



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1974

PLACE: OEOB
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DATE: April 11, 1974

SUBJECT: Meeting with United States Ambassador to
Mauritius, Philip W. Manhard

PARTICIPANTS: The Vice President
Mr. Marsh

Ambassador Philip W. Manhard

The Vice President met for approximately 10 minutes with Ambassador Manhard who is the first Foreign Service Officer POW in Vietnam to become an Ambassador. His new post will be Mauritius which takes on added significance because of the Diego Garcia matter.

The Ambassador discussed his Foreign Service career including some events associated with his POW experience. He also outlined the importance of the forthcoming post and talked about the economic, political, and military significance of Mauritius which has an excellent port.

He pointed out that sugar cane was their principal crop, and that Admiral Zumwalt had spoken with Congressman Poage about the sugar situation on Mauritius.

He said that he had spoken with Admiral Guyler and he understands that the Navy wishes to change the command structure and have a combined command covering the Mauritius and Diego Garcia area which now are divided with Mauritius being under CINCLANT and Diego Garcia under CINCPAC.

Prepared by: Mr. Marsh

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Marsh", written over the printed name "Mr. Marsh".



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March 27, 1974

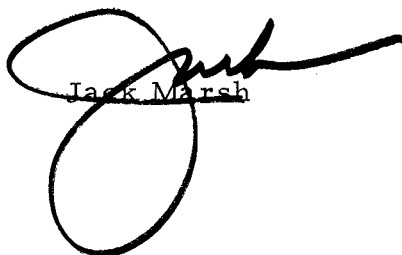
MEMORANDUM FOR

THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Ambassador Philip W. Manhard

Attached is a short biography of Philip Manhard, former State Department POW who has been nominated and confirmed as Ambassador to Mauritius. He is the first State Department POW to attain Ambassadorial rank. He will be here in Washington until early May when he departs for his post. The President has agreed to receive him for a picture taking session prior to his departure.

I recommend that you see him for 10 minutes sometime prior to his departure.


Jack Marsh

Will see him

Will not see him

Apr 11
2:30 P.M.

PHILIP W. MANHARD

Position for which considered: Ambassador to Mauritius

Present Position: Member, Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy

Office Address: Department of State, Washington, D. C.

Born: November 13, 1921, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Legal Residence: Clearwater, Florida

Marital Status: Married

Family: Wife: former Margaret Booth
Children: Philip Leroy
Virginia Rose
Richard King

Home Address: 8401 Parkam Court
McLean, Virginia

Education: B.A. 1943, University of Southern
California

Language Ability: Japanese, Chinese, and useful French

Experience:

Military
1943-44
1944-46

United States Navy
United States Marine Corps, Captain, 1953

Non-Government
1941-42
1946-48

With IBM
With IBM and Standard Oil

Government
1948-49
1949-50
1951
1951-53
1953-54
1954-59

1956
1958
1959-62
1962-64
1963

Language Training, Peiping; FSO-6
Political Officer, Tientsin
FSO-5
Political Officer, Pusan and Seoul
Political Officer Seoul
Japanese Language Training, then
Political Officer, Tokyo
FSO-4; FSO-5
FSO-4
Korean Desk Officer, Department
Deputy Political Adviser, CINCPAC
FSO-3

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| 1964-67 | Deputy Director, Office of Regional Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs |
| 1967 | Province Senior Adviser, CORDS, Thua Thien Province (Hue), South Vietnam |
| 1968-73 | Prisoner of Viet Cong |
| 1970 | FSO-2 |
| 1973 to present | Member, Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy |

Awards:

Award for Valor, 1973

January 1974



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 20, 1974

Dear Jack:

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As we discussed at the leadership breakfast on Wednesday, we are casting about for ways to spotlight the urgency of support for the eight pieces of legislation which make up our assistance to Indochina this year. We will have our Public Affairs Bureau get onto the Viet Nam Veterans' Day from our side. I'll hope to hear from you as to the Vice President's reaction to a speech on the theme. I have enclosed a short biography of Phil Manhard, former POW who has been nominated and confirmed as Ambassador to Mauritius. He will be here in Washington until early May, when he departs for his post. We have tentatively arranged for the President to receive him for a picture-taking session at noon on Monday. A phone call is all we would need to get him over for a call on the Vice President, which we would very much like if the schedule permits on your side.

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Regards,

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Kempton B. Jenkins

Ext 25184

Enclosure

Honorable Jack Marsh
 Assistant to the Vice President
 for Defense Affairs
 Executive Office Building
 Washington, D.C. 20501

*Bob - call
 Kemp Jenkins and
 advise status
 here. Touch base
 P/A M*

*Tell him this is
 in the mail, have ans
 soon, hope it will be yes!*




OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

9 April 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Jack Marsh *M*

SUBJECT: Meeting with Ambassador Manhard

You are scheduled to meet with Ambassador Manhard on
Thursday, April 11th at .

2:30

A biographic sketch of Ambassador Manhard is attached.

Attachment:

Biographic sketch

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JM'.

PHILIP W. MANHARD

Biographic Sketch

Born on November 13, 1921, Ambassador Manhard graduated from the University of Southern California in 1943. He served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1944 and in the Marine Corps from 1944 to 1946. During the post-war years, Ambassador Manhard was employed by IBM and Standard Oil.

Philip Manhard began his career in the Foreign Service in 1948 as a Chinese language officer. Subsequently, he was assigned in 1949 to Tientsin as political officer. In 1951 he became political officer at Pusan and Seoul, serving there until 1954. Between 1954 and 1959, Ambassador Manhard was assigned to Japanese language training and as political officer at Tokyo.

After serving as Korean desk officer in the Department of State, Ambassador Manhard returned to the Pacific in 1962 as Deputy Political Advisor, CINCPAC. Following this tour, Ambassador Manhard became, in 1964, Deputy Director, Office of Regional Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

In 1967 Philip Manhard was assigned as Province Senior Adviser in Thua Thien Province (Hue), South Vietnam where **a year later he was taken prisoner by the Viet Cong.** Upon **his release in 1973** Ambassador Manhard was presented the award for valor.

Ambassador Manhard was a member of the Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy until he was sworn in as Ambassador to Mauritius on March 19, 1974.

Ambassador Manhard is married to the former Margaret Booth. They have three children.

Ambassador Manhard was the first POW foreign service officer to be named as an Ambassador.

March 1974

