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92146	MEMO	FRED WETTERING TO RICHARD ALLEN, RE: CABLED PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR LIBERIAN CHIEF OF STATE DOE	1	9/9/1981	B1
92147	MEMO	RICHARD ALLEN TO THE VICE PRESIDENT, RE: REQUEST FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH LIBERIAN HEAD OF STATE SAMUEL DOE R 10/18/2022 NSC/DEPT. OF STATE WAIVERS	1	8/24/1981	B1
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1981

Dear Mr. Tolbert

Thank you for your letter of February 26, 1981, and your views on the situation in Liberia. Your statement suggesting that instability in Liberia benefits forces in the world inimical to the best interests of both the United States and Liberia is shared and appreciated by many of us. I also fully appreciate the historical and real associations between Liberia and the United States, and can assure you that we are giving priority attention to helping Liberia in its quest for stability and progress.

You noted the United States Government's positive record in regard to stressing the importance of an early release of political prisoners. Let me assure you that this Administration gives full importance to human rights in its foreign policies, and we do not plan to desist from applying what pressure we realistically can to improve the human rights performance of foreign governments.

While I appreciate your offer to meet with me personally, I regret such a meeting is not possible at this time. I suggest if you have questions or wish to further give your appreciation of the Liberian situation, you get in touch with Mr. Parker Borg, Director, Office of West African Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520, (telephone (202) 632-0902).

Sincerely,

Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Mr. Richard V. Tolbert
485 Crestwood Avenue
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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March 11, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: FRED WETTERING *FW*

SUBJECT: Response to Letter from Richard Tolbert

Attached at Tab A is a response to a letter you received from Mr. Richard Tolbert, who is believed to be part of the family of the late President of Liberia. (U)

It would seem that there is little to gain and much to lose in you seeing any Tolbert since this family is viewed by the current Doe Government of Liberia as a major cause of all Liberia's ills. We are, you recall, expending much effort and treasure trying to keep the very erratic Doe Government afloat. Parker Borg of State agrees to play the lightning rod for any Tolbert visit or contact, if you approve. (C)

The Tolbert clan has extensive contacts with Black American society so I hope I phrased the reply gently and sympathetically.

APPROVE ✓ Thank you _____ *FW*

REDRAFT _____

SIGNED

CONFIDENTIAL
Review on Mar 11, 1987

3 MAR 1981

485 Crestwood Avenue
Hackensack, NJ 07601
February 26, 1981

Mr. Richard V. Allen
National Security Advisor
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20270

*Fred
Watering
response
JLS*

Dear Mr. Allen:

First, thank you for acknowledging on January 6, 1981 the letter which I sent to Mr. Reagan in December 1980.

Knowing your busy schedule in the first month of the new Administration, I refrained from contacting you sooner. However, the situation in my country, Liberia, has continued to deteriorate and I believe it is important that your new Administration has a proper perspective on this situation as it begins to review U.S. foreign policy.

Since my letter of December 16, 1980, there have been some releases of political prisoners including two sons of the late President and his widow Mrs. Victoria Tolbert who is now in the United States. These releases were, I am sure, largely due to continued external pressure by the U.S. and other friendly nations and I strongly urge your Government to continue to stress to the Liberian regime the necessity for a complete release of the hundreds of political prisoners as a minimum prerequisite for a resumption of full economic and diplomatic ties.

This is not merely an humanitarian appeal but a very pragmatic one as well. For as long as the society is divided along class lines of so-called "Americo-Liberians" versus so called "Indigenous Liberians", the country will deteriorate and remain unstable with the continuing threat of counter-coups or insurgency from within or without.

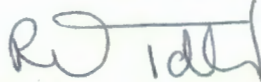
The only benefactors from this situation will be the radical and socialist elements within the present regime and those outside the country who are watching the developing social and economic chaos for a chance to step in and take over fully.

There cannot be a return to the status-quo ante, but neither can the regime of April 12 survive. The only hope for a viable Government and long term stability in Liberia is a Government of National Unity consisting of a coalition of all progressive, moderate segments of the population.

Although this small West African nation may not rank high in the United States' list of strategic priorities, I do not believe it can be in the best interest of the United States to see continuing instability in this part of the world, or worse an anti-U.S. base in Liberia. For besides the historical ties and the present U.S. economic and strategic investments in Liberia, I and many other Liberians believe that our two countries in the past only very superficially tapped the real economic and strategic possibilities which could have been immensely mutually beneficial.

