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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DOUGLAS P. BENNETT

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Personal Rank of Ambassador
for George Aldrich

The President reviewed your memorandum of February 17 and approved bestowing the rank of Ambassador on George Aldrich during his tenure as Head of the U. S. Delegation to the Conference of Government Experts on Possible Prohibition or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons, to be held January 28-February 26; and to a related conference to be held April 21-June 11, the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts.

cc: Dick Cheney

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GEORGE H. ALDRICH

Present Position: Deputy Legal Adviser of the Department of State

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

Born: February 25, 1932, St. Louis, Missouri

Legal Residence: Alexandria, Virginia

Marital Status: Married

Family: Wife: former Rosemary Balmforth
Children: Edward
Stephen
Robert

Home Address: 2203 Martha's Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

Education: B.A. 1954, DePauw University
LL.B. 1957, LL.M. 1958, Harvard Law School

Experience:

Government	
1959-60	Attorney, Office of General Counsel, Department of the Navy
1960-63	Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for International Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense
1963-65	Legal Adviser to the United States Delegation to North Atlantic Council, Paris
1965-69	Assistant Legal Adviser for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department
1969 to present	Deputy Legal Adviser of the Department of State; GS-17; GS-18 present

ALSO:

- Member, United States Delegation to the Conference on Laos (1961)
- Member, Multilateral Force Delegation under Ambassador Merchant (1963)
- Legal Adviser to the United States Delegation to the Paris Meetings on Viet Nam (1969)
- Chairman of the United States Delegation to the 1971 and 1972 Geneva Conferences of Government Experts on International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts and to the 1974 and 1975 Diplomatic Conferences on the same subject

Legal Adviser to Dr. Kissinger for the Viet Nam
Negotiations in Paris in 1972 and 1973, and
principal drafter of the Protocols to the
Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring the
Peace in Viet Nam

January 1976



THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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January 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER ~~X~~

SUBJECT: Personal Rank of Ambassador
for George H. Aldrich

I recommend that George H. Aldrich, a Deputy Legal Advisor of the Department of State, be accorded the personal rank of Ambassador during the tenure of his service as Head of the United States Delegation to a meeting at Lugano, Switzerland, of the Conference of Government Experts on Possible Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons, to be held January 28 - February 26, 1976, and also to a meeting at Geneva, Switzerland, of the related Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts, Third Session, to be held April 21 - June 11, 1976.

Mr. Aldrich has ably led the United States Delegation at the previous sessions of these conferences. As most heads of other delegations to the Diplomatic Conference have the rank of Ambassador and the national security interests involved in both conferences are significant, it is important that Mr. Aldrich be accorded the recommended rank for additional prestige and leverage.

Mr. Aldrich's missions would be of a limited and temporary nature and the personal rank would be conferred in accordance with the provisions of Section 107(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972.

Mr. Aldrich has been accorded security clearance on the basis of a full field investigation by the Department's Office of Security which is being updated.

Attached for your approval is a suggested letter granting Mr. Aldrich the personal rank of Ambassador.

Attachments:

1. Suggested letter.
2. Biographic sketch.

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SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. Aldrich:

It gives me pleasure to accord you the personal rank of Ambassador during your tenure of service as Head of the United States Delegation to a meeting of the Conference of Government Experts on Possible Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons, to be held at Lugano, Switzerland January 28 - February 26, 1976, and also to a meeting of the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts, Third Session, to be held at Geneva, Switzerland, April 21 - June 11, 1976.

With best wishes for success in these missions.

Sincerely,

The Honorable
George H. Aldrich,
Deputy Legal Advisor,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.