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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN JM Meeting with OAS Ambassadors

SUBJECT:

The NSC strongly recommends that you schedule a meeting with OAS Ambassadors before the President's trip to Mexico, if feasible, or in early May if it is not. A possible day could be Pan American Day, April 14, if the President has no plans for the day himself at the OAS. (The down side is that April 14 is Holy Week and many Ambassadors may simply not be in town. If such is the case, late April or early May would be a good time.) You may wish to include the US Ambassador-designate.

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### MEMORANDUM

### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 23, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

ROGER FONTAINE

THROUGH: CHARLES TYSON

FROM:

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with OAS Ambassadors

Nancy Bearg Dyke has asked for our recommendations for scheduling a meeting between the Vice President and the OAS Ambassadors. At Tab I is a reply from you strongly supporting such a meeting, and suggesting that it be scheduled prior to the President's trip to Mexico.

### RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

MEMORANDUM

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### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 21, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY BEARG DYKE

FROM: ALLEN J. LENZ

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with OAS Ambassadors

The NSC staff strongly supports the Vice President meeting with OAS Ambassadors. The US Ambassador-designate should also be included. A possible day could be Pan American Day, April 14, if the President has no plans for the day himself at the OAS.

The down side is that April 14 is Holy Week and many Ambassadors may simply not be in town. If such is the case, late April or early May would be O.K.

It is recommended that the Vice President schedule a meeting with the OAS Ambassadors before the President's trip to Mexico if feasible, or in early May if it is not.

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Rather than being a Lenz/Bearg-Dyke memo, this action should be prepared in the form of a memo from Richard Allen to the Vice President, under cover memo from Roger Fontaine through Charles P. Tyson to Richard V. Allen.

Thanks,

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### April 13, 1981

Dear Ed:

Thank you very much for your recent letter to the President strongly recommonding that Gale NcGee be reappointed as the United States Representative to the Organization of American States in the Reagan Administration.

It was good to hear from you and to have the benefit of your favorable recommendation. You may be assured that Ambassador McCee will receive every possible consideration, especially in view of your personal interest.

I have forwarded your letter of recommendation to E. Pendleton James, Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel.

We appreciate very much your interest.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Edward J. Dorwinski House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/incoming to E. Pendleton James for further action.

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February 26, 1981

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The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan The President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The renomination of Ambassador Gale McGee as United States representative to the Organization of American States is a heartening development. The depth and scope of Ambassador McGee's qualifications, his wide experience, and exceptional character make his retention a wise decision on your part.

Ambassador McGee is a most valuable asset to the United States government in this important post. He will be totally loyal to your Administration and as a former Senator will be extremely effective in working with the Senate.

Unfortunately, Ambassador McGee's skills were under-utilized by the previous Administration. Your recognition of his value and potential is to be commended. I am extremely pleased that he will remain in his post.

Sincerely vours

Edward J. Derwinski, M.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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June 5, 1981

Dear Bill:

First let me thank you for your letter of April 30 outlining your suggestions on how to improve the OAS and the IDB. I think they are worth serious consideration. Before we move further on this, I suggest you get together with Norman Bailey and Roger Fontaine to discuss in detail your recommendations.

I have asked Roger Fontaine to be in touch with you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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

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Mr. J. William Middendorf, II 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006

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MEMORANDUM FOR	RICHARD V. ALLEN
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SUBJECT:	Bill Middendorf Letter'You Regarding OAS and IDB

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Bill Middendorf has proposed in a letter to you (Tab A) that the post of OAS ambassador be raised from Executive Level II to Executive Level I. He also proposes that the OAS ambassador be made U.S. alternate representative to the IDB.

Rud Poats and Norman Bailey have doubts about each suggestion. I support the first because it would be a clear signal to Latin America that we take the OAS seriously -- an organization we will find useful in the next few years. The second suggestion is intriguing but Poats and Bailey are probably right.

Bailey suggests a non-committal answer from you for the moment, and that Bailey and I have lunch with Middendorf to discuss his suggestions. I agree.

At Tab I is your polite, non-committal response.

RECOMMENDATIONS

MEMORANDUM

That you sign the letter to Middendorf at Tab I.

