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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD
FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *Walker*
SUBJECT: Ambassador to Spain.

Attached for your signature is the nomination document for Wells Stabler, of the District of Columbia, a Foreign Service Officer of Class one, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Spain vice Admiral Horacio Rivero, United States Navy, Retired, who has resigned.

Mr. Stabler is currently serving as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of State for European Affairs.

All necessary checks have been completed. This action reflects your decision of December 2, 1974.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES
FROM: KEN LAZARUS *KL*
SUBJECT: WELLS STABLER (PAS)
(Ambassador to Spain)

This is to notify you that the Counsel's Office has taken the following action with respect to the above-named individual:

- 1) Statement of Employment and Financial Interests, approved N/A *
- 2) Security Clearance, approved 12-17-74
- 3) Special Clearances, approved 12-5-74
- 4) National Security Clearances,
approved _____
required and pending _____
not required at this time x

Comments:

* Conflicts of Interest handled directly by State Department.

Date: 12-18-74

cc: Bill Walker
Bob Linder



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD
FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *Walker*
SUBJECT: Wells Stabler as Ambassador to
Spain

The attached memorandum has evoked the following responses:

Concurrence - Buchen, Marsh, Scowcroft, and Timmons.

No Opinion - Hartmann.

Attachments



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD
FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *Walker*
SUBJECT: Wells Stabler as Ambassador to Spain

In the attached memorandum of November 20, 1974, Deputy Secretary Ingersoll indicates your decision to nominate Wells Stabler as Ambassador to Spain (Tab A). This memorandum seeks confirmation of that decision in order that I may undertake those steps necessary to effect this nomination on a priority basis.

Stabler, 55, is a career Foreign Service Officer who currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs. From 1969 to 1973 he served as DCM in Rome; and his career profile is attached for your review (Tab B). Stabler would succeed Admiral Horacio Rivero, a non-career officer, who has served in Madrid since October 1972.

WR Approve

_____ Disapprove

Attachments: Tabs A - B



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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November 20, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT S. INGERSOLL *RSI*
ACTING SECRETARY

SUBJECT: Nomination of Ambassador to Spain

Pursuant to your decision to nominate Wells Stabler (FSO-1), Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European Affairs, as Ambassador to Spain, I have initiated the necessary security investigation on a priority basis.

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WELLS STABLER

Mr. Stabler received a B.A. from Harvard in 1941. He served briefly with the United States Army, Second Lieutenant, until disqualified on physical grounds. He joined the Foreign Service Auxiliary in 1941 and served with the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs as Divisional Assistant. In 1944 he served with the Committee on Post-War problems, Assistant to Executive Secretary. From 1944-48 he was assigned to Jerusalem as Consular Officer, Political Officer. He was appointed an FSO-6 in May 1947.

His other assignments include:

1948-49 - Amman, Liaison Officer for United States Member, Security Council Truce Commission in Jerusalem; Chargé, 1949

1949-53 - Near East and South Asian Affairs, Palestine Desk Officer; Officer in Charge Egypt and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan Affairs 1949; Acting Deputy Director, 1952 (FSO-4, 1951).

1953-57 - Rome, Political Officer, Chief of Internal Reporting Unit, 1955 (FSO-3, 1957)

1957-58 - Near East and South Asian Affairs, Officer in Charge, UAR-Sudan Affairs

1958-60 - European Affairs, Officer in Charge, Swiss-Benelux; Italian-Austrian Affairs

1960-65 - Paris, Chief of Internal Affairs Unit (FSO-2, 1964)

1965-66 - Senior Seminar

1966-69 - European Affairs, Country Director (FSO-1
1968)

1969-73 - Rome, Deputy Chief of Mission

1973 to present - European Affairs, Deputy Assistant
Secretary

He is married to the former Emily Atkinson and they
have four children.

Date of Birth: October 31, 1919

Legal Residence: Greenwich, Connecticut



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 2, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL WALKER

FROM:

JERRY JONES

SUBJECT:

Wells Stabler as Ambassador to Spain

Confirming a phone call to your office on Saturday, the President has reviewed your memo of November 26th on the above subject and has approved the appointment of Mr. Stabler.

The White House,

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To the
Senate of the United States.

I nominate Wells Stabler, of the District of
Columbia, a Foreign Service Officer of Class one, to be
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the
United States of America to Spain.

Gerald R. Ford

