

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library  
Digital Library Collections

---

This is a PDF of a folder from our textual collections.

---

**WHORM Subject File Code:** CO088

(Countries: Liberia, Republic of)

**Case file Number(s):** 358312-END

**Box:** 121

---

To see more digitized collections visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digitized-textual-material>

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library inventories visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/white-house-inventories>

Contact a reference archivist at: **reagan.library@nara.gov**

Citation Guidelines: <https://reaganlibrary.gov/archives/research-support/citation-guide>

National Archives Catalogue: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

# WITHDRAWAL SHEET

## Ronald Reagan Library

**Collection Name** WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
(WHORM): SUBJECT FILE

**Withdrawer**

DLB 6/3/2010

**File Folder** CO088 (LIBERIA) (358312-END)

**FOIA**

S10-306

**Box Number** 121

SYSTEMATIC

749

ID	Doc Type	Document Description	No of Pages	Doc Date	Restrictions
92157	MEMO	HELEN SOOS TO JOHN POINDEXTER, RE: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LIBERIA AND NIGERIA  <i>R</i> 10/18/2022 NSC/DEPT. OF STATE WAIVERS	1	7/8/1986	B1
92158	MEMO	HELEN SOOS TO DONALD FORTIER, RE: ECONOMIC CRISIS IN LIBERIA  <i>R</i> 10/18/2022 NSC/DEPT. OF STATE WAIVERS	1	5/9/1986	B1
92159	PAPER	BIO	1	ND	B1 B3
92160	MEMO	COLIN POWELL TO THE PRESIDENT, RE: LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA	2	11/18/1988	B1
92161	LETTER	REAGAN TO HEAD OF STATE SAMUEL DOE  <i>R</i> 10/18/2022 NSC/DEPT. OF STATE WAIVERS	2	ND	B1

The above documents were not referred for declassification review at time of processing

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]

B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]

B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]

B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]

B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]

B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]

B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]

B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

EF

366315  
3100  
0088  
FG006-12

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MS

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 22 which was delivered by the President Pro Tem of the Liberian Senate, Senator John Rancy. My schedule did not allow me to meet personally with the delegation, but Mr. Phillip Ringdahl of my White House National Security Council met with Senator Rancy on January 31, 1986.

I applaud your decision to send a high-level delegation to the United States. Its visit has been very helpful in increasing the understanding in each of our countries of the concerns of the other. This is appropriate between good friends, and it has been particularly useful now as Liberia moves into the second republic and as much U.S. attention is focused on events in your country. Although other commitments will prevent our meeting personally again in Washington this year, I join with you in supporting additional efforts at enhanced mutual understanding.

I appreciate the efforts that you and your countrymen have made to bring Liberia to constitutional, civilian rule. The American people join me in wishing you and the Liberian people every success in constructing a society in which all Liberians can express their views and can work together to meet the challenges which face Liberia.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency  
Dr. Samuel K. Doe  
President of the Republic of Liberia  
Monrovia

36631555

NSC 8601500

RETURNED TO  
NOT REVIEWED BY ORM.

Chen

ON

86/03/10



Benjamin J. Guthrie  
Clerk

*aj*

1572  
M. Raymond Colley  
Deputy Clerk  
412469  
FYI - 1270  
C0088  
*Chew*  
FG006-12

Office of the Clerk  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 21, 1986

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit herewith an attested copy of House Resolution Number 367, agreed to on February 18, 1986, resolving that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the October 15, 1985 election and vote tally in the Republic of Liberia do not meet the standards of section 807 of the International Security and Development cooperation Act of 1985, and for other purposes.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

*Benjamin J. Guthrie*  
BENJAMIN J. GUTHRIE, Clerk  
U. S. House of Representatives



NSC # 8601572

**H. Res. 367**

***In the House of Representatives, U. S.,***

*February 18, 1986.*

Whereas the Republic of Liberia and the United States are bound by ties of mutual respect and friendship;

