

EXECUTIVE

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September 18, 1968

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

It is with sincere regret that I accept your resignation as United States Representative on the United Nations Trusteeship Council and as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State.

In your long and productive career, you have won the affection and esteem of people throughout the world. Your wise counsel has been valued by four Presidents. You have served your country with great distinction.

I am sorry to be losing you, but you take with you my every good wish for the future.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Honorable Eugenie^x Anderson
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

LBJ:PB:pcs

cc Juanita Roberts/Will Sparks/Loyd Hackler/Walt Rostow/
Charles Maguire/Peter Benchley/CF

Revised: Tex: 9/20/68

Orig to Mrs Richardson, Dept of State, Rm 7333-E: 9/20/68

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September 19, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. MACY

The President has signed the following:

Letter to Eugenie Anderson, accepting her resignation as United States Representative on the United Nations Trusteeship Council and as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State

Postmaster nominations -- Arthur I. Montoya, to be Postmaster at Palm Desert, California, et al

The Press Office is being advised of these actions and the time of release will, of course, be determined by that office.

William J. Hopkins

bcc: Mr. Blackburn
Mr. Manatos
Mr. Sanders
Mr. Sprague
Mr. Temple

NOT TO BE GIVEN OUT TO ANYONE

No announcement was ever made of the exchange of ltrs between Mrs. Anderson and the President.

We have been informed by William J. Hopkins that it is his information that nothing is to be said or put out regarding Mrs. Anderson for the time being.

We are to tell no one until we receive further info from him.

Tom Jones

September 23, 1968

Respectfully referred for
the files of the Department of
State.

William J. Hopkins
Executive Assistant
to the President

Ltr, 9/11/68, from Eugenie Anderson to the President, submitting her resignation as Representative of the United Nations Trusteeship Council and as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, asking for an effective date not later than the end of the month. Ltr., 9/18/68, accepting above resignation, no effective date, apparently as requested.

(Sent to the attn of Mrs. Richardson, State Department, Rm. 7333-E)

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CF

FOR NAT DAVIS

I know very little -- i. e. absolutely nothing
-- about the career of Eugenie Anderson.
Could you do up a rough draft -- and let me
edit as necessary.

Charles M.

CM:pcs

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1968

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to submit my resignation as United States Representative on the United Nations Trusteeship Council and as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, to be effective, I would hope, not later than the end of this month. My reasons are entirely personal, which I am sure you will understand.

Mr. President, it has been a great honor to serve under your inspiring leadership. I want to express my deep gratitude to you for having given me the opportunity of being a member of your historic Administration.

I have especially enjoyed working under your truly great Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk, and I sincerely regret taking my leave from him.

I am confident that there will come a time when our country will appreciate, as I do now, the tremendous strides forward which you have taken to benefit all our people, as well as your courageous stand in behalf of our nation's security and a more peaceful future for all mankind.

With warmest personal regards,

Respectfully yours,



Eugenie Anderson

The President,
The White House.

9/30/68

Loyd Hackler

TO: ~~TOM JOHNSON~~ - TEXAS PRESS OFFICE

FROM: TOM JONES - Records Office

President Johnson has accepted the resignation of Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, of Red Wing, Minnesota, as Representative of the United States on the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations. She was appointed to this position on September 11, 1965.

Mrs. Anderson is also leaving the position of Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, a post to which she was appointed by the Secretary on April 15, 1968.

Other positions Mrs. Anderson has held are:

America's first woman Ambassador as U. S. Ambassador to Denmark, from 1949 to 1953.

First American woman to serve as Chief of Mission to an Eastern European country, having been U. S. Minister to Bulgaria from 1962 to 1965.

Alternate Representative of the U. S. to the 20th Session of the General Assembly of the UN in 1965.

Alternate Representative of the U. S. to the 21st Session of the General Assembly of the UN in 1966.

Representative of the U. S. to the 5th Special Session of the General Assembly of the UN in 1967.

Mrs. Anderson was born in Adair, Iowa, in May 1909. She is married to John Pierce Anderson, has two married children and six grandchildren.

(She is leaving for entirely personal reasons) * (Not stated in the letter is that she is going to play a big role in the Humphrey campaign)

Our file
April 10, 1968

BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

OF

AMBASSADOR EUGENIE ANDERSON

The Department of State recently announced the appointment of Ambassador Eugenie Anderson of Minnesota as Special Assistant to the Secretary, effective April 15. Ambassador Anderson has been serving, since September 1965, as U.S. Representative on the U.N. Trusteeship Council and as a Member of the U.S. Delegation to the U.N. As Special Assistant, she will assist the Secretary with liaison with community groups and non-governmental institutions and in evaluating the effectiveness of U.S. participation in such programs as trusteeship and other related U.N. matters, as well as international educational, cultural and other activities. She will continue to have the personal rank of Ambassador.

