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**NIGHT LETTER**

**The Honorable  
Wayne <sup>x</sup>Aspinall  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.**

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**Lyndon B. Johnson**

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*Owen S. <sup>x</sup>Aspinall*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

PROPOSED TELEGRAM TO CONG. WAYNE ASPINALL:

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SAN ANTONIO, TEX. (AP)-PRESIDENT JOHNSON ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA--OWEN S. ASPINALL, 39-YEAR-OLD SON OF REP. WAYNE N. ASPINALL, D-COLO.

THE YOUNGER ASPINALL WILL SUCCEED H. REX LEE AS GOVERNOR OF THE SEVEN ISLANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT. HIS FATHER IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE INTERIOR COMMITTEE.

OWEN ASPINALL, MARRIED TO A SAMOAN, HAS BEEN GOVERNOR SECRETARY OF THE ISLANDS SINCE NOVEMBER 1962. THE POSITION IS EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

LEE, WHO WAS HOST TO JOHNSON WHEN THE PRESIDENT VISITED THE MAIN ISLAND AND ITS CAPITAL OF PAGO PAGO LAST OCTOBER DURING HIS ASIAN TOUR, WILL BE GIVEN A NEW ASSIGNMENT NOT YET ANNOUNCED.

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