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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

February 20, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM:

DAVID N. LAUX

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Han Xu of the Peoples's Republic

of China as Ambassador to the United States

The Government of the People's Republic of China has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Han Xu as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the United States (Tab II). A biography of Han Xu is attached at Tab III.

I agree with the State Department's assessment that Han should be a "successful" ambassador. Han has had lengthy experience with U.S.-Chinese relations. From 1973 to 1979 he was Deputy Chief of the Chinese Liaison Office in Washington. And from 1979 until 1982 he was Director of American and Oceanic Affairs in the PRC Foreign Ministry. He has been Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs since 1982. He speaks excellent English.

Gaston Sigur concurs.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward your memo to Nicholas Platt at Tab I.

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

Attachments:

Tab I Kimmitt Memo to Platt

Tab II Chinese Embassy's Letter to State Department

Tab III Biography of Han Xu

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Ambassador to the United States from the

People's Republic of China

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Han Xu as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of the People's Republic of China.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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The Embassy of the People's Republic of China presents its compliments to the U.S. Department of State and has the honor to inform the latter of the following:

The Government of the People's Republic of China proposes to appoint Mr. Han Xu Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the United States of America and hereby requests agrément to this appointment by the Government of the United States of America.

Enclosed is Mr. Han Xu's biographical note.

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the U.S. Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C. January 29, 1985

Department of State United States of America Washington, D.C.

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February 6, 1985

Washington, D.C. 20520

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Han Xu of the People's Republic of China as Ambassador to the United States

The Government of the People's Republic of China has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Han Xu as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Mr. Han is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Mr. Han 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 People's Republic of China.

Micholas Platt
Executive Secretary

#### Attachments:

- 1. Biography
- 2. Diplomatic Note 009/85



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

February 20, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL JOHN POINDEXTER

FROM:

DAVID LAUX

SUBJECT:

Request for Meeting by New Zealand Director of

Prime Minister's Office

New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange is sending Gerald Hensley to Washington on short notice in the hope that he can see Bud McFarlane and other senior U.S. officials (see Ambassador Monroe's telegram at Tab A for details). Hensley, a pro-American career government official who has been helpful to us, is the permanent head of the Prime minister's Department and also Chairman of the New Zealand Intelligence Council.

Lange hopes that Hensley can meet with U.S. officials on Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23 and then travel to Los Angeles to meet with Lange before Lange's luncheon speech Tuesday, February 26. The main object of Hensley's visit is to forestall a cut-off of U.S. intelligence, and he hopes for meetings with Bill Casey, John McMahon, Abramowitz and the head of NSA, in addition to McFarlane. At a mini-IG on New Zealand at State last night and in further discussions with State, Defense and CIA this morning, we concluded with recommendations for appointments with John McMahon, Mike Armacost, and yourself. McMahon intends to speak for the Intelligence Community and Hensley would not be given appointments with Casey, the head of NSA, or Abramowitz. The intention, of course, is to proceed with a curtailment of intelligence along with other measures, assuming the President approves the IG recommendations, and also to give Hensley a strong exposition of the U.S. position on the port access issue to carry bac... to Lange.

I recommend that you see Hensley Friday afternoon or Saturday morning and be firm but cordial with him in explaining the U.S. posture over the ship access issue. It is important that he bring the right message back to Lange before Lange's Tuesday luncheon speech. If you agree, talking points will be provided.

State, Defense and CIA endorse this recommendation and Gaston Sigur concurs.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you agree to meet with Gerald Hensley for 30 minutes on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, February 22-23.

Approve

Disapprove

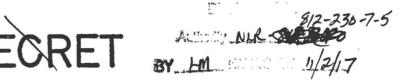
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Tab A

Amb. Monroe's Cable and Bio Sketch of Hensley

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 21, 1985

#### ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

DAVID N. LAUX

SUBJECT:

Request From Lee Verstandig for Comments on the National Governors' Association Resolution on

Commonwealth Status for Guam

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I have looked into this with the Department of the Interior and the Administration's position is that this desire, expressed by the people of Guam in a 1983 vote (75% for commonwealth status), is a welcome one. The delay in implementation has not been due to Congress or the Administration, but to the time it has taken the special commission on Guam to draft the necessary legislation to be voted on by plebiscite there and then introduced to the Congress. Now on their fourth draft, they expect to hold a plebiscite in Guam in June and then send it to Congress.

At Tab I is a memo from you to Lee Verstandig, making these comments.

Sigur, C. Lehman and Sable concur.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to Lee Verstandig at Tab I.

Approve	Disapprove
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#### Attachments:

Tab I McFarlane memo to Verstandig Tab II Verstandig memo to McFarlane

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 13, 1985

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ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT:

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Thank you.