Whereas the Government of Liberia has undertaken since 1981 to restore civilian rule and establish a genuinely democratic government which will provide all citizens with an equal voice in the governance of their country;

Whereas the Government of Liberia made a public commitment to hold a free and fair election in 1985 and to install a civilian government based on the results of that election by 1985;

Whereas the United States has provided the Republic of Liberia with \$375,000,000 in economic and military assistance since 1981 on the basis of the Government of Liberia's commitment to hold free and fair elections;

Whereas the election took place in the Republic of Liberia on October 15, 1985, has been characterized by improprieties, including the denial of the right to participate by significant opposition parties and candidates and restrictions on the freedom to campaign;

Whereas the results of the election, as announced on October 29, 1985, giving 50.9 percent of the vote to General Doe, were tallied in secret by an ad hoc committee appointed by



the military government, contrary to previously agreed upon procedures which provided for tabulation in the presence of opposition party representatives;

Whereas several opposition political leaders were arrested and held in detention without charge, allegedly on the grounds that they participated in the attempted coup d'etat of November 12, 1985;

Whereas the Congress, in the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, expressed the need for free and fair elections in the Republic of Liberia; and

Whereas it is the desire of the Congress that the people of Liberia enjoy the full fruits of democracy as well as the respect of the international community: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That (a) it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) the October 15, 1985, election and vote tally in the Republic of Liberia do not meet the standards of section 807 of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985;

(2) the President should disburse economic support fund assistance to the Republic of Liberia when it has been clearly and verifiably established that the Government of Liberia—

(A) has released all political prisoners,

(B) allows the press to operate freely,

(C) maintains an independent judicial system,

(D) has removed all restrictions on the ability of political parties to organize freely, and

(E) has achieved national reconciliation with all significant political groups in Liberia; and

(3) the President should suspend military assistance to the Republic of Liberia unless the Government of Liberia has released all political prisoners and has provided for genuinely free and fair elections.

As used in paragraph (3), the term "political prisoner" means any person who is incarcerated or persecuted on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion, but the term does not include any person who ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in the persecution of any person on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

(b) The House of Representatives hereby expresses to the people of Liberia the friendship of the people of the United States and the earnest desire of the people of the United States for the establishment of a genuine democracy in Liberia.

SEC. 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President.

Attest:



*Benjamin V. Guthrie*  
Clerk.



**National Security Council  
The White House**

ES FEB 28 P 5: 37

System # \_\_\_\_\_

Package # \_\_\_\_\_

DOCLOG \_\_\_\_\_ A/O \_\_\_\_\_

	SEQUENCE TO	HAS SEEN	DISPOSITION
Bob Pearson	<u>1</u>	<u>P</u>	_____
Rodney McDaniel	_____	_____	_____
Don Fortier	_____	_____	_____
Paul Thompson	_____	_____	_____
Florence Gantt	_____	_____	_____
John Poindexter	_____	_____	_____
Rodney McDaniel	_____	_____	_____
NSC Secretariat	<u>2</u>	_____	<u>staff</u>
Situation Room	_____	_____	_____

I = Information    A = Action    R = Retain    D = Dispatch    N = No further Action

cc: VP    Regan    Buchanan    Other \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS

Should be seen by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date/Time)

*Info*  
*Action: PHR*  
*Comment RKS*  
*HS*  
*AHP*

NSC/S PROFILE

UNCLASSIFIED

ID 8601572

RECEIVED 26 FEB 86 19

TO PRESIDENT

FROM GUTHRIE, B

DOCDATE 21 FEB 86

KEYWORDS: CONGRESSIONAL  
HUMAN RIGHTS

LIBERIA

SUBJECT: HRES-367 RE LIBERIAN ELECTIONS

ACTION: FOR RECORD PURPOSES

DUE: 27 FEB 86 STATUS S FILES WH

FOR ACTION

FOR CONCURRENCE

FOR INFO

RINGDAHL

SABLE

SOOS

PLATT

COMMENTS

REF# LOG NSCIFID ( PS )

ACTION OFFICER (S)	ASSIGNED	ACTION REQUIRED	DUE	COPIES TO

DISPATCH \_\_\_\_\_ W/ATTCH FILE \_\_\_\_\_ (PS)



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

C.F.