Therefore, I and several other prominent Liberians would welcome the opportunity of meeting with you to discuss in greater depth the Liberian situation. We would welcome such a meeting either in a formal or informal setting at a time and place of your choosing.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Tolbert". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Richard V. Tolbert

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TO ALLEN

FROM TOLBERT, RICHARD V

DOCDATE 26 FEB 81

WETTERING

11 MAR 81

KEYWORDS: LIBERIA

HUMAN RIGHTS

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO LTR FM TOLBERT

ACTION: FOR SIGNATURE

DUE: 16 MAR 81 STATUS X FILES

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1981

Dear Sergeant Doe:

My good friend, Mr. Robert ^{*}Moretti, has told me of your kind words and good wishes. I would like to thank you for them and for your cooperation with us. The longstanding and historic relationship between our countries, and our concern for the continued well-being of the Liberian people and improvement of our relations occasionally compels us to offer advice. I am glad it is so well received.

Once again, let me extend my thanks and reciprocate in offering you my good wishes.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency
Master Sergeant Samuel K. Doe ^{*}
Head of State of the Republic
of Liberia
Monrovia

Signed: 6/30/81

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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July 6, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Master Sergeant Doe, Liberia

Mr. Robert Moretti, former Speaker of the California State Assembly, and an international businessman well known to the American Embassy in Monrovia, Liberia, recently met with the Liberian Chief of State, Master Sergeant Samuel Doe. Sergeant Doe asked Mr. Moretti to extend a message of greetings to President Reagan. Upon delivering the message to the President, Mr. Moretti asked if a brief note from the President acknowledging this could be prepared for Mr. Moretti to give in return to Sergeant Doe when Mr. Moretti returned to Liberia.

Such a letter has been prepared and signed by the President. Unfortunately, Mr. Moretti was obligated to return early to Liberia, so arrangements were made for him to pick up the signed Presidential note at the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia. Mr. Moretti will be in Monrovia throughout the month of July.

Enclosed is the signed Presidential note to Sergeant Doe. Please transmit by pouch as soon as possible to the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia, Liberia, for pick up by Mr. Moretti. This matter has been coordinated with Mr. Parker Borg, AF/W.

Allen J. Lenz
Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

Attachment

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

3787

June 29, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN *RA*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Note Responding to Verbal Message
from Liberian Leader Sergeant Doe

Mr. Robert Moretti, former Speaker of the California Assembly and currently an international businessman, returned to the United States in late May with a verbal message for you from Liberian Chief of State Master Sergeant Samuel K. Doe. Sergeant Doe stated to Mr. Moretti that he admired you tremendously and wished to note that his Government has done all that we have asked of him (Sergeant Doe is probably referring to our suggestion that he reduce the Soviet diplomatic presence and expel the Libyans and Cubans. He did).

Mr. Moretti requested that if possible he carry back with him on a return trip to Liberia in July a short note of greetings, thanks, etc. from you. Such a note is at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the short note to Sergeant Doe.

APPROVE

✓ RR

DISAPPROVE

SIGNED

1987

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUNE 17, 1981

TO :

MR. [Name] FOR THE [Title]

[Handwritten signature]

FROM :

SUBJECT: [Topic]

Mr. Robert [Name], former Speaker of the California Assembly and currently an international businessman, returned to the United States in late May with a verbal message for you from [Name], Chief of State Master Sergeant Samuel W. [Name]. [Name] stated to Mr. [Name] that he advised you immediately and wished to note that his Government has done all that we have asked of him (Sergeant [Name] is probably referring to our suggestion that he reduce the Soviet digital aid presence and expel the Libyans and Cubans. He did).

Mr. [Name] requested that if possible he carry back with him on a return trip to Liberia in July a short note of appreciation, thanks, etc. from you. Such a note is at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the short note to Sergeant [Name].

DISAPPROVE

RR

APPROVE

SHOWN

*Cleared
MM*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Sergeant Doe:

thank you

My good friend, Mr. Robert Moretti, has ^{told} ~~communicated~~ to me your kind words and good wishes. ~~Let me take this opportunity to~~ ^{I would like to} ~~express my appreciation for them and for the~~ ^{your} ~~cooperation you have extended to us.~~ The long-standing and historic relationship between our countries, and our concern for the continued well-being of the Liberian people and improvement of our relations occasionally compels us to offer advice. I am glad it is so well received.

