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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOVEMBER 17, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary
-----THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of William F. Gorog, Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs, as Executive Director of the Council on International Economic Policy. This is a recess appointment.

Born on September 2, 1925, in Warren, Ohio, Mr. Gorog graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1949. He received his M. S. degree from Ohio State University Graduate School in Columbus. He was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Mead Technology Laboratories prior to his appointment to the White House Staff on March 23, 1976.

Mr. Gorog is married to the former Gretchen Elizabeth Meister and they have six children. They reside in McLean, Virginia.

The President today announced the appointment of Thaddeus A. Garrett, Jr., of Akron, Ohio, as a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 1975.

Born on May 18, 1948, in Akron, Ohio, Mr. Garrett attended the University of Akron and received his B. A. degree. He received his D. D. degree from the Howard University Graduate School of Religion. He has been Special Assistant to the Vice President since April, 1975.

Mr. Garrett resides in the District of Columbia.

The President today announced the appointment of Jack B. Olson, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. This is a recess appointment.

Born on August 29, 1920, in Kilbourn, Wisconsin, Mr. Olson received his B. S. degree from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. He has been Manager of the Olson Boat Company and was Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin during 1963 to 1964 and from 1967 to 1970.

Mr. Olson is married to the former Eleanor Lang and they have two children.

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Jack B. Olson

834 MEADOW LANE, WISCONSIN DELLS, WIS. 53965

19 October 1976

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. #20050

Dear Mr. President:

As you requested during our telephone conversation last evening, October 18th, I am sending you machine copies of my notes on conversations regarding my nomination as Ambassador to the Bahamas.

These notes stretch many months, showing that in early July I was told clearly that the cable had been sent to the Bahamian Prime Minister for approval, and then on three other specific occasions I was lied to. I will swear to the accuracy of these memorandum notes that show that my appointment could have been sent to the Senate as early as mid-July. It didn't get there until October 1st, the night preceding adjournment.

My sincere appreciation for your welcome call, and for your consideration of the merits of this matter.

Respectfully

Jack B. Olson

JACK B. OLSON

Enclosures--- 18 pages

Jack B. Olson

834 MEADOW LANE, WISCONSIN DELLS, WIS. 53965

19 October 1976

TRANSCRIPTION FROM 1976 HANDWRITTEN DAY BOOK:

March 11th: Letter from Ody re Iceland possibilities.

March 25th: Call from White House concerning Ambassadorship to Iceland.

May 3rd: Trip to Washington and discussion at White House about problems involving Iceland, and inquiry as to my interest in the Bahamas.

June Call from Ody including congratulations by Bob Knowles following confirmation from President to Ody that I had been selected for the post of Ambassador to the Bahamas.

June 28th: FBI and IRS begin investigation, to be completed by July 6th. Medical exams completed and returned to State Department July 5th.

June 29th: Appointments at State Department with Charles Robinson, Deputy Secretary of State; Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Management. Eagleburger remarked during our discussion that everything had been cleared with Secretary of State Kissinger, and that it would only take a few days for clearance from the Bahamas.

July 12th: Bob Off, Special Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary for Management (Dept. of State) informed me that the cable had been sent to Prime Minister Pindling of Bahamas (through Embassy in Nassau) for approval. A week to ten days would be ordinary clearance time, he informed me, but it could come back in a matter of a couple of days, as Secretary Eagleburger had remarked. Two weeks later, when no word had been heard, Bob Off informed me that a back-up cable had been sent to determine why approval had not been received as yet.

July 22nd: Jim Field called at 10:15 AM, and said that everything was clear, and that I would be up for Senate hearing by the August 2nd deadline. No security or other problems had arisen, and the rest was just routine handling of an ambassadorial appointment. He said, in response to my inquiry, that "security" was an umbrella term used by the State Department for over all preparation for confirmation hearings. He concluded by saying that the White House was very aware of deadlines, and that he had checked my papers and everything was in order and okay.

August 7th: Talked with Ody concerning delay on confirmation, and he said that he was going to be talking to Dick Cheney at the White House about two or three key matters, and that he would discuss this nomination also.

