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MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR ADAMS:

I looked into the status of Frank Midkiff, High Commissioner of the Trust Territories, and into his desire to be given the rank of minister.

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As I understand it, Donald Lourie at the State Department, discussed this with the Under Secretary of the Interior. The Under Secretary was to check with Secretary McKay and, if McKay felt that Midkiff should be given the rank of minister, he was to get in touch with the Secretary of State.

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To date, the State Department has received no word from Secretary McKay. They are assuming that the matter is closed.

Your advice, please.

Charles F. Willis, Jr.
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What was the last word
we had from State?
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September 17, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Orme Lewis
Assistant Secretary of Interior

Referring to your telephone conversation to my office today, attached is copy of the letter about which you inquired.

Charles F. Willis, Jr.

Enclosure:
copy of Gov. Adams' ltr. 9/9/53 to Frank Lidkiff

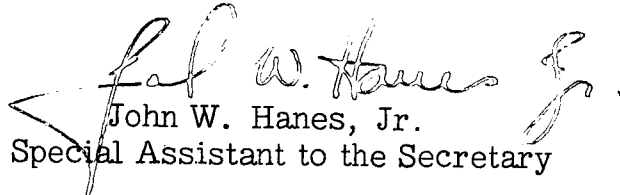


September 12, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE HONORABLE
SHERMAN ADAMS

I am returning to you the attached
correspondence between yourself and
Mr. Midkiff, per your request.

I have had copies of this correspondence
made, and have submitted them to Mr. Lourie,
who presently has this case under advisement.


John W. Hanes, Jr.
Special Assistant to the Secretary

Attachment:
Correspondence re.
Mr. Midkiff.



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MEMO TO: The Secretary of State *Xa.F.8*
FROM: Sherman Adams

The enclosed correspondence from Mr. Midkiff on the question of his status may be of interest to you. Copy of my recent letter to him is attached.

After this has served its purpose, will you please return the correspondence to me.

Enc. - Copy of our ltr to Mr. Midkiff dated 9/9/53
3 ltrs to Gov. Adams from Mr. Midkiff dated 7/25/53, 8/16/53, 8/27/53.



WASHINGTON

THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

September 9, 1953

Dear Mr. Midkiff:

Upon my return to Washington, I have read with interest your recent letters.

I do not think there is anything further for you to do to aid in resolving the question of your rank. As I understand it, there has been no final determination made, as yet, in the matter.

Thank you also for sending your report of your 1951 trip. I am sure it will prove helpful.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Frank E. Midkiff
High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Honolulu, T. H.



August 27 1953

Dear Governor Adams:

Yesterday I returned Admiral Felix B Stamps courtesy call. Quite to my surprise he had an honor guard lined up. The band played flourishes & ruffles, The Star Spangled Banner, and then there was a 19-gun salute. It rather constituted a notice observed by all in these parts. When I was in Washington, I was just as much surprised by General Samuel C. Shepherd, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, when he accorded me honors at a review.

I mention this today because the officials in this part of the Pacific and in the services are recognizing me at the same personal rank as my predecessors. I really hope now that I am not forced to correct their impressions. They all seem quite pleased to have it so.

Is there anything I can do further to aid in establishing the question in my favor?

I am sure the work in the Trust Territory is going to prove of outstanding international significance, and more so as the years go by, at any rate until things are settled in the Pacific. I believe it is a benefit to our country to have one in this work and with the increasing international contacts, who has the personal rank of Ambassador. We have nothing quite like it in the Atlantic. Our opportunities to step up our influence through this Trust Territory idea are growing. I believe the officials of both State and Interior agree as to the desirability of Ambassadorial rank for the post. Ambassadors Allison and Secretary McKay have so signified.

Aloha and best wishes. Yours sincerely,
Frank Middleton




HIGH COMMISSIONER
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

August 26, 1953

Governor Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor Adams:

It was very encouraging to read the memorandum from Mr. Harold E. Stassen, Director of Foreign Operations Administration, concerning the development of water for the Arab World.

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It is, in my opinion, the very best approach to meeting their basic requirements and giving them good reasons and opportunity for being friends to our cause.

You were very kind also to send me the statement made by the Department of State concerning this same subject. I think State's attitude in this is excellent.



I notice that Governor Adlai Stevenson is going to report to the President concerning his five-months trip around the world. I think it is a fine thing for him to do and should be of very great interest.

Thinking that you might be interested in noting my report of a similar trip taken two years ago, the last four months of 1951, I am enclosing it for your perusal. It may also be of interest in connection with Ambassador Lodge's present efforts to avoid Red China's seat in the United Nations.

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subject of
Ambassadorial
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With aloha, I am

Yours sincerely

Frank Midkiff

Frank E. Midkiff

Enclosure