Approve MVL-Disapprove

That you approve a Bailey and Fontaine meeting with Bill Middendorf. Approve MW WW Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I

Your Letter to Bill Middendorf Incoming Letter from Bill Middendorf Α

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J. WILLIAM MIDDENDORF, II 1701 pennsylvania avenue, n. w. Washington, D. C. 20006

> AREA CODE 202 457-7906 April 30, 1981

The Honorable Richard V. Allen Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Dick:

I am writing to ask your help in increasing the rank and responsibility of the post of U. S. Representative to the Organization of American States.

When the President called me to ask if I would serve as this country's Representative to the O.A.S., he told me that he planned to give special attention to Latin America where the foreign policy of recent years has had particularly unfortunate consequences. As I have prepared myself to assume my duties, I have found that Latin diplomats are delighted with the President's profession of concern, especially since they know that the Carter Administration had proposed lowering the post of U.S. Representative from the rank of Executive Level II to Executive Level III. However, since previous Presidents have also professed special interest in the region, they await some signal that the new U.S. Representative is being listened to by the President. The Secretary General of the O.A.S., Ambassador Orfila, was particularly emphatic on this point. They also wonder whether the U.S. Representative will be able to affect the decisions of the Interamerican Development Bank, on which so much of their future depends.

It seems to me therefore that a couple of simple administrative decisions by the White House would do much to start my mission to the O.A.S. on a note of confidence. The post of U.S. Representative to the O.A.S. could be raised in rank from Executive Level II to Executive Level I. I understand Secretary Clark has told Senator Helms that he would support raising this post to Level I to send a clear signal to our Latin American friends. The same action could stipulate that the U.S. Representative to the O.A.S. would also be an alternate U.S. Representative to the Interamerican Development Bank. More effectively than words (though just as inexpensively) these simple actions would tell the nations of Latin America that the Reagan Administration considers them more important than the Carter Administration did, and that it wants to make sure that moves to develop Latin economies will be undertaken as part of a comprehensive political strategy for the region.

Of course these two measures are primarily symbolic. But, as you know, nowhere more than in Latin America are symbols almost as important as substance in foreign policy. I do know that these actions would be an especially clear signal to our Latin American friends of the new course of this Administration.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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Bill

J. William Middendorf, II

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FROM:	ROGER FONTAINE QY	FGEDE-12
SUBJECT:	Swearing-In Ceremony for Ambassador J. William Middendorf, II	-Designate

Attached at Tab A is a memorandum to you from the Department of State proposing that Bill Middendorf be sworn in as Ambassador to the Organization of American States in the White House with the 26 Latin American and Caribbean ambassadors in attendance. This proposal would give a strong positive signal for the OAS by the President.

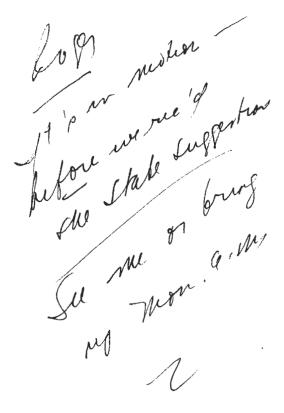
The NSC staff strongly endorses the idea.

### RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the State Department proposal.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment Tab A State Department proposal



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 17, 1981

### MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Swearing-In Ceremony for Ambassador-Designate J. William Middendorf, II

In light of President Reagan's renewed emphasis on our relations with Latin America and his intention to revitalize our role in the Organization of American States, this is to propose that Ambassador-Designate J. William Middendorf be formally sworn-in as U.S. Ambassador to the OAS at the White House by President Reagan. The 26 Latin American and Caribbean Ambassadors to the OAS would be invited to attend.

Such a protocolary ceremony would convey a clear signal to Latin America and the Caribbean that President Reagan intends to utilize vigorously the OAS as a mechanism of multilateral diplomacy, complementing our bilateral efforts, to further U.S. policy objectives in the hemisphere.

Paul Bremer, III Executive Secretary

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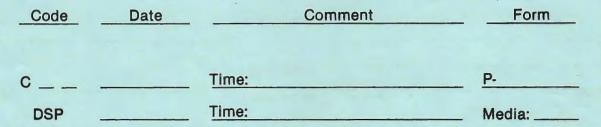
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