Ambassador Anderson, who served as America's first woman Ambassador was U.S. Ambassador to Denmark from 1949 to 1953. She was also the first American woman to serve as Chief of Mission to an Eastern European country, having been U.S. Minister to Bulgaria from 1962 to 1965.

During her assignment to Bulgaria, Mrs. Anderson negotiated and concluded the Financial War Claims Agreement. She also resolved a number of long-standing citizenship cases, by which American citizens residing in Bulgaria were permitted to return to the United States.

Mrs. Anderson began studying Bulgarian after her arrival there, and on July 4, 1963, became the first Western diplomat to speak in Bulgarian on the State TV and Radio. She also made TV and Radio speeches in Bulgarian in December 1963, shortly after President Kennedy's assassination and again on July 4, 1964. As a result of these TV and Radio speeches, as well as personal visits to many parts of Bulgaria, Mrs. Anderson became widely known among the Bulgarians who often called her by her first name.

Among her other official activities in Bulgaria was the promotion of American exhibits, cultural exchanges and high-level visits.

During her previous assignment as Ambassador to Denmark, Mrs. Anderson contributed greatly to the strengthening of friendly relationships between Denmark and the United States. In addition to the important Greenland Agreement, she negotiated a Fulbright Agreement for the exchange of Danish and American scholars and students, and she became the first woman to sign a treaty in behalf of the United States with the conclusion of the Treaty of Trade and Navigation in 1951.

Mrs. Anderson is perhaps more widely known, however, for her popularity with the Danes and success in interpreting the United States to them. Five months after her arrival in Copenhagen -- in May 1950 -- the new Ambassador had learned enough Danish to make a nationwide Mother's Day broadcast. The Danes, who know few foreigners attempt to learn their difficult language, were amazed at Mrs. Anderson's accent and fluency. On the basis of this "introduction", the people of Denmark developed an affection for her never before accorded any foreign diplomat.

Immediately after her resignation in 1953 as Ambassador to Denmark, Mrs. Anderson was decorated with the "Grand Cross of the Order of Dannebrog" by King Frederick IX in recognition of the esteem with which the Danish people and Government regarded her. Never before in the history of Denmark had a woman received such a high Danish decoration.

While Mrs. Anderson's diplomatic achievements have won high praise from professional diplomats, she was trained for a musical career. Music was her major study at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, and Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. She continued her study of music at the Institute of Musical Art in New York City after her marriage. Mrs. Anderson received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws from Carleton College in June 1963, from Simpson College in May 1954, and in February 1965 she was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Temple University.

Mrs. Anderson, the daughter of a Methodist minister, and a native Iowan, lived in Iowa until 1930, when she met and married John Pierce Anderson. After several years of study in New York, the Andersons returned to Red Wing, Minnesota, and settled down at Tower View, the family farm, where they still reside. They have two grown, married children, and six grandchildren.

It was not until after Mrs. Anderson had made a trip to Europe in 1937 and observed conditions which were leading to World War II that she became actively concerned with international problems. She began an intensive study of democratic government, worked in the League of Women Voters, served on the School Board and other civic organizations. In 1944, she entered Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party politics, and also lectured extensively on the United Nations and other foreign policy issues.

In 1948, Mrs. Anderson was elected Democratic National Committee-woman and a Minnesota Delegate-at-Large to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Known throughout Minnesota simply as "Eugenie", she also has been active in State and National affairs. She served from 1955 to 1960 as Chairman of the Minnesota State Commission for Fair Employment Practices, having been the first Minnesota woman to serve as the Chairman of a State Commission. Also from 1959 to 1961 she was a member of the Board of Directors for the American Association for the United Nations, a Board Member of the United States Committee for Refugees, and a member of the Democratic National Advisory Committee on Foreign Policy.

In 1961, the Andersons made a seven-months' tour of the Far East and India. While in India, from January to June 1961, Mrs. Anderson lectured in all the major cities under the auspices of the Asia Foundation and the Indian Council of World Affairs. Recently, the Andersons have travelled extensively in Eastern Europe.

Shortly after her appointment to the UN Trusteeship Council, Mrs. Anderson made an official tour of the United States Trust Territory in the Western Pacific.

In May and June of 1966, Mrs. Anderson made a five-weeks' tour of Africa as the Chief United States Delegate on the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization.

Late in 1967, she visited South Vietnam at the request of President Johnson.

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