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Washington, D.C. 20520

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December 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM N. WALKER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Nomination of Ambassador
to Great Britain

Transmitted herewith is a Memorandum for the President confirming his agreement to nominate ~~Elliot L. Richardson~~ as Ambassador to Great Britain and advising him that we have initiated the required security clearance.

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Margo M. Boyle
Office of the Secretary

Attachment:

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WASHINGTON

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December 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT S. INGERSOLL *RSI*
ACTING SECRETARY

SUBJECT: Nomination of Ambassador
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Pursuant to your discussion with Secretary Kissinger and your decision to nominate Elliot L. Richardson, now serving as a Distinguished Scholar with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, as Ambassador to Great Britain, I have initiated the necessary security investigation on a priority basis.

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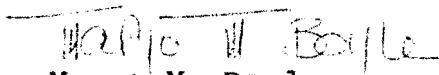
December 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM N. WALKER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Nomination of Ambassador
to Great Britain

Transmitted herewith is a Memorandum for the President transmitting the nomination of Elliot L. Richardson as Ambassador to Great Britain. He would succeed Walter Annenberg who has resigned.

Attached is a draft press release to be used at the time of the announcement of the appointment.


Margo M. Boyle
Office of the Secretary

Attachments:

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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December 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *IK*

SUBJECT: Nomination of Elliot L. Richardson
as Ambassador to Great Britain

There is attached for your approval the nomination of Elliot L. Richardson, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Great Britain. He would succeed Walter H. Annenberg who has resigned.

Agreement to Mr. Richardson's appointment has been received from the Government of Great Britain.

Mr. Richardson has been accorded a full field investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with his previous Federal employment. This investigation is being brought up to date by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to meet the security requirements for the proposed appointment.

Attachments:

1. Nomination.
2. Biographic sketch.

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Position for which considered: Ambassador to Great Britain

Present Position: Distinguished Scholar of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Office Address: Smithsonian Institution
1000 Jefferson Drive S. W.
Washington, D. C.

Born: July 20, 1920, Boston, Massachusetts

Legal Residence: Boston, Massachusetts

Marital Status: Married

Family: Wife: former Anne Francis Hazard
Children: Henry Shattuck
Anne Hazard
Michael Elliot

Home Address: 1100 Crest Lane, McLean, Virginia

Education: A.B. (cum laude) 1941, LL.B. (cum laude)
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Language Ability: Not stated

Experience:

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1942-45 United States Army, First Lieutenant

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Decorations and Awards: Bronze Star Medal; Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster; Special Citation, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Present and Former Memberships:

Past Director, New England Trust Company, Boston; Salzburg Seminar in American Studies; United Community Services, Boston. Past President, World Affairs Council of Boston. Director and Past Vice President, Massachusetts Bay United Fund. Past Trustee, Brookline Public Library; Cambridge Drama Festival; Radcliffe College; Massachusetts General Hospital. Member, Board of Overseers, Harvard University; Vice Chairman, Committee to visit the John F. Kennedy School of Government. Member, American Law Institute; American, Massachusetts, Boston Bar Associations; Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Elks, Masons, etc. Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Bar Foundation.

Publications:

Freedom of Speech and the Function of Courts, Harvard Law Review; Poisoned Politics, The Real Tragedy of Massachusetts, Atlantic Monthly; Judicial Intervention in the Civil Rights Movement. Boston University Law Review; Significant Individual Participation: The New Challenge in American Government, University of Chicago Law School Record; A Politician Looks at Medical Education (Lowell Lecture), Harvard University Press; and other articles on legal and social subjects.

DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

The White House announced today the President's intention to nominate Elliot L. Richardson, of Massachusetts, as Ambassador to Great Britain. He will succeed Walter H. Annenberg who has resigned.

Mr. Richardson was born in Boston, Massachusetts on July 20, 1920. He was graduated from Harvard with an A.B. (cum laude) in 1941 and received an LL.B. (cum laude) in 1947 from Harvard. He served with the United States Army as a First Lieutenant from 1942-45. From 1947-49 he served as a law clerk for Judge Learned Hand and Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter successively. In 1949 he was made an Associate to the law firm of Ropes, Gray, Best, Coolidge and Rugg of Boston, a firm which he has been twice affiliated. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1950.

