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NLT EXTERNAL WELLINGTON
(NEW ZEALAND)

59 IN VIEW FORTHCOMING VISIT UNITED NATIONS MISSION TO WESTERN-SAMOA HAVE HONOUR REQUEST YOU INFORM ME URGENTLY WHAT AIR FACILITIES EXIST BETWEEN WELLINGTON AND WESTERN-SAMOA. EIGHT PERSONS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WELLINGTON 24 JUNE AND WISH TO LEAVE FOR SAMOA APPROXIMATELY 30 JUNE.

TRYGVE LIE SECRETARY GENERAL

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SAYRE ATTENTION BUNCHE

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE HONOUR CONFERRED ON ME BY THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN INVITING ME TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMISSION WHICH IS TO EXAMINE THE PETITION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT SUBMITTED BY THE POPULATION OF WESTERN SAMOA. I SHOULD BE PLEASED TO CO-OPERATE AS REQUESTED, BUT AT THE PRESENT TIME THE DUTIES OF MY OFFICE MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE ABSENT FROM PANAMA FOR THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THE COUNCIL'S MISSION. I AM THEREFORE OBLIGED TO DECLINE THE HONOUR OF THIS INVITATION.

RICARDO J. ALFARO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PANAMA.

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SAYRE ATTENTION BUNCHE

APRECIÓ ALTAMENTE EL HONOR QUE ME HA CONFERIDO EL CONSEJO DE ADMINISTRACION FIDUCIARIA DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS AL INVITARME A INTEGRAR LA COMISION DEL CONSEJO QUE DEBE CONSIDERAR LA PETICION DE AUTONOMIA HECHA POR EL PUEBLO DE LA SAMOA OCCIDENTAL. SERIAMOS PLACENTERO DAR LA COLABORACION QUE SE ME HA PEDIDO, PERO LAS OBLIGACIONES DE MI CARGO EN LOS ACTUALES MOMENTOS IMPIDENME AUSENTARME DE PANAMA POR EL TIEMPO REQUERIDO PARA ESTA MISION DEL CONSEJO POR LO CUAL VEOME OBLIGADO A DECLINAR TAN HONROSA INVITACION

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THE HONORABLE FRANCIS B. SAYRE,
PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
VINEYARD HAVEN,
MARATHA'S VINEYARD (MASSACHUSETTS)

7425 MEMBER OF PANAMERICAN DELEGATION INFORMED ME THIS MORNING THAT IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DR. ALFARO HE WAS INFORMED THAT ALFARO REGRETS GREATLY HIS INABILITY TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT ON WESTERNSAMOA MISSION. DELAY IN ALFARO'S RESPONSE YOUR CABLE WAS DUE TO HIS SERIOUS EFFORT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY HE COULD JOIN MISSION. IMPORTANT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS HOWEVER WILL NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR HIM TO DO THIS. CABLE OF REGRET FROM ALFARO IS COMING. AM SENDING CABLE TO CRUZ-COKE TODAY.

BUNCHE DIRECTOR OF TRUSTEESHIP

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7426 THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO INVITE YOU TO
BECOME ONE OF THREE MEMBERS OF TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MISSION WHICH IS
EXPECTING TO VISIT WESTERN SAMOA DURING THE COMING SUMMER IN ORDER
INVESTIGATE PETITION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT SUBMITTED BY LEADERS AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN SAMOA. MISSION EXPECTS TO ASSEMBLE IN WELLING-
TON NEW ZEALAND ON OR ABOUT JUNE 25. OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF MISSION WILL
BE M. PIERRE RYCKMANS REPRESENTATIVE BELGIUM ON TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
AND MYSELF. COUNCIL FEELS IT MOST IMPORTANT HAVE AS MEMBER OF THIS
MISSION A DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF LATIN AMERICA WHO AT THE SAME
TIME WOULD REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF NON ADMINISTERING STATES.
THIS IS AN URGENT MISSION OF MOST VITAL CONCERN TO FUTURE OF THE
TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM. IT IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IN THAT IT WILL
FIX PATTERN AND SET PRECEDENTS FOR FUTURE VISITING MISSIONS. IT
WILL PROBABLY TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS. OF COURSE ALL EXPENSES WOULD BE
Borne by the United Nations. I realize how great a request this is.
But because of urgency of the case and of my great confidence in you,
I hope with all my heart my dear Senator that you will be able to accept
this invitation. I need not add how eagerly I should personally
look forward to the close association with you on this mission.
I would appreciate an early and favourable reply to Lakes Success.

New York
Francis B. Sayre
President Trusteehip Council Lakes Success

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NLT HIS EXCELLENCY RICHARDO J ALFARO
EXTERIORES PANAMACITY (PANAMA)

20 HOPEFULLY WAITING YOUR REPLY TO MY CABLE OF 7 MAY CONCERNING YOUR AVAILABILITY AS MEMBER OF WESTERN SAMOA MISSION. URGENCY OF SITUATION REQUIRES PROMPT RESPONSE TO ME AT LAKE SUCCESS WHICH I HOPE WILL BE FAVOURABLE.

FRANCIS B SAYRE
PRESIDENT TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

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The Secretary-General

Dr. Victor Hoo, Assistant Secretary-General in Charge of the Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

Designation of M. Jean de la Roche to Accompany the Visiting Mission to Western Samoa

13 May 1947

The Trusteeship Council in the course of its First Session adopted a Resolution, after I had presented a report to the Council on the budgetary implications involved, authorising the investigation of the petition submitted by leaders of Western Samoa by a visiting mission to that Trust Territory during the coming summer. This is to be a three man mission accompanied by four members of the Secretariat, two senior, one intermediate, and one stenographer. I am informed that there is budgetary provision for this mission. A very useful arrangement has been made with the members of the mission whereby one member of the Secretariat will constitute an advance party and proceed to Western Samoa some weeks in advance of the mission proper.

I propose to designate M. Jean de la Roche, Chief of the Visits Section in the Division of Trusteeship, as one of the two senior members of this mission and the one who will go out in advance of the mission. It is proposed that M. de la Roche depart for Wellington, New Zealand, for this purpose not later than the end of May.
12 Mai 1947.

Cher Gouverneur Général,

Ce mot est pour vous demander si vous ne verriez pas d'inconvenients à ce que la mission ne comporte pas de sténo-dactylo pouvant prendre en français sous la dictée. Nous avions, en effet, de grosses difficultés pour trouