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SENSITIVE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD
FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *Walker*
SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Status Report

There are a total of 123 Ambassadors with Embassies, i. e. country ambassadorial posts. 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. The ambassadors to two other posts, Vietnam and Cambodia have been recalled due to recent events, but remain technically the U. S. ambassadors to these countries.

Note that all of the ambassadors serving in the eighteen posts, listed at Tab L, can technically be reassigned at any time because they have all met the two-year tenure requirement, In addition, the ambassadors serving in 16 posts, also listed at Tab L, will become eligible for reassignment within the next six months. Consequently, there are 34 (18 + 16) ambassadors which could technically be reassigned in the next six months.

There are also a total of 26 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

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| I. Total Country Ambassadorial Posts (Tab A) | 123 (100%) |
| II. Total Posts Currently Vacant (Tab B) | 3 (.02%) |

III. Candidates Announced But Not Yet Confirmed For Vacant Posts (Tab C)	1 (.01%)	
Career		1
Non-Career		0
IV. Candidates In Clearance For Vacant Posts Pending State Action (Tab D)	0 (0.0%)	
Career		0 (0.0%)
Non-Career		0 (0.0%)
Pending WH or NSC Action (Tab E)	0 (0.0%)	
Career		0
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)	0 (0.0%)	

There are 121 ambassadors currently at post (Tab H). Two (2) candidates have been announced but not yet confirmed for non-vacant posts (Tab I), and five (5) others have been approved but agreement remains outstanding (Tab J). One (1) other candidate is in clearance. In 18 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 currently occupied:

VII. Total Posts Occupied (Tab H)	121 (97.5%)	
Career		91 (74.4%)
Non-Career		30 (24.3%)
Black		5 (4.0%)
Female		3 (2.4%)
Spanish Surname		2 (1.6%)

VIII.	Candidates Announced But Not Yet Confirmed For Occupied Posts (Tab I)	0 (0.0%)	
	Career		0
	Non-Career		0
IX.	Candidates In Clearance For Occupied Posts Pending State Action (Tab J)	5 (4.2%)	
	Career		3 (2.5%)
	Non-Career		2 (1.6%)
	Pending WH or NSC Action (Tab K)	1 (0.8%)	
	Career		1 (0.8%)
	Non-Career		0(0.0%)
X.	Posts Occupied And Incumbent Eligible For Reassignment Due To Tenure At Post (Tab L)	18 (14.6%)	
	Career		15
	Non-Career		3
XI.	Since August 10, 1974, there have been 32 (26.0) ambassadorial announcements (Tab M). Of these, 31 have been confirmed by the Senate (18 Career, 13 Non-Career), 1 other awaits confirmation, 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)	26 (100%)
XIV.	Total Positions Currently Vacant (Tab O) Pending State Action (Tab Q)	0 (0.0%) 0 (0.0%)

	Career	0 (0.0%)
	Non-Career	0 (0.0%)
	Pending WH or NSC Action	0 (0.0%)
	Career	0 (0.0%)
	Non-Career	0 (0.0%)
XVII.	Posts For Which No Candidates Are In Clearance	0 (0.0%)
XVIII.	Total Posts Not Vacant	26 (100%)
	Career	12 (46.1%)
	Non-Career	14 (58.4%)
	Black	1 (4.1%)
	Female	1 (4.1%)
	Spanish Surname	0 (0.0%)
XIV.	Posts Eligible For Reassignment Within The Next 6 Months	16

Attachments: Tabs A - Q