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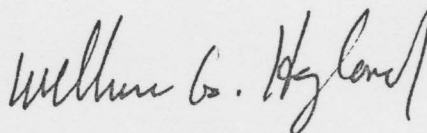
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1976

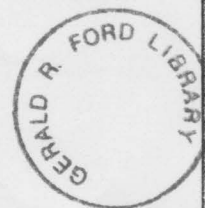
MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Deputy Secretary of State that the appointment of Federico Abundio Maldonado of Guatemala as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Guatemala to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of Guatemala.



WILLIAM G. HYLAND
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs



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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

March 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM G. HYLAND

FROM: STEPHEN LOW ^{SL}

SUBJECT: Agreement for Guatemalan Ambassador

With the letter at Tab B, Deputy Secretary of State Ingersoll recommends that the White House approve the appointment of Federico Abundio MALDONALDO of Guatemala as Ambassador to the United States.

The memorandum for your signature to the Secretary of State at Tab A would forward the President's concurrence in the Department of State's recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab A.





THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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March 27, 1976

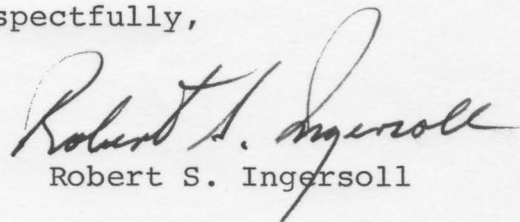
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Dear Mr. President:

The Government of the Republic of Guatemala has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Colonel Federico Abundio MALDONALDO Gularte as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Guatemala to the United States. A biography of Colonel Maldonado is enclosed. A thorough review of United States Government records reveals no grounds for objection.

I believe from the information available that Colonel Maldonado will make an excellent ambassador to the United States and recommend that you agree to the proposed appointment. If you concur, I shall be pleased to inform the Government of the Republic of Guatemala.

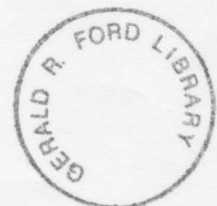
Respectfully,


Robert S. Ingersoll

Enclosure:

Biography.

The President,
The White House.



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BIOGRAPHY - Colonel Federico Abundio MALDONALDO Gularte

Republic of Guatemala

Colonel Maldonado is 52 years old and is a career Army officer with a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard. He is intelligent, competent and very ambitious. His overriding aim is to be President of Guatemala. He ran for that office in 1962, but a military coup overthrew the government and the election was cancelled.

Maldonado has been out of Guatemala almost continuously since then on various diplomatic and military assignments, including: 1963-66: Assistant Military Attaché in Washington and Vice Secretary on the Inter-American Defense Board; 1966-69: Military Attaché in San Salvador; 1969-70: Military Attaché in Mexico; 1970-72: Military Attaché in the United States; 1972-74: Ambassador to Mexico; and 1974-76: Ambassador to San Salvador.

Maldonado has been involved in politics throughout his military career, and for just that reason the Guatemalan leadership has preferred to keep him out of the country for most of the past thirteen years. In Guatemalan terms, he is a moderate and is a friend of the United States. He is strongly anti-communist. He is open and articulate and can be forceful in his views. He is a good conversationalist and will offer information unsolicited at times, but can be sensitive to criticism of his country.

In addition to Harvard, Maldonado has attended the London School of Economics and Georgetown University. He speaks fluent English and is married to the former Lilian Ruby Estrada, a granddaughter of the former Guatemalan Chief of State, Manuel ESTRADA Cabrera, 1898-1920. Four of their children are U.S. citizens, including their eldest son, Abundio, who attended West Point.

The Bureau of Inter-American Affairs believes that Colonel Maldonado is well qualified to represent his country as Ambassador to the United States. A thorough search of U.S. Government sources reveals no grounds for objection.

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Gularte of Guatemala

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