interior's readiness to assume responsibility for these islands as scheduled and will make the transfer task more difficult. The High Commissioner, in particular, will need a full year to work out transportation and other problems involved in the transfer of the Trust Territory.

The following candidates are recommended for your consideration:

High Commissioner

Knowles A. Ryerson, Dean of the California College of Agriculture and Chairman of the Pacific Science Board.

Claude A. Buss, Professor, Stanford University, and former Executive Assistant to the U. S. High Commissioner to the Philippines.

James A. McConnell, Civil Engineer on loan from State Department to Interior Point IV Program; formerly with OFIC in Micronesia and Philippines and Regional Director of FWA in New England.

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Governor of American Samoa

Oren E. Long, Secretary of Hawaii and former Superintendent of Schools in Hawaii.

William Zimmerman, Jr., Associate Director, Bureau of Land Management, Interior Department; former Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Felix Keesing, Senior U. S. Commissioner on the South Pacific Commission and Professor of Anthropology at Stanford University.

Wesley C. Clark, Acting Head of the Placement Bureau, Syracuse University; formerly Assistant to Secretary Iokes.

Gilbert Lyle Belsley, Commissioner for Special Services, Federal Security Agency; formerly Director, Civil Service Assembly and Executive Secretary, War Production Board.

Lawrence W. Cramer, Secretary General of the Caribbean Commission; former Governor of the Virgin Islands.

Biographical sketches of these candidates are attached. With your concurrence, we will consult them in the order listed to ascertain their willingness to accept an appointment if offered. If Ryerson or Bass accepts, Mr. McConnell, who is recommended by Congressman McCormack of Massachusetts, would be available for the position of Deputy High Commissioner. The position of Lieutenant Governor or Government Secretary of American Samoa is being left open as agreed for John Nichols; if he is not interested, it is suggested that Gordon Macgregor, Social Economist in the Pacific Branch of this Division, be considered for the post.

James P. Davis
Director

Attachments

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KNOWLES AUGUSTUS BYERSON

Dean, California College of Agriculture; Chairman, Pacific Science Board, National Research Council.

Born: October 17, 1892, Seattle, Washington

Married

Education: B.S., University of California, 1916; M.S., 1923.

1919-25 Agricultural Extension Service, University of California.

1919-21 Assistant state club leader.

1922-23 Assistant farm adviser, Los Angeles County, California.

1924-25 Farm Adviser - same.

1925-27 Horticulturist, Agricultural Experiment Station, Haiti.

1927 Horticulturist, Joint Palestine Survey Commission,
(May-Nov.) Palestine and Transjordan.

1928-34 In charge - Division of Foreign Plant Introduction,
Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

1934 Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry.
(Jan.-Oct.)

1934-37 In charge subtropical fruit investigations, same bureau.

Since 1937 (on leave), Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture, and Professor of Horticulture, Univ. of California.

1943-44 Special representative, Foreign Economic Administration,
Pacific Ocean Area.

In search of economic plants for introduction into United States, in Canada, 1929, Spain, Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Sicily, France, 1930.

Served with Engineer Corps, U. S. Army, in France, 1917-19; agricultural damage investigations, American Peace Commission, January-March 1919; agricultural officer, American Embarkation Center, France, March-June 1919.

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Member - American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Society of Horticultural Science
American Horticultural Society (vice pres. 1930-34)
Society of American Naturalists
Society of American Foresters
Astronomical Society of the Pacific
American Society of Agricultural Science
California Botanical Society
Society for the Advancement of Education
Institute of Pacific Relations
American Polar Society
Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
Save the Redwoods League
Scabbard and Blade
Honorary member, California Avocado Association
Sigma Xi, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Phi Delta Kappa
Fellow, Washington Academy of Sciences

Decorated Chevalier du Merite Agricole (France); Ouissam Alaouite (Morocco); bronze medal, Soc. d'Acclimatation de la France.

Clubs - Cosmos (Washington); Explorers (New York); Commonwealth (San Francisco)

Author of bulletins and numerous articles on sub-tropical, tropical horticulture and agricultural exploration.

Home: Davis, California

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CLAUDE A. BUSS

Professor of History, Stanford University, California.

Born: November 29, 1903, Sunbury, Pa.

Married

Education: A.B., Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, D.C., 1922; M.A. Susquehanna Univ., 1924; Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania; LL.D. University of Southern Calif., 1945; student Ecole Libre des Science Politiques, Paris, 1927-28.

