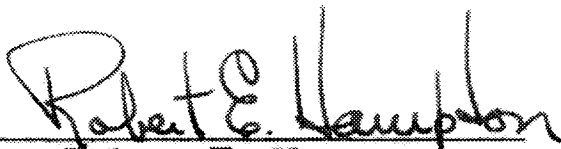


Attached are:

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1. Transmittal letter from Ambassador Lodge
2. Letter of resignation from Mr. Sears
3. Suggested letter of reply for the President's signature

Mr. Hampton's office to be notified when the letter is signed.


Robert E. Hampton

Letter of Acceptance to State, Mrs Richardson: 7/22/60

Dear Mr. President:

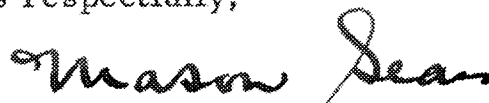
By this letter I respectfully submit my resignation as United States Representative on the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, to take effect, if convenient to you, on July 31 next. This date seems appropriate since the Council has finished its spring session and presumably will have no business before it until its next regular session in the latter part of January 1961.

It is now more than seven years since you appointed me to this position and I must tell you that I have enjoyed every moment of my service. During this period the international trusteeship system has made such progress that perhaps only as few as three of the eleven one time trust territories will be in existence after next year. Most of the trusteeship progress, of course, is taking place in Africa where formerly non-self-governing territories are achieving independence in such numbers that African member states are about to become one of the great groups in the U. N.

As you have often pointed out, these newly developing countries, which are experiencing today so many of the problems that marked our own initial period of independence, deserve the understanding and cooperation of the United States.

In closing I must thank you for the great privilege of serving under your administration and for the honor of representing you personally during the last two journies which I have made to Africa.

Yours respectfully,



Mason Sears

The President,
The White House.