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Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretary Doty

From: James P. Davis

Subject: Candidates for High Commissioner of the Trust Territory
and Governor of American Samoa



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I cannot emphasize too strongly the need for immediate action on the appointment of a High Commissioner for the Trust Territory and Governor of American Samoa. As a result of the delay in these appointments, we have had to prepare and defend fiscal 1952 budget estimates of the Federal grants needed by these governments without the participation of the civilian heads who will have primary responsibility for carrying forward the governmental programs. We will also be faced soon with the necessity of taking action on bids for the sea and air transportation services for the Trust Territory, in which the civilian High Commissioner should also participate. Furthermore, we have the herculean task of recruiting and transporting before July 1, 1951, about 300 civilian replacements for naval personnel. I hope we can avoid having to request a postponement of the transfer. I believe we can still meet the present schedule if we get able heads appointed soon.

In the hope that you will be able to discuss this with the Secretary on the West Coast and en route home, I am setting forth below the names of persons, listed in order of priority, who we believe are qualified for these posts. We do not know whether persons having an asterisk by their name would be willing to accept an appointment offer.

High Commissioner of the Trust Territory

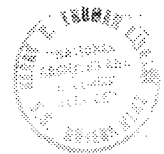
1. William L. Batt, Jr. (Recommended by Mrs. Roosevelt, Averill Harriman, Justice Roberts, Kennan Williams, Archibald Alexander, Senator O'Mahoney, and others.)
2. Jonathan Daniels,* Editor, Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer.
3. Knowles A. Ryerson,* Dean of the California State Agricultural College at Davis; Chairman of the Pacific Science Board of the National Research Council; and Chairman of the South Pacific Research Council of the South Pacific Commission.

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4. Roger W. Jones,* Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget.
5. Fred K. Hoehler,* Director, Department of Public Welfare, State of Illinois.
6. Herbert Emerich,* Executive Director, Public Administration Clearing House, Chicago, Illinois.
7. H. Clyde Reeves, Commissioner of Revenue, State of Kentucky.

Governor of American Samoa

1. Oren E. Long, Secretary of Hawaii.
2. John Packard, candidate in Los Angeles recommended by Helen Cabagan Douglas.
3. Senator Frank P. Graham.
4. William Zimmerman,* Assistant Director, Bureau of Land Management.
5. William Wade Head, Southern Plains Area Director, U. S. Indian Service.
6. Felix Kessing,* Senior U. S. Commissioner on the South Pacific Commission, Professor of Anthropology at Stanford University, and expert on South Pacific.
7. Charles LaFollette,* former Executive Director of Americans For Democratic Action and former Congressman from Indiana.
8. H. L. Wilson,* Director of Extension Work, Department of Agriculture.
9. Luther H. Gulick,* Director, Institute of Public Administration, New York.
10. Gilbert Lyle Salsley,* Commissioner for Special Services, Federal Security Agency.
11. Henry Reining,* Professor of Public Administration, University of Southern California.



You will note that a number of new names have been added to earlier lists. If you and the Secretary could let us know which of the above would be acceptable from your viewpoint, we would be glad to ascertain definitely whether such persons would accept an appointment so that the White House clearance process can be set in motion immediately upon the Secretary's return.

(Sgd.) James P. Davis

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