1927-28 Carnegie teaching fellow in international law, Europe

1929-31 Attache for language study, U.S. Legation in China, Department of State

1931-34 U. S. Vice Consul, Nanking, China

1934-41 Professor of International Relations, Univ. of Southern California

1941-44 Executive Assistant to the U. S. High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands

1944-46 Chief, San Francisco Office, Office of War Information

1945-46 Executive Consultant, Petroleum Division, U. S. Strategic Bombing Survey, Japan

1948 Consultant, Civil Information and Education Section, Gen. Hdqrs., Tokyo

Since 1946, Professor of History at Stanford Univ.

U. S. Delegate to 10th International Conference, Institute of Pacific Relations, Stratford-on-Avon, 1947; member Seminar on U. S. Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution, Lake Forest College, Illinois, 1949.

Author: War and Diplomacy in Eastern Asia, 1941; also articles in various magazines; co-author: Southeast Asia in the Modern World (U. of Minn.), 1949.

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JAMES A. McCONNELL

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Born: October 6, 1897, Watertown, New York

Studied civil engineering, Clarkson Tech., Potsdam, N. Y. -
U. S. Steel Corporation, 1916-17.

- 1917-19 U. S. Marine Corps
- 1919-20 U. S. Corps of Engineers, Engineer in Charge Locks and
Dams, Sterlington, Louisiana.
- 1920-24 Parish Engineer, LaSalle Parish, and Construction Engi-
neer, Louisiana Highway Commission.
- 1924-32 Private engineering and construction, Louisiana, Arkansas,
and Mississippi.
- 1932-34 Construction Engineer, New York State Highway Commission.
- 1934-41 Public Works Administration, Boston - Resident Engineer
Inspector and Chief REI.
- 1941-42 Regional Director, Defense Public Works, Boston and N. Y.
- 1942-44 Director, New England Subregion, Federal Works Agency, Boston.
- 1944-46 Chief Negotiator, Corps of Engineers, War Dept., Boston.
- 1946 Deputy Field Commissioner, Marianas and Micronesia Areas.
(June-July)
- 1946 Liaison Officer, OFLC, Manila.
(July-Sept)
- 1946 Assistant Field Commissioner for Japan-China, OFLC.
(Sept-Oct)
- 1946-47 Deputy Central Field Commissioner, Philippines and Southern
Pacific.
- Oct. 1947 Central Field Commissioner, same.
-July 1948

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1948-49 Area Director (Washington OPLC) Pacific AMET, Persian Gulf, Western Hemisphere.

1949-50 State Department, Lend-Lease, Surplus Property Staff, special Philippine assignment.

Licensed civil engineer, Louisiana and Massachusetts.

National Council of State Boards of Engineer Examiners.
Associate member, American Society of Civil Engineers.
Philippine Legion of Honor.

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OREN E. LONG

Secretary of Hawaii.

Born March 4, 1889, in Altoona, Kansas.

A. B., Johnson College, Kimberlin Heights, Tenn., 1912; M.A., University of Michigan, 1917; Columbia, 1922; special courses, Univ. of Tennessee and Univ. of Pennsylvania.

Teacher of History, Johnson Academy, Kimberlin Heights, Tenn., 1912-15; principal, 1915-17. Social settlement worker, Hilo, Hawaii, 1917-18. Education director, Army Y.M.C.A., Fort Shafter, Hawaii, 1918-19. Vice Principal, McKinley High School, Honolulu, 1919-20. Personnel Officer, Kohala Sugar Co., 1920-21. Principal, Church Farm School, Glen Loch, Pa., 1922-24; Kauai High School, Lihue, T.H., 1924-25. Deputy Supt. of Public Instruction, T. H., 1925-34; Supt. of Public Instruction, 1934-46. Secretary of Hawaii since 1946.

Served as Lt., Hdqrs. Staff, Hawaii Defense Volunteers, World War II. Delegate to World Federation of Education Assn. Convention, Toronto, 1929, Denver 1931, and Tokyo 1937. President, Pan-Pacific Union, 1936-40. President, Honolulu Child and Family Service, 1942-46. Chairman, Territorial Committee, Y.M.C.A., 1939-44. Member, Executive Committee, Community Survey of Education, 1940-41. Member, Honolulu Parks and Recreation Commission, 1945-46. Chairman, Board of Trustees, Hawaii School of Religion, since 1944. Regent, University of Hawaii, 1935-46. Director, National Youth Administration, 1935-42. Conducted survey of education in Guam, 1946. Chairman, Advisory Committee on Education for Guam and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Life member, National Education Association (vice president, 1931-32). Member, Hawaii and Oahu Education Associations, Institute of Pacific Relations, Hawaii Social Science Association, Honolulu Chamber of Commerce. Mason (32° Shriner).

Clubs: Lions International; Honolulu Golf (president); Pacific.
Editor: Hawaii Educational Review, 1925-34.

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FELIX MAXWELL KEESING

Senior U. S. Commissioner on the South Pacific Commission;
Professor of Anthropology, Stanford University.