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Date 5/18/88 By KR

CONFIDENTIAL Memo

DATE

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FROM

have been working on it for a solution - * my agreed - ma papers were not sent as I was told on Tuesday 27 July * by Bob off at State Dept. - because of the problem * they were sent yesterday morning after President gave go ahead - indicating he would accept consequences of Ambassador change - Bennett said that Senator Mansfield - Democrat majority floor leader would clear ambassador (appt. up to Sept. 77) - & further the

Straus

CONFIDENTIAL

Memo

3:00 P.M.

DATE

8/12/76

FROM

for The Record File FROM Spick Olson

Doug Bennett called from The White House - apologizing for not being in touch with me sooner - said he had to tell me something completely off the record & this was reason for my not having been nominated as yet. There has been a matter of international significance concerning the Bohones & The Prime Minister working with present U.S. Ambassador Lyman Kirk

Straus

CONFIDENTIAL Memo

DATE _____

TO _____ FROM 3 _____

White House would nominate me
The day the papers were returned
from Bohannon - even if Pres.
was in Kansas City or jail etc.
and that my Foreign Relations
hearing would be scheduled at
once + Senate vote set -
Longfelt it could be done next
week (week of Aug. 23rd) - He
said in addition that I should be briefed
when confirmed on the detail problem
that caused delay.

Strauss J.O.

Memo

DATE 8/20/76
FROM (2)

TO Observations of Kansas City Bulletin - 8 P.M.
I mentioned Rand addressing
me as Mr. Ambassador
(Shouting in caucus room)

Doug said he was calling
to discuss the Bahamas
situation - and I reviewed
the fact again about how
he's lied to several times

Strauss

CONFIDENTIAL Memo

DATE 8/20/76
FROM Jack Olson

For File
Upon Return from Nat. Rep. Conv.
at Kansas the following
message given to me -
Call Doug Bennett at White House
at ONCE! # 202-456-2495
or 456-1414 White House
Switchboard and ask for
Doug - This I did &
Reached him - we ~~talked~~
rechanged

Strauss

Memo

DATE 7

TO TO
FROM
Any consequences of changing
ambassadors of 20 may go
ahead was given - he
said therefore I should go
to convention as delegate
I immediately following
convention I would be nominated
by President at that - it
sent up for confirmation.

Straus

Memo

DATE 3
FROM

TO TO
before and just before being
actually Whitney Aug 12th
he had called and said
that there was trouble +
renewed it - that the
earlier delay was due to
problems - but that
the President had made
the decision to accept

Straus

Memo

DATE _____
TO _____ FROM D _____

Dominican Republic in detail and I said absolutely under no circumstances would I accept that post or any other Embassy in the world besides the Bahamas. Bennett then went into detail about the problem of the

Straus

Memo

DATE _____
TO _____ FROM 5 _____

Doug said that was fine and yet more problems appeared to be in Bahamas and would I accept a larger Embassy instead - class 5 instead of class 4 (Bahamas) He then started to describe the

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Memo

⑧ DATE _____
TO _____ FROM _____

The matter - I told him plainly that I would not accept another Embassy & further I was clear of any problems & had the background to handle whatever occurred - and if there present ambassador

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Memo

⑨ DATE _____
TO _____ FROM _____

Prime Minister and U.S.A. Corporation Kick Backs of \$100,000 and tie in of former Ambassadors @ IRS Agents in Bahamas - removed one left and "60" minutes going to do special in September on

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Memo

DATE _____

TO _____

FROM _____

(10)

Ambassador - of that
I was ready to leave
now! He said he would
try & clear the matter
with President and be back
to me Saturday.

8/21 10¹⁵ AM I called
Ody Fish @ (816) 467-1946
Straus

Memo

DATE _____

TO _____

FROM _____

(9)

There was clear how cold
he be accused of a cover
up if removed - I restated
my strong feeling about
this matter and that the
President had cleared me
I was prepared to take
consequences which I felt
was more as regards my being
cleared.

Straus

Memo

DATE _____

TO _____ FROM 11 _____

and told him I was very upset by Doug Bennett call. He replied that late last night Bennett had called him & was surprised that I did not want to accept larger Embassy - & why said he thought there were reasons why I wanted to complete the Bahamas.