92157

3666 add-on

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

419950  
C0088

July 8, 1986

C0116

FC006-12

Natl Sec Advisor  
has seen

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: HELEN E. SOOS *HS*

SUBJECT: Recent Developments in Liberia and Nigeria

Liberia

In a surprise major speech to the nation on June 6, President Doe freed all prisoners connected with the November 12 coup attempt. The purpose of the amnesty was to promote reconciliation and to put behind the thorny issues related to the trial of these detainees. Doe subsequently imposed an international travel ban on the former detainees to prevent them from coming to the U.S. to lobby the Congress. A security study is being conducted and will probably result in a lifting of the travel ban.

Reconciliation talks between Doe and opposition leaders, begun in April under the mediation of the Liberian Council of Churches (LCC), suffered a setback last week when Doe abruptly rejected their proposals, which included new elections for up to two-thirds of the legislature. The LCC subsequently explained that what Doe rejected were not their proposals, but rather the agenda that the LCC prepared. Reconciliation talks will resume in due course, and offer a forum for continued dialogue, if not for full reconciliation.

Nigeria

In late June, President Babangida announced a new set of dramatic economic reforms which could lead to agreement with the IMF and debt rescheduling. The devaluation of the Naira has been the greatest sticking point in the economic reform process, with significant domestic opposition. While avoiding the term devaluation, Babangida announced a two-tier exchange system whereby commercial and government transactions would take place under a free-market determined rate. The corruption-charged import license system would be abolished as the second tier system was installed.

This move, if implemented, will return to a profitable status many of Nigeria's agricultural industries including export crops such as rubber and cocoa as well as food crops which could not compete against imported prices. It will also go a long ways toward restoring U.S. business confidence in Nigeria.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Declassify: OADR

NSC 8603666

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

Authority: NSC/State Waivers

BY *ds* NARA DATE 10/18/2022

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

May 9, 1986

INFORMATION**SUSPENSE**

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD R. FORTIER

FROM: HELEN E. SOOS *HS*

SUBJECT: Economic Crisis in Liberia

On May 2, President Doe made a public statement demonstrating his acceptance of stringent economic conditions which Chet Crocker presented in April as a condition for further U.S. assistance. The conditions, developed in intense inter-agency meetings, practically place Liberia in a state of receivership. There is general consensus that Doe had little choice but to concur. He has few economic options and is threatened politically by the declining economy, and by broad dissatisfaction with the October elections and continued crack-down on the opposition.

The action reflects that the U.S. is the leader and primary donor to Liberia. Liberia is over \$70 million in arrears to the IMF, against annual foreign exchange earnings of \$50. It has no prospects of repaying the Fund and cannot therefore qualify for World Bank structural adjustment loans or Paris Club rescheduling. Liberia is in arrears to the U.S., falling under Brooke Amendment periodically. Even with the best of efforts, Liberia's poor economic performance over the past two years has allowed its position to degenerate to a nearly hopeless degree.

The U.S. conditions include no expenditures beyond revenue; an emergency budget to guide all expenditures; a priority debt list and reservation of off-shore revenue for its payment; controls over revenue collection, expenditures and the financial system; IMF and World Bank cooperation to provide professional expatriate experts stationed within the National Bank and Finance Ministry to oversee the collection and disbursement of off-shore funds, the deposit of revenue and the disbursement of all expenditures in strict adherence to the approved austerity budget; public audits and accountability of public expenditures; and a reconsideration of the U.S. dollar-based currency system. The government did not agree to stop minting new coins.