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The White House,

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*To the
Senate of the United States.*

I nominate Elliot L. Richardson, of Massachusetts,

to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the
United States of America to Great Britain.

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I have known and worked with Elliot Richardson since he first joined the Eisenhower Administration as Assistant Secretary in HEW. Since that time, his record of public service, both in Massachusetts and successively as Under Secretary of State, Secretary of HEW, Secretary of Defense, and as Attorney General, has been one of extraordinary achievement. I have the highest regard for him, for his intelligence and for his total commitment to public service.

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The United Kingdom is an old ally to whom the United States is bound by profoundly intimate ties of history and strategic interest. It has therefore been our practice to consult with the United Kingdom on a broad range of negotiations and other matters affecting our relations with each other as well as with the Western Alliance. As our Ambassador to the Court of Saint James, Elliot Richardson will continue this practice. Both Secretary Kissinger and I shall seek his wise counsel on these and other subjects. I warmly welcome Elliot Richardson back into the service of our country and am confident that he will represent America with the highest distinction.

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JANUARY 9, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

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WASHINGTON

February 5, 1975

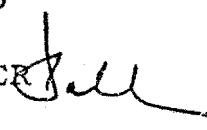
MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM:

WILLIAM N. WALKER 

SUBJECT:

Ambassador to Great Britain

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All necessary checks have been completed.



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NOVEMBER 3, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSEBIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
ON
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Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I have several announcements to make tonight.

First, with respect to foreign policy and national security affairs: You will recall that when I became President a year ago last August, I indicated that I believed it was essential to guarantee stability and continuity in the conduct of U.S. foreign policy. I made a conscious decision, at that time, not to change personnel in the important national security area. I have, however, made a number of significant changes in the Cabinet in the domestic area.

We have now successfully reassured our allies that the United States will stand firm in the face of any threat to our national interest and convinced potential adversaries that America will aggressively seek out ways to reduce the threat of war.

Therefore, I am tonight announcing several personnel changes, which I believe will strengthen the Administration in the important area of national security affairs.

I intend to nominate Donald Rumsfeld as my new Secretary of Defense. Don has served with distinction as a Congressman from Illinois, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, Director of the Cost of Living Council, and Ambassador to NATO. For the past year he has been my senior White House Assistant and a member of my Cabinet. He has the experience and skill needed to help our country maintain a defense capability second to none.

I want to say a special word about Jim Schlesinger. The nation owes Secretary Schlesinger a deep debt of gratitude for his able service to his country as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Director of Central Intelligence and Secretary of Defense.

Henry Kissinger has been serving with distinction as Secretary of State and as my Assistant for National Security Affairs. Secretary Kissinger will relinquish his post as Assistant to the President to devote full time to his responsibilities as Secretary of State.

Brent Scowcroft, who has been serving ably for 3 years as Deputy Assistant at the White House, will move up to Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

For the past year, George Bush has been U.S. Representative to the People's Republic of China. He has served with great skill as a Congressman, and as Ambassador to the United Nations. It is my intention to nominate Ambassador Bush to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The CIA is one of our nation's most important institutions. In recent months, it has been the focus of some controversy. During this difficult period, Bill Colby, as Director of the CIA, has done an outstanding job of working with the Congress to look into and correct any abuses that may have occurred in the past, while maintaining an effective foreign intelligence capability.

Mr. Richard Cheney, who has been serving effectively as Deputy Assistant, will replace Don Rumsfeld as Assistant to the President and will take over his responsibilities for coordinating the White House staff.

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In a separate area, I have one additional personnel announcement to make.

Some weeks ago Secretary of Commerce Rogers Morton indicated to me that after the first of the year he would like to reduce the pace of his activities and resign his current position to return to the private sector.

Rog Morton has served with great distinction in the Congress and in two Cabinet posts for nearly five years. He has earned the respect of Americans everywhere. He has been a long, close, personal friend. I am deeply grateful for his valuable service and I will be calling on him for assistance in the future.

Elliot Richardson will be nominated to become Secretary of Commerce. An able former Secretary of Defense, Secretary of HEW, and Attorney General, Mr. Richardson is presently serving as our Ambassador to Great Britain. I know he will do an outstanding job in his new assignment.

I hope that the Senate will move rapidly to confirm my nominees for those positions which require confirmation.

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