Strauss

Nominations & appt. Ody
After talking to me
said he would talk
to Bennett & Cheney today
& convey to them my
strong feeling of he back
to me - I ended with
saying that I had been
lied too several times
& it was not acceptable
& I would expect there
commitment to be kept!
J.O.

MEMO

from	(2)	date
to		

I restated my emphatic position that under no consideration would I accept it even though Sec. of State Kissinger had cable for a greeting in my regard from the Dom. Rep. all ready -

ady said he posed the question as to whether the President had backed

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMO

10 30 AM

from	ady fish	date
to	Jell Olson	8/30/76

Call from ady in which he said he talked in detail with Dick Cheney Asst. to President and that he asked ady to determine if I would reconsider accepting the Dominican Republic Ambassadorship

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MEMO

from	(4)	date
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Cheney said he was going to discuss the matter with President and would be back so ody. by Tuesday with decision —

note * Tuesday came & passed and no word. Ody however told me he was to be at White House on Wednesday & would get it settled then.

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MEMO

from	(3)	date
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off completely on my Bahamas nomination and Cheney said no that the President was still holding that option open but that Sec. Kissinger did not want to change Ambassador, at this point.

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MEMO

from _____ date _____
to _____

Bennett yesterday
from Southern New York
and that I frankly
did not feel it of
value to discuss the
matter further with him
because of the clear fact
I had been misled and
in fact lied too far
as recently as the last
couple of times we

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from Hickson date 8/29/66
to Ody

10:25
AM

Called and asked
Ody what was result
of call he said he was
going to make to Cheney
on Aug ~~27~~²⁸th. He
said who have you
heard from Dick? Cheney
I said not a word
just a call from

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MEMO

from		date
to	(3)	

talked — Jody said
 he would send down
 Cheney between Yair
 & Washington or wherever
 he could reach him &
 get back to me just as
 soon as he had done so.
 I remarked that the Midw.
Journal carried an article
 last night "Senate goes slow
 on Ford nominees" & time
 was running out & Jody said
 STRAUS "I know it!"

MEMO

from		date
to	②	

and planned to send cable still Friday Night. I told him that if it were negative and the matter did not work out I expected it would demand to see the President and give him the facts how I had applied to specifically the Anglin call wherein Bennett

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMO

from	Doug Bennett *	date	8/27/76 ✓
to	JACK OLSON		

H/ * Called from northern New York and said he had told Ody he would be in touch with me — started me to believe that he was very anxious to get clearance from Pres. so he could send the cable to Bahamas ^{more} ^{smaller} ^{of} ^{the} ^{message} expected at call from Clency yet on Friday (today)

STRAUS

MEMO

from		date
to		

said that the call
 was sent Aug 11th
 to the Bahamas
 w of as soon as it
 was returned the matter
 could be completed
 by my nomination by
 President & confirmation
 by Senate. Bennett
 did not reply to this
 except to say that

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MEMO

from		date
to		

Called & told me
 that the President
 had been apprised
 fully on Aug. 11th
 of the Bahamas
 situation and gave
 go ahead to my
 nomination, saying
 that he (the President)
 would personally accept
 the consequences —
 further — Bennett

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MEMO

from	③	date
to		

He was all for me
and that I had been
very understanding
that he thought
the matter would be
cleared by Henry's call
that he was expecting.
He said I could expect
an immediate call
from him at that
time.

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MEMO

from	(2)	date
to		

Could be sent up at
 once to Senate
 Foreign Relations Comm.
 for hearing & Senate
 Confirmation - Doug
 said that they
 had talked to Senator
 Hugh Scott, who he
 had agreed to aid on
 the expediting of app't.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO

10:30 AM

from	Doug Bennett	date	9/2/76
to	Sack Blair		

Called from White House
 and said that the
 President had given
 the go ahead on
 Bahamas and
 that Doug was attempt-
 ing to reach Gayle Berger
 right now to expedite
 the cable to Prime
 Minister Pindling -
 so that my nomination

