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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB LINDER
FROM: JERRY H. JONES

It has been requested that the appointment of J. Raymond Bell as a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission be processed but that the order appointing him as Chairman of the Commission be held.

Thank you.

cc: Al Haig



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR. 

SUBJECT: J. Raymond Bell

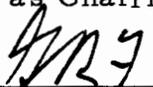
This morning you asked me to check on the nomination of J. Raymond Bell as both a Member and Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission. My inquiry has determined that:

a) President Nixon on July 9, 1974 announced his intention to nominate J. Raymond Bell for reappointment as a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission for a term of three years. The President also announced that Mr. Bell would be redesignated Chairman of the Commission upon his confirmation and reappointment. (Tab A).

b) Last week the Senate confirmed Bell even though there was a hold on his nomination. As a result, a commission was forwarded and you did sign it; however, it only appointed him as a Member not as Chairman. In addition, the commission is still in our possession and has not been signed by the Secretary of State or has not been affixed with the Presidential Seal.

c) Finally, the order appointing Bell as Chairman has not been signed by you and is at Tab B.

Recommend we proceed with the appointment of Bell as a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, but hold the order appointing him as Chairman of the Commission.

 Approve _____ Disapprove

Attachments





Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate J. Raymond Bell, of the District of Columbia, for reappointment as a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission for a term of three years. The President also announced that Mr. Bell would be redesignated Chairman of the Commission upon his confirmation and reappointment.

Mr. Bell has held this position since November 1, 1973, and has served as Chairman of the Commission since his designation on November 11, 1973. He is serving a term as Member expiring October 21, 1974.

He was born on January 7, 1908, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Bell is a graduate of the Atlanta Law School and has been admitted to the bars of Georgia, New York and the District of Columbia. Before his appointment in 1973, he had been associated with the Washington office of the California based law firm of Wyman, Bautzer, Rothman and Kuchel. For 24 years until December 1972, Mr. Bell was with Columbia Picture Industries, Inc., and was Vice President for Corporate and Government Relations when he left the firm. Earlier he was an executive of Capital Airlines and a reporter with the Atlanta Georgian-American and the Detroit Times.

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission has jurisdiction to determine claims of the United States nationals against foreign governments for compensation for losses and injuries sustained by them, pursuant to programs authorized under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 and the War Claims Act of 1948. Available funds have their sources in international settlements, or liquidation of foreign assets in this country by the Departments of the Treasury or Justice, and from public funds when provided by Congress. The Commission was established by Reorganization Plan 1 of 1954 and consists of three members serving terms of three years.

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ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of Reorganization Plan
Number One of 1954, I hereby designate J. Raymond Bell
as Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission
of the United States.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