Once again, let me extend my thanks and reciprocate in offering you my good wishes.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Master Sergeant Samuel K. Doe
Head of State of the Republic
of Liberia
Monrovia

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

2 JULY

NOTE FOR FILE:

In checking with Janet this morning, she advises that she still has the signed ltr to Liberian Leader Sergeant Doe with her. She has to do something further in connection with its dispatch.

Inquiry was prompted by Cathy in NSC/S, who had been called by Dee Wilson/Wettering's office. Apparently Wettering had been told the ltr was signed and "it had been sent to him the other night."

JCP

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON


Fred Wettering:

Per our conversation, this should go to Bob Moretti in care of the Charge in Liberia. Presumably we/you should include a note to the charge saying that Moretti will be looking for the letter and perhaps they could give him a call (numbers below) if he does not call them first. Moretti will be in Liberia for the entire month of July.

Moretti's number in Liberia: 33-10-36

Moretti's office number in (916) 44-6641
California

Thanks.



Janet
7/2/81

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 25, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JANET COLSON

FROM: FRED WETTERING 

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter for Mr. Robert Moretti

Pursuant to our telecon today, enclosed is a memo covering a rather pro forma note for Presidential signature to Liberian Chief of State Master Sergeant Samuel Doe. The Presidential letter merely thanks Sergeant Doe for the good wishes extended in the verbal message delivered to the President by his good friend, Robert Moretti.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign for RVA the memo to the President at Tab I requesting Presidential signature on a pro forma note to Sergeant Doe. The letter has unofficially been cleared with State/AF and the speechwriters.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

Attachments

Tab I

RVA memo to the President

B Memo to Ed Meese from Flo Randolph

A Ltr from President Reagan to Sergeant Doe

—
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

6/13

Fred Willering

Please call me re: this.

Thanks.

Janis

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

30 May 1981

*Ed Meese
& Flo Randolph
Bob Moretti
J. Ke.*

To: Ed Meese
From: Flo Randolph
Subj: Telephone call on 29 May 1981 from Bob Moretti
(916) 447-6641

Bob Moretti just returned from Liberia after having visited with the Head of State, Master Sergeant Samuel K. Doe. He asked Bob to extend his personal greeting to the President. He admires the President tremendously, and they have done everything that our Administration has asked of them. He feels that our country now has a very strong and powerful leader.

Bob wanted to know if it would be possible for the President to write him a brief note of greetings, wishing him well, etc., either to be personally taken back to him by Bob, or, if that is not advisable, just sent to him by mail.

His address is as follows:

Executive Mansion
Monrovia, Liberia

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TO COLSON

FROM WETTERING

DOCDATE 25 JUN 81

KEYWORDS: LIBERIA

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DOE, SAMUEL

MORETTI, ROBERT

SUBJECT: PROPOSED LTR TO DOE TO BE HANDCARRIED BY MORETTI

ACTION: FOR DECISION

DUE: 29 JUN 81 STATUS X FILES

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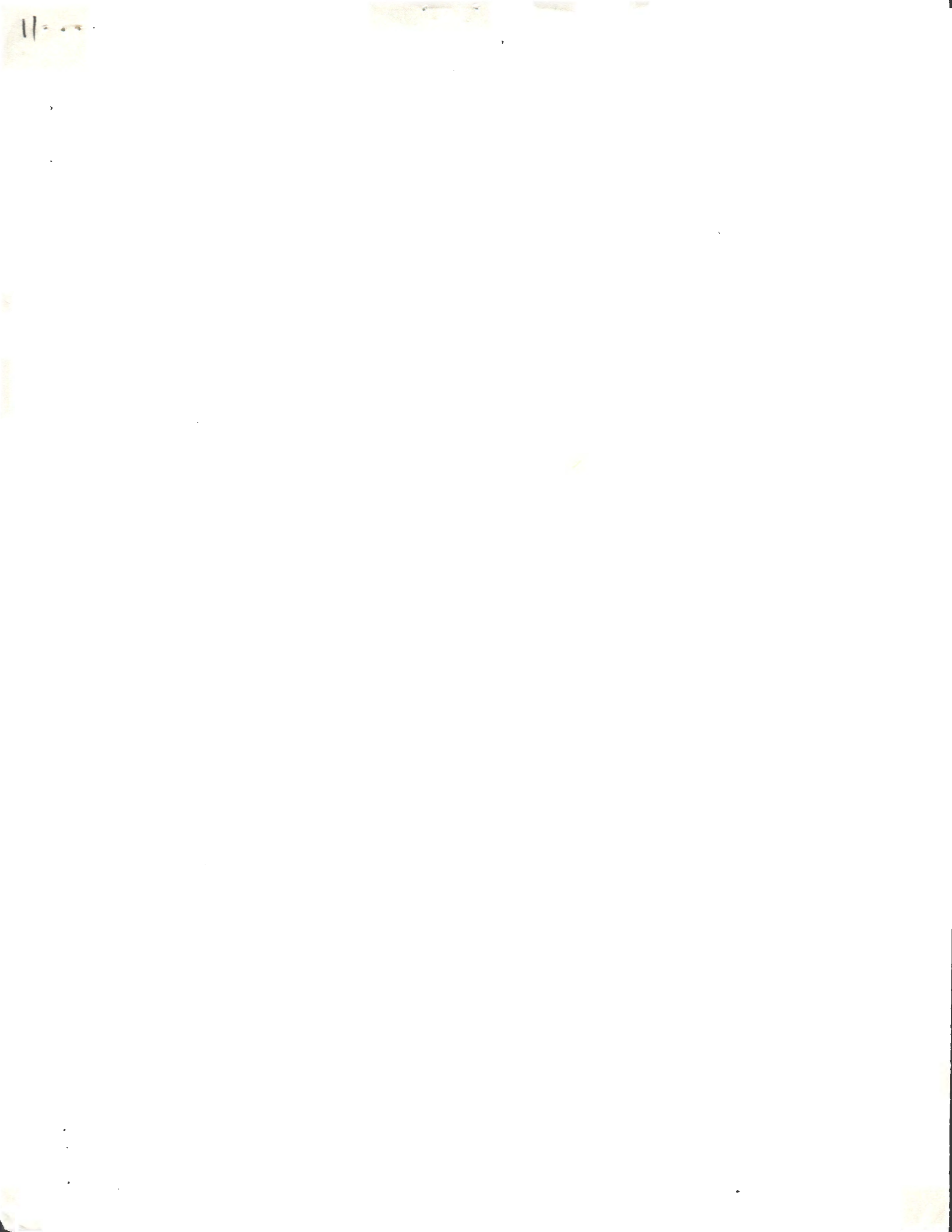
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SUBJECT MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO HEAD OF STATE

— DOE, Samuel Ranyon

REF: MONROVIA 7246

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HEAD OF STATE DOE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF DOE:

I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT I WAS UNABLE TO MEET WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH AS YOU REQUESTED. I DO WANT YOU TO KNOW, HOWEVER, HOW IMPRESSED I HAVE BEEN BY THE STEPS YOU HAVE TAKEN TO CREATE A MORE STABLE LIBERIA IN WHICH ALL LIBERIANS CAN CONTRIBUTE THEIR TALENTS TO THE NATION'S ADVANCEMENT. THE DECISIONS YOU HAVE TAKEN TO PROMOTE LIBERIA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY WILL CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS CAN MAKE THEIR FULL CONTRIBUTION. YOU HAVE ALSO ANNOUNCED PLANS TO RETURN LIBERIA TO ELECTED GOVERNMENT. THESE ACTIONS WILL HELP ACHIEVE YOUR WORTHY GOAL OF A PROSPEROUS, PEACEFUL LIBERIA IN WHICH ALL LIBERIANS SHARE FULLY.

FINALLY, LET ME ASSURE YOU OF OUR FRIENDSHIP AND INTENTION TO MAINTAIN THE TRADITIONAL CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. WE ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO ASSIST YOU IN BRINGING ABOUT THE IMPROVEMENTS YOU SEEK FOR THE PEOPLE OF LIBERIA.

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SINCERELY,

/S/ RONALD W. REAGAN

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SAMUEL KANYON DOE
HEAD OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PEOPLE'S REDEMPTION
COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MANSION
MONROVIA END TEXT.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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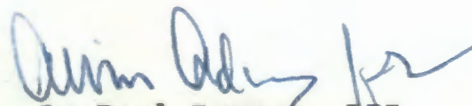
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Response to the Liberian Head of State's Request to the President for Assistance in Obtaining Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) Insurance for the National Iron Ore Company, Ltd. (NIOC)

As discussed with Fred Wettering of your staff, the Department of State believes the issue of insurance for prospective lenders to the National Iron Ore Company, Ltd. of Liberia should be handled through the American Ambassador in Liberia rather than by a letter from President Reagan. Efforts to gain adequate insurance and financing for NIOC's recapitalization scheme are likely to take some time.