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JACK B. OLSON

P. O. Box 87

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 53965

**RETURN RECEIPT
REQUESTED**

CERTIFIED

No. 139853

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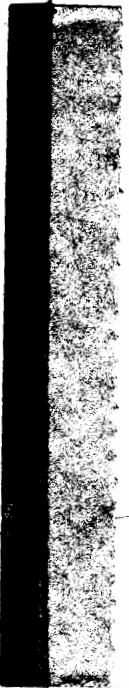
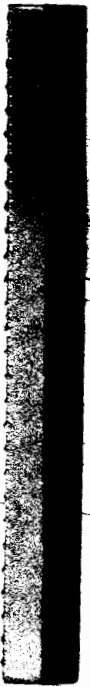
*ATT: HONORABLE RICHARD CHENEY
Assistant to the President*

THE HONORABLE GERALD R. FORD
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. # 20050

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Doug Bennett

What about the
nominations of Olsen
to Bahamas?

That should go
exp this week

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 13, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DOUG BENNETT

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *je*

Confirming phone call to your office earlier today, the President directed the following notation to you:

"What about the nomination of Olsen to Bahamas? That should go up this week."

Please follow up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

Attached memorandum was returned by
Dick Cheney on 9/6/76.

GBF

PAWS

SENSITIVE

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

SENSITIVE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: RICHARD B. CHENEY

FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT **DPB**

SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Appointment of Jack Olson to the Bahamas

In the past few days we have become aware of a very sensitive situation regarding Internal Revenue Service activities in the Bahamas and potential adverse ramifications both internationally and domestically if the incumbent Ambassador Weiss is replaced by Jack Olson of Wisconsin. You had approved and we were completing the processing of Olson to assume the post when this situation surfaced.

In the mid-60's the IRS investigated allegations of tax evasion in the Bahamas. Although the local government was to some degree aware of these IRS investigations, there apparently was some free wheeling to include the use of paid informants without the consent of local authorities. Last year there was a grand jury investigation to examine the methods used by the IRS with the result that in April of this year we advised the Bahamian government that all such activities had been discontinued. There was an allegation in the Los Angeles Times in late May that Prime Minister Pindling had taken a \$100,000 bribe from a U.S. firm and included in this story was a rehash of the previously discontinued IRS activities. There is no evidence to date that Pindling actually received such payment.

In the past few days the State Department learned that contrary to the April communication to the Bahamian government, the Justice Department has continued to use the services of a woman in the Bahamas considered to be an informant (she was an IRS informant, but now seems to be doing research in public documents for the Justice Department).

*Revised Appointment
11/6/76.*

The CBS program, "60 Minutes" intends to run a story probably in early September charging continued IRS activities in the Bahamas as well as the previous charges against the IRS.

Larry Eagleberger has described two potential problems which could arise if Weiss is removed at this time:

1) In terms of foreign policy, the withdrawal of Weiss, on the heels of a "revelation" that the IRS still has an agent in the Bahamas, could have serious consequences on the attitude of Prime Minister Pindling. Weiss personally assured the Prime Minister that the IRS had ceased any such practice, and Weiss' removal now could easily be seen by Pindling as evidence that Weiss had lied to him and that the Executive Branch was itself deeply involved in the activities in the Bahamas. This could be bad for the U.S. in terms of our general relationships with the Bahamas in any event, but could be extremely serious since we are now seeking to renegotiate our bases agreement with the Bahamas.

2) In domestic political terms we need to be concerned about how "60 Minutes" and political commentators would read the Weiss withdrawal. While this is not something that can be fully judged from the State Department, it does seem to us that there is a substantial potential danger that commentators would use the Weiss withdrawal as evidence that the United States government is (was) deeply and illegally involved in the Bahamas and that this Administration is trying to cover up or lay the blame on the Ambassador.

Dick Cheney can describe to you the commitment made to Olson and Ody Fish respecting the Olson appointment. If you decide that it would be unwise to remove Weiss there are two alternatives: possibly nominating Olson to another country, perhaps Paraguay (I will have to check this with the State Department) or, after the dust is settled in a few months and after the election, we could assure Olson that he would be nominated to the Bahamas post. Of course, the delicacy of this situation would have to be explained to Olson.