Born Taiping, Straits Settlements (British Malaya) January 5,
1902.

B.A. University of New Zealand, 1924; M.A. 1925; Litt.D.,
1933; Fellowship Rockefeller Foundation (Social Science Section);
Yale 1928-1929; University of Chicago, 1929-1930; London School of
Economics and Political Science 1933-1934.

General Secretary, Y.M.C.A., Palmerston, N. New Zealand, 1926-
1928; Director of International Research Project, Dependencies and
Native Peoples of the Pacific for the Institute of Pacific Relations,
1930-1934. Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Hawaii,
1934-1935. Associate Professor 1935-1937, Professor and Chairman,
Department of Anthropology and Sociology, 1937-1942. Office of Stra-
tegic Services, Washington, D.C. and teaching associate, Columbia
University Naval School of Military Government and Administration,
1942-1943. Professor of Anthropology, Stanford University since 1943.

Authors: *The Changing Maori*, 1928; *Modern Samoa*, 1934; *Taming
Philippine Headhunters*, 1934; *Hawaiian Homesteading on Molokai*, 1936;
Education in Pacific Countries, 1937; *The Philippines - A Nation in the Mak-
ing*, 1937; *The Menomini Indians of Wisconsin*, 1939; *The South Seas in
the Modern World*, 1941; Co-author, *The Science of Man in the World
Crisis*, 1945; *Native Peoples of the Pacific World*, 1945. Contributed
to scientific journals.

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WESLEY C. CLARK

Acting Head of Placement Bureau, Syracuse University, New York

Born: September 17, 1907

Education: A.B. 1930, Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio; M.A. 1937,
& Ph.D. 1942, University of Pennsylvania

Various temporary assignments as reporter with the
Philadelphia Bulletin, Philadelphia Inquirer, Marietta
Times.

1937-42 University of Pennsylvania, Assistant Publicity
Director and Instructor in Government.

1943-44 War Shipping Administration, Washington, Assistant
Chief, Research and Statistics Section.

1944-46 Assistant to the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

1946-date School of Journalism, Syracuse University.

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GILBERT LYLE BELSLEY

Commissioner for Special Services, Federal Security Agency
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Born January 5, 1905, in Roanoke, Illinois; (son of Benjamin Wesley and Bessie Evaline (Wolfe).)

B.A. 1926, M.A. 1927, Pomona College. Ph.D. 1930, Robert Brookings Graduate School of Economics and Government.

(Married Dorothy E. Fricke Sept. 25, 1931; children--Robert Lyle, David Alan.)

Aust. Investigator, U. S. Personnel Classification Board, August 1928-29; U. S. Bureau of Efficiency, Feb.-September 1929. Assisted in reorganization survey of North Carolina State Government by the Institute for Government Research of Brookings Institution, July-December 1930. Assistant in Personnel Administration, U. S. Personnel Classification Board, Dec. 1930-Sept. 1931; Senior Research Assistant, 1931-32. Held same position with U. S. Civil Service Commission, 1932-33.

Director of Personnel, Farm Credit Administration, 1933-35. Director, Civil Service Assembly of U. S. and Canada, 1935-40. Consultant on Public Administration, Advisory Commission to Council of National Defense and Office for Emergency Management, 1940-41. Assistant Executive Secretary, Office of Production Management and War Production Board, 1941-42. Executive Secretary, WPB, 1942-45. Director, Bureau of Demobilization, Civilian Production Administration, 1945-46. Assistant Administrator, National Housing Agency, 1946-47. Director of Organization and Personnel, Atomic Energy Commission, Jan-March 1947; Assistant General Manager, April 1947; Secretary, National Security Resources Board, 1947-49. Commissioner for Special Services, Federal Security Agency, since Feb. 1949.

Consultant, President's Committee on Administrative Management, Nov. 1936-Jan. 1937. Recipient of National Distinguished Service Award, U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1937.

Member, American Society of Public Administration, American Political Science Association, Civil Service Assembly of the U. S. and Canada, Society for Personnel Administration, Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Sigma Rho.

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LAWRENCE WILLIAM CRAMER

Former Governor of the Virgin Islands, Secretary General of the Caribbean Commission.

Born December 26, 1897, in New Orleans.

B.A. University of Wisconsin, 1923; M.A., Columbia University, 1926.

Secretary, Chi Psi, Ann Arbor, Mich., 1923-25. Instructor, Department of Government, Columbia, 1926-31. Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands, 1931-35; Governor, 1935-41. Executive Secretary, Committee on Fair Employment Practice, O.P.M.

Member 120th F.A., 32d Div., World War; wounded in action, Argonne, Oct. 28, 1918; major, U. S. Army, 1943.

Author: Diplomatic Background of the World War, 1929.

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