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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM: JERRY JONES

*MAJ*

*[Handwritten signature]*

For reasons I will discuss with you verbally, the President should not appoint C.V. Whitney to an Embassy. I seriously question also the wisdom of the White House urging his appointment to the Foreign Service Selection Board.

*Jerry see me*

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1975

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER 

SUBJECT: C. V. (Sonny) Whitney

You recently suggested that Mr. Whitney be considered for an ambassadorial post. We have found that Mr. Whitney is 76 years old, and he is probably too elderly for such a position. Biographical data is attached at Tab A. We have recommended him to the Department of State to be a Member of the 1975 Foreign Service Selection Board. This is a Board that reviews Foreign Service Officers for possible promotions.

Attachment: Tab A

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**WHITNEY, CORNELIUS VANDERBILT**, corp. ofcl.; b. N.Y.C., Feb. 20, 1899; B.A., Yale, 1922; m. Marie Louise Hosford, Jan. 24, 1958; 5 childre. Founder Pan Am Airways, 1927, chmn. bd., until 1941; founder Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co., 1928, chmn. bd., until 1964, now dir.; pres. Whitney Industries, Inc., 1931—; founder Marine Studios, Inc., 1937, chmn. bd., 1937—; co-producer motion pictures A Star is Born, Rebecca, Gone with the Wind, 1930-36; asst. sec. U.S. Air Force, 1947-49; undersec. commerce, 1949-50; spl. envoy of Pres. to Eng., Luxemburg, Italy, Spain, 1950. Past trustee Whitney Mus. Modern Art, Am. Mus. Natural History; bd. dirs. Philharmonic Soc. N.Y., Inc., Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Inc. Served to 2d Lt. USAAF, World War I; to col. USAAF, 1941-46; CBI, NATOUSA, PTO. Decorated D.S.M., Legion of Merit with battle stars (2). Clubs: Anglers, River, Meadowbrook, Brook (N.Y.C.O. Engaged in restoration ancient sect. Trujillo, Spain; expansion of Paradors system in Spain with Minister Tourism. Home: 834 Fifth Av New York City NY 10021 Office: 250 Park Av New York City NY 10017