Trudy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 28, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*
SUBJECT: Ambassador to the Commonwealth
of the Bahamas

Confirming a phone call to your office, the President has reviewed your memorandum of July 27 on the above subject and has approved the nomination of Jack B. Olson to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

up
9/14

September 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: RICHARD B. CHENEY
FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT *DPB*
SUBJECT: Ambassador to the Commonwealth
of the Bahamas.

Attached for your signature is the nomination document for Jack B. Olson, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas vice Seymour Weiss.

Mr. Olson is currently the Manager of Olson Boat Company in Wisconsin Dells and prior to this he served as Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin from 1963-64 and 1967-70.

All necessary checks have been completed. This action reflects your decision of July 28, 1976.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 28, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*
SUBJECT: Ambassador to the Commonwealth
of the Bahamas

Confirming a phone call to your office, the President has reviewed your memorandum of July 27 on the above subject and has approved the nomination of Jack B. Olson to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

cc: Dick Cheney

Nomination 9/15/76

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Senator Scott did not reply.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: RICHARD B. CHENEY
FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT ^{DPB}
SUBJECT: Ambassador to the Commonwealth
of the Bahamas

PPO RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE:

Jack B. Olson

Support - Secretary Kissinger

Opposition - None

The attached recommendation has evoked the following responses:

Concurrence - The Vice President, Counsellor Hartmann,
Counsellor Marsh, Assistant for Legislative
Affairs (Rhodes), Public Liaison Office,
Domestic Council, National Security Council,
Republican National Committee and Jana Fagan.

No Objection - Counsel's Office.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: RICHARD B. CHENEY
FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT **DPB**
SUBJECT: Ambassador to the Commonwealth
of the Bahamas

This memorandum seeks your approval of the nomination of Jack B. Olson as Ambassador to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. A resume is attached for your review (Tab A).

Jack B. Olson, 55, a Republican, currently is the Manager of Olson Boat Company, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Prior to returning to that position, he was Lt. Governor of Wisconsin. He has served on many boards and commissions, including the President's Air Quality Control Advisory Board; Director of the Wisconsin Trade Mission to Europe; President of the Northern Great Lakes Council; and Member of the President's Citizens Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality.

A graduate of Western Michigan University, Mr. Olson resides in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. He is represented by Congressman R. Kastenmeier (D).

Secretary Kissinger recommends this appointment, and I concur.



_____ Approve

_____ Disapprove

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JACK B. OLSON

Mr. Olson was a student at the University of Wisconsin from 1938-39. He received a B.S. degree from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, 1942. He served to Lieutenant (j.g.), United States Naval Reserve, 1942-46.

He has been Manager of the Olson Boat Co., Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin; Director of Bank of Wisconsin Dells. He was Director, Bureau of Business Research, University of Hawaii in 1961. He served as Member, President's Air Quality Control Advisory Board, 1970-73; President of Wisconsin Vacationland Council, 1952-57; Director, Wisconsin Trade Mission Europe, 1964, Official Representative 1965; Executive Chairman, Wisconsin World's Fair Participation Corporation, 1964-65; President of Northern Great Lakes Area Council 1958; President of Greater Wisconsin Foundation, 1969; Member, President's Citizens Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality; Chairman, Wisconsin March of Dimes, 1965-66; Board of Directors of Wisconsin Good Roads Association; Chairman of Wisconsin Volunteers for Nixon, 1963-64. He served as Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin from 1963-64 and 1967-70. He was candidate for Governor of Wisconsin in 1970.

He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Western Michigan University in 1964 and the Sports Illustrated Silver Anniversary All American Football Award in 1966.

Mr. Olson is married to the former Eleanor Lang and they have two children, Jill (Mrs. William Gaffney) and Sally (Mrs. Alexander Bracken).

Date of Birth: August 29, 1920

Legal Residence: 834 Meadow Lane
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin



THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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July 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER **K**
SUBJECT: Nomination of Ambassador to the
Commonwealth of the Bahamas

I recommend that you nominate Jack B. Olson,
former Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin, as Ambassador
to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

A biographic resumé of Mr. Olson is attached.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

Attachment:

As stated.

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