The Department has discussed this issue with AID and OPIC officials, and OPIC has suggested means by which its opposition to providing insurance (because of NIOC's questionable commercial viability) could be overcome. At the same time, NIOC's US representatives are seeking to obtain insurance from private sources which would obviate the need for OPIC participation. In the interim, we intend to report progress on this matter to our Embassy in Monrovia so it may keep the Government of Liberia informed.


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Incoming correspondence.

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TO PRES

FROM DOE, SAMUEL

DOCDATE 11 JUN 81

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KEYWORDS: LIBERIA

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORP
INSURANCE FOR NATL IRON ORE CO

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR ALLEN

DUE: 05 SEP 81 STATUS S FILES

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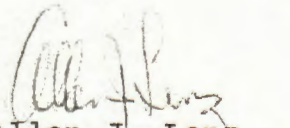
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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Cabled Presidential Message for Liberian Chief
of State, Doe

Samuel

The NSC concurs in and clears the State-proposed Presidential message for Liberian Chief of State to be sent telegraphically with no signed original.


Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

Attachment
Proposed message

cc: Ed Meese *— done down*

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO HEAD OF STATE
-- DOE

REF: MONROVIA 7246

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN
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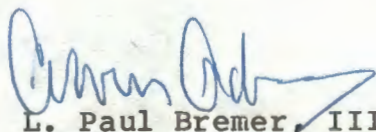
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In late July, Liberian Head of State Samuel Doe requested a meeting with President Reagan. In line with White House instructions to keep Presidential appointments to a minimum, we did not ask the President to receive Doe at this time, but sought and obtained an appointment for him with Vice President Bush. Doe was deeply disappointed that the President would not see him, declined our offer of an appointment with the Vice President, and cancelled his planned visit to the U.S.

Since the 1980 coup, we have substantially increased our bilateral aid levels and invested a great deal of effort to protect our interests in Liberia and turn the Doe government away from Soviet and Libyan blandishments. Doe has been responsive, but in view of his reaction, we are concerned that he may be misreading our decision as a rejection of him and his policies.

We must avoid conveying the impression that Liberia is not important or that we do not approve of Doe. He closed the Libyan People's Bureau, reduced the size of the Soviet Embassy, announced plans to return to civilian rule and has recently released additional political prisoners and taken a number of decisions designed to promote economic recovery and end harassment of businessmen.

The Embassy has recommended and we agree that an early personal message from the President to Doe would not only ease his disappointment at not seeing the President, but would demonstrate our approval of the positive steps he has taken and reassure him of our continued support. A draft Presidential message is attached for your approval. We would cable the message to Monrovia for delivery; there would be no signed original.


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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RVA would like for Mr. Meese to receive a copy of the memo to Bremer, after it has been signed by Mr. Lenz (a bcc:, I presume)

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL NANCE

FROM: Nancy Bearg Dyke *MJD*

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with Liberian Head of State Samuel Doe

The Vice President will meet with Liberian Head of State Samuel Doe Monday, September 21, from 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room. May we please have recommended talking points and background papers for the Vice President's use by close of business Thursday, September 17. Thank you.

Cy to: Allen Lenz

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN ^{Bud}

SUBJECT: Request for the Vice President to Meet With
Liberian Head of State Samuel Doe

The Department of State requests that the Vice President meet with Liberian Head of State (his preferred title) Samuel Doe between September 21-30, 1981. General Doe places great stock in his American connection and is determined to visit the United States in September in order to address the UN General Assembly and to meet with senior US Government officials. (C)

Given the extensive investment we have in Liberia and the good relationship which the Embassy has developed with General Doe, it would be helpful if the Vice President could receive him for 30 minutes in an office visit during the requested time frame. General Doe has shown he listens to our advice and it is believed the Vice President could reinforce several lines of guidance and advice we have been giving Doe on more effective government. (C)

A brief biographic sketch is attached. Detailed talking points will be submitted on receipt of your approval of the meeting. (C)

RECOMMENDATION: That you see Liberian Head of State Doe between 21 and 30 September, 1981. (C)

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

VIA: CHARLES TYSON *CT*

FROM: FRED WETTERING *FW*

SUBJECT: Request for the Vice President to see Liberian Head of State Doe

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BY NARA *dk* DATE 10/18/2022

Samuel Doe, Liberian Head of State (his preferred title, rather than General) plans to visit the United States in September to address the UN General Assembly. A previous request for him to call on the Vice President between 15-18 September had been ruled out due to the Vice President's planned absence from Washington at that time. ~~(S)~~