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#### A. - 24

#### COMMONWEALTH STATUS FOR GUAM

IT IS A BASIC PRINCIPLE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY THAT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF A GOVERNMENT BE DERIVED FROM A CONSENSUS OF ITS CITIZENS. THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HAVE VOTED TO CHANGE THEIR POLITICAL STATUS TO THAT OF A COMMONWEALTH. THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION URGES THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS TO DEVELOP AND ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION DESIGNATING GUAM AS A COMMONWEALTH.

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 21, 1985

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL



February 22, 1985

#### ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

DAVID N. LAUX

SUBJECT:

Request From Lee Verstandig for Comments on the National Governors' Association Resolution on

Commonwealth Status for Guam

Lee Verstandig, Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs, has written you (Tab II) requesting NSC comments on the National Governors' Association (NGA) Resolution on "Commonwealth Status for Guam" that will be considered at the NGA 1985 winter meeting, February 24-25. The resolution urges the Administration and the Congress to expedite the process.

I have looked into this with the Department of the Interior and the Administration's position is that this desire, expressed by the people of Guam in a 1983 vote (75% for commonwealth status), is a welcome one. The delay in implementation has not been due to Congress or the Administration, but to the time it has taken the special commission on Guam to draft the necessary legislation to be voted on by plebiscite there and then introduced to the Congress. Now on their fourth draft, they expect to hold a plebiscite in Guam in June and then send it to Congress.

The NGA draft resolution makes it appear that the Administration and Congress may have been holding back on endorsing Commonwealth status for Guam. This is not the case. John Poindexter suggests that we ask Verstandig's office to try and get the NGA to change the resolution. I agree. Interior (Assistant Secretary Montoya) also concurs and Verstandig's office tells me by phone they think they can do it. Accordingly, your memo to Verstandig at Tab I makes this recommendation.

sigur, C. Lehman and Sable concur.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to Lee Verstandig at Tab I.

Approve	Disapprove

#### Attachments:

Tab I McFarlane memo to Verstandig

Tab A Amended Draft Resolution

Tab II Verstandig memo to McFarlane

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR LEE L. VERSTANDIG

FROM:

ROBERT C. McFARLANE

SUBJECT:

National Governors' Association (NGA) Resolution

on Guam

You asked for comments on the NGA resolution on "Commonwealth Status for Guam" that will be considered at the NGA 1985 winter meeting, February 24-25.

My staff has looked at it and discussed it with the Department of Interior. As you probably know, the Administration's position, and that of Congress, is that we are delighted that the people of Guam have chosen, in their vote in 1983, to be more closely associated than in their present territorial status. Only Congress can change Guam's legal status, however, and at the Administration's suggestion, as you know, Guam's government has been working ever since the 1983 vote, on draft legislation to be introduced into the Congress. Guam is now on their fourth draft. They hope to complete it in the near future, bring it before the Governor, and then hold a plebiscite on it in Guam in June. After that it would be submitted to the U.S. Congress.

The wording of the NGA resolution makes it appear that the Administration and Congress may have been holding back on endorsing Commonwealth status for Guam. This is not the case at all. If you have the power to influence the wording of the NGA resolution, we urge that you recommend they amend it along the line of the changes we suggest and have marked in the attached draft (Tab A).

Attachment:

Tab A Amended Draft Resolution

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 13, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

LEE L. VERSTANDIG

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT:

National Governors' Association Winter Meeting

Policy Positions and Amendments

For your information and review, attached is the policy position on "Commonwealth Status for Guam" that will be considered at the NGA 1985 winter meeting (February 24-25). Please forward any comments that you or your staff have to Andrew Card of my staff.

Thank you.

ATTACHMENT



# National Governors' Association

My

John Carlin Governor of Kansas Chairman

Raymond C. Scheppach Executive Director

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#### ABOLISHING TORTURE

ONE-THIRD OF THE WORLD'S GOVERNMENTS SYSTEMATICALLY TORTURE THEIR OWN CITIZENS. TORTURE OCCURS IN EVERY REGION OF THE WORLD, REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGICAL BOUNDARIES, EVEN THOUGH INTERNATIONAL LAW ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITS TORTURE.

DURING HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK, DECEMBER 3-10, 1984, ALL GOVERNORS RECEIVED A COPY OF A PROCLAMATION AGAINST TORTURE. THE PROCLAMATION CONDEMNS TORTURE WHEREVER IT OCCURS AND CALLS ON SPECIFIC GOVERNMENTS TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE. IT ASKS ALL GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH SAFEGUARDS AGAINST USE OF TORTURE DURING INTERROGATION AND INCARCERATION OF DETAINEES, TO CONDUCT IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATIONS OF TORTURE ALLEGATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION AND REHABILITATION FOR TORTURE VICTIMS.

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