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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 2, 1975

SENSITIVE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM:

WILLIAM N. WALKER

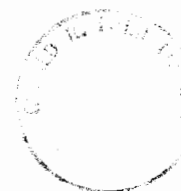
SUBJECT:

Ambassadorial Status Report

There are a total of 123 Ambassadors with Embassies, i. e. country ambassadorial posts. Algeria is, of course, reflected in this report pursuant to our recent resumption of relations with that country. Although the U.S. does not have formal diplomatic ties with the Peoples Republic of China (PRC), and therefore no resident ambassador, the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking is listed but not computed in this report. A currently uneasy state of relations with Sudan prompted the recall of our Ambassador, William D. Brewer; however, this is not recorded as a vacancy since there has been no formal diplomatic break.

At the moment, 6 of these 123 posts are not now occupied by an Ambassador. In one (1) of these 6 cases a candidate has been approved but security is not yet complete (Tab D), and 2 other candidates are pending White House announcement (Tab E). Two (2) other posts will remain vacant for an indefinite period (Tab F), and no candidate is yet in clearance for the remaining assignment (Tab G). Therefore, one (1) actual vacancy exists at this time.

There are also a total of 24 Ambassadors without Embassies, i. e. special ambassadorial assignments. Currently, there are no vacancies (Tab O).



The following chart reflects the vacancy percentages and indicates the number of career and non-career candidates:

AMBASSADORS WITH EMBASSIES

I.	Total Country Ambassadorial Posts (Tab A)	123 (100%)	
II.	Total Posts Currently Vacant (Tab B)	6 (4.8%)	
III.	Candidates Announced But Not Yet Confirmed For Vacant Posts (Tab C)	0 (0.0%)	
	Career		0
	Non-Career		0
IV.	Candidates in Clearance For Vacant Posts Pending State Action (Tab D)	3 (2.4%)	
	Career		0
	Non-Career		1
	Pending WH or NSC Action (Tab E)	2 (1.6%)	
	Career		2
	Non-Career		0
V.	Posts To Remain Vacant Indefinitely (Tab F)	2 (1.6%)	
VI.	No Candidates In Clearance For Vacant Posts, i. e. ACTUAL VACANCIES (Tab G)	1 (0.8%)	

There are 117 Ambassadors currently at post (Tab H), and 9 other candidates are in clearance for non-vacant posts and their nominations will be announced at the same time as the incumbent's resignation or reassignment (Tabs J and K). In 17 other cases there is the potential for change because the incumbent's tenure at post is sufficient to establish eligibility for reassignment or retirement (Tab L). The following chart outlines the status of ambassadorial posts which are not currently vacant:

VII.	Total Posts Not Vacant (Tab H)	117 (95.1%)
	Career	87 (70.7%)
	Non-Career	30 (24.3%)
	Black	6 (4.8%)
	Female	3 (2.4%)
	Spanish Surname	3 (2.4%)
VIII.	Candidates Announced But Not Yet Confirmed For Non-Vacant Posts (Tab I)	0 (0.0%)
	Career	0
	Non-Career	0
IX.	Candidates In Clearance For Non-Vacant Posts Pending State Action (Tab J)	9 (7.3%) 3 (2.4%)
	Career	2
	Non-Career	1
	Pending WH or NSC Action (Tab K)	6 (4.8%)
	Career	3
	Non-Career	3
X.	Posts Not Vacant But Incumbent Eligible For Reassignment Due to Tenure At Post (Tab L)	17 (13.8%)
	Career	17
	Non-Career	0
XI.	Since August 10, 1974, there have been 15 (12.1%) ambassadorial announcements (Tab M). Of these, 14 (11.3%) have been confirmed by the Senate (9 Career, 5 Non-Career), and one (1) nomination (0.8%) has been withdrawn. Bush is listed but not computed as the Peking assignment is not a confirmable position.	

XII. Between November 8, 1972, and August 10, 1974, 91 (75.2%) ambassadorial announcements were made (Tab N). Eighty-nine (73.5%) were confirmed by the Senate (68 Career, 21 Non-Career), one (0.8%) was withdrawn at the nominee's request (0 Career, 1 Non-Career), and one (0.8%) was withdrawn because the candidate declined to serve. No ambassadorial candidates were rejected by the Senate.

AMBASSADORS WITHOUT EMBASSIES

XIII.	Total Non-Embassy Ambassadorial Positions (Tab O)	24 (100%)	
XIV.	Total Positions Currently Vacant (Tab O)	0 (0.0%)	
XV.	Candidates Announced But Not Confirmed (Tab P)	0 (0.0%)	
	Career		0
	Non-Career		0
XVI.	Candidates In Clearance	0 (0.0%)	
	Pending State Action (Tab Q)		0 (0.0%)
	Career		0
	Non-Career		0
	Pending WH or NSC Action		0 (0.0%)
	Career		0
	Non-Career		0
XVII.	Posts For Which No Candidates Are In Clearance	0 (0.0%)	
XVIII.	Total Posts Not Vacant	24 (100%)	
	Career		10 (41.6%)
	Non-Career		14 (58.4%)
	Black		1 (4.1%)
	Female		1 (4.1%)
	Spanish Surname		0 (0.0%)

Attachments: Tabs A - Q