With the agreement in place, considerable work remains to make it operative. Though most of these conditions have been agreed upon before, Doe has a better economic team in place now. But he must subjugate political necessities to an emergency budget and expatriate oversight. It is noteworthy that the Minister of Finance, initially suspicious of the plan, became its advocate as he realized that it would strengthen his control.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Declassify: OADR

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

BY *ds* NSE/State WaiversBY *ds* NARA DATE 10/18/2022

H.S.W.

National Security Council  
The White House

86 JUL 9 10  
P 4: 07

System # \_\_\_\_\_

Package # 3666

DOCLOG H.S.W. AIO 01

	SEQUENCE TO	HAS SEEN	DISPOSITION
Bob Pearson	<u>1</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>I</u>
Rodney McDaniel	_____	_____	_____
Don Fortier	_____	_____	_____
Paul Thompson	_____	_____	_____
Florence Gantt	_____	_____	_____
John Poindexter	<u>4</u>	<u>J</u>	_____
Rodney McDaniel	_____	_____	_____
NSC Secretariat	<u>25</u>	_____	<u>N</u> <u>MRB</u>
Situation Room	<u>3</u>	_____	<u>A</u>

**I = Information**    **A = Action**    **R = Retain**    **D = Dispatch**    **N = No further Action**

cc: VP Regan Buchanan Other \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS                      Should be seen by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date/Time)

*per conversation.*

NSC/S PROFILE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ID 8603666

UNCLASSIFIED UPON REMOVAL  
OF CLASSIFIED ENCLOSURE(S)

RECEIVED 12 MAY 86 15

TO FORTIER

FROM SOOS

*dlb  
6/2/86*

DOCDATE 09 MAY 86

SOOS

08 JUL 86

KEYWORDS LIBERIA

NIGERIA

SUBJECT ECONOMIC CRISIS IN LIBERIA / RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LIBERIA & NIGERIA

ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

DUE:

STATUS C

FILES WH

FOR ACTION

FOR CONCURRENCE

FOR INFO

FORTIER

COMMENTS

REF#

LOG

NSCIFID

( V PS )

ACTION OFFICER (S)

ASSIGNED

ACTION REQUIRED

DUE

COPIES TO

*C*

*noted by Ponder*

*HS*

DISPATCH

W/ATTCH

FILE

(C)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

C.F.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

419972  
1130

4171

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

June 3, 1986

0088

FG011

FG006-12

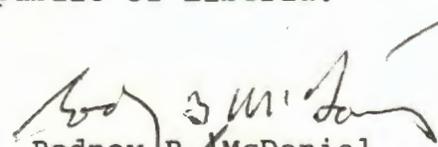
DECLASSIFIED  
Sec 3.4 (D), E.O. 12958, as amended  
White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2009  
dm 6/2/10

WS

MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mrs. Eugenia Alma Stevenson of the  
Republic of Liberia as Ambassador to the U.S.  
(S/S 8616082)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Mrs. Eugenia Alma Stevenson as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Liberia to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of the Republic of Liberia.

  
Rodney B. McDaniel  
Executive Secretary

NSC 8604171

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
DECLASSIFY ON: APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

UNCLASSIFIED WITH  
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ATTACHMENT

db 4/2/10

ACTION

June 3, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: HELEN E. SOOS *HS*SUBJECT: Appointment of Mrs. Eugenia Alma Stevenson of the  
Republic of Liberia as Ambassador to the U.S.I have reviewed and concur with State's recommendation on the  
proposed appointment.At Tab I is a memorandum of agreement to State on the appointment  
of Mrs. Stevenson as Ambassador to the U.S.RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the memo to State at Tab I.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_  
*PR*

Phil Ringdahl concurs.

DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments:

Tab I McDaniel to Platt Memo  
Tab II Incoming memo from StateUNCLASSIFIED WITH  
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ATTACHMENT



UNCLASSIFIED  
(With ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Attachments) *disc 2/10*

May 24, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mrs. Eugenia Alma Stevenson of the Republic of Liberia as Ambassador to the United States

The Government of the Republic of Liberia has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Mrs. Eugenia Alma Stevenson as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Liberia to the United States (TAB 2). A biography of Mrs. Stevenson is attached (TAB 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Mrs. Stevenson will make a successful Ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of the Republic of Liberia.

Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Telegram Monrovia 4861.

# WITHDRAWAL SHEET

## Ronald Reagan Library

*Collection Name*

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
(WHORM): SUBJECT FILE

*Withdrawer*

DLB 6/3/2010

*File Folder*

CO088 (LIBERIA) (358312-END)

*FOIA*

S10-306  
SYSTEMATIC

*Box Number*

121

749

---

<i>ID</i>	<i>Document Type</i> <i>Document Description</i>	<i>No of</i> <i>pages</i>	<i>Doc Date</i>	<i>Restric-</i> <i>tions</i>
92159	PAPER BIO	1	ND	B1 B3

---

The above documents were not referred for declassification review at time of processing

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]

B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]

B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]

B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]

B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]

B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]

B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]

B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

AR

National Security Council  
The White House

System # \_\_\_\_\_

Package # 4171

DOCLOG AC A/O \_\_\_\_\_

86 JUN 3

P12: 23

	SEQUENCE TO	HAS SEEN	DISPOSITION
Bob Pearson	<u>1</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>X</u>
Rodney McDaniel	<u>2</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>A</u>
Don Fortier	_____	_____	_____
Paul Thompson	_____	_____	_____
Florence Gantt	_____	_____	_____
John Poindexter	_____	_____	_____
Rodney McDaniel	_____	_____	_____
NSC Secretariat	<u>3</u>	_____	<u>D</u>
Situation Room	_____	_____	_____

I = Information	<b>A = Action</b>	R = Retain	D = Dispatch	N = No further Action
-----------------	-------------------	------------	--------------	-----------------------

cc: VP Regan Buchanan Other \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS

Should be seen by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date/Time)



WITHDRAWAL SHEET  
Ronald Reagan Library

60622755  
C0088

Collection Name

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
(WHORM): SUBJECT FILE

Withdrawer

DLB 6/3/2010

File Folder

CO088 (LIBERIA) (358312-END)

FOIA

S10-306

SYSTEMATIC

Box Number

121

749

ID	Document Type Document Description	No of pages	Doc Date	Restrictions
92160	MEMO  COLIN POWELL TO THE PRESIDENT, RE: LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA	2	11/18/1988	B1

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

As my Administration draws to a close, I wanted to write to you about an important aspect of American relations with Liberia, a country in which I have maintained a strong ongoing interest.

Following his trip to Africa in January 1987, Secretary Shultz informed me about your request for U.S. assistance to help your government impose discipline in its fiscal management. I believe you will agree that my government responded vigorously to your request by assigning seventeen seasoned financial experts to serve in your ministries.

Unfortunately, conditions have not allowed the experts to fully accomplish their mission. In view of the limitations on their effectiveness, we have concluded that it is necessary to remove them and bring the project to a close. I sincerely regret that this project did not achieve its objectives. Nonetheless, the experts were able to provide training and computer equipment which affords your government the technical capability to monitor fiscal operations better.

Under improved conditions for fiscal discipline and economic reform, I hope that the United States Government, in concert with other donors, would be able to help Liberia in a renewed economic reform program. In view of the lengthy historical ties between Liberia and the U.S., we remain very interested in maintaining a productive bilateral economic assistance relationship.

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NSC/State Waivers  
BY dh DATE 10/18/2022

7

Mr. President, I extend to you and the Liberian people my best wishes for success in your struggle for economic recovery and strengthened democratic institutions.

Sincerely,

His Excellency  
Dr. Samuel K. Doe  
President of the Republic of Liberia  
Monrovia