State, in consultation with the Liberian Government, now proposes that Doe call on the Vice President between 21-30 September. The Vice President's Office advises me that he will be in Washington during that time frame. ~~(S)~~

My preference would have been that Doe remain in Liberia to further consolidate his rule. Travelling abroad is not a healthy activity for African leaders. But since he seems determined to come I believe that we highlight the importance we place in our good relations with Liberia by requesting the Vice President to see him for an office visit. A memo from you to the Vice President is attached reflecting this. ~~(S)~~

RECOMMENDATION: Sign your memo to the Vice President at Tab I endorsing State's request for a Vice Presidential meeting with Liberian leader Doe between 21-30 September. ~~(S)~~

APPROVE

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DISAPPROVE

NB: The Vice President's Office requests that if possible our recommendation reach that office no later than the morning of August 25 to catch a courier shuttling mail to the VP at Kennebunkport. (U)

Attachments

Tab I

RVA memo to the Vice President
A State's proposal and biography

Review Aug 20, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment Request for the Vice President:
Samuel K. Doe, Head of State of the Republic
of Liberia

In view of the Vice President's scheduled absence from Washington between September 15 and 18, the dates originally requested by Liberian Head of State Samuel Doe for a meeting with the President, the Liberian Embassy has ascertained that Doe could reschedule his UNGA visit any time between September 21 and 30. While we cannot recommend that the President receive Doe, we strongly recommend that the Vice President see him in view of our special relationship with, and our heavy investments and interests in Liberia. We believe Doe would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Vice President.

Liberia, which has enjoyed a close and special relationship with the United States for over a century, has the only airport in Africa to which our military has unquestioned access and is the site of major American communication and navigation installations valued at over \$300 million. Those facilities initially appeared jeopardized by Soviet and Libyan influence following a coup in 1980, but Doe acted firmly, expelling the Libyans and reducing Soviet presence in Liberia.

Liberia has become a prime example of the Administration's commitment to support our friends in Africa and draw the line against Libyan expansionism. The United States has adopted a high profile in Liberia, greatly increasing our bilateral assistance in the form of a special Economic Support Fund, PL-480 food aid, and concessional military assistance, all totaling an estimated \$72 million for FY 1982.


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In addition to highlighting our commitment to a close African friend, a meeting would allow us to emphasize at the highest level our views on a number of pressing bilateral economic and political issues.

Recommendation:

That the Vice President agree to a meeting with Head of State Doe between September 21 and 30.


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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Biographic information

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALLEN J. LENZ

FROM: FRED WETTERING *FW*

SUBJECT: Request for the Vice President to Meet
with Liberian Leader Doe September 15-18

State has advised that the Liberian Head of State Samuel Doe will be in the United States in September to address the UNGA. State has proposed that the Vice President receive General Doe at a convenient time during the September 15-18 timeframe.

The Vice President's staff advises that the Vice President will be out of town on domestic affairs from September 15-21 and thus will be unavailable to meet with General Doe.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend you sign the Lenz to Bremer memo at Tab I.

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cc: OVP-Phillip Hughes
Janet Colson
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Tab I Memo to L. Paul Bremer

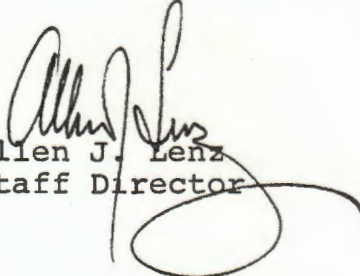
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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Request for the Vice President to Meet
With Liberian Leader Doe September 15-18

The Vice President will be out of town on domestic matters from September 15-21 and thus will unfortunately be unable to meet with Liberian Head of State Doe as proposed in the Bremer to Allen memorandum of August 7.


Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

Attachment:

August 7 Bremer to Allen Memo



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

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BY dm NARA DATE 10/15/2022

Subject: Appointment Request for the Vice President:
Samuel K. Doe, Head of State of the Republic
of Liberia

Samuel Doe, Liberian Head of State since April 1980, will be visiting the United States September 15-18 in connection with the United Nations General Assembly and has requested a meeting with the President. While we cannot recommend that the President meet with Head of State Doe, we strongly recommend the Vice President see him in view of our special relationship with, and our interests and heavy investments in, Liberia.

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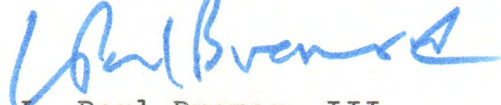
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Recommendation:

That the Vice President agree to a call by Head of State Doe between September 15 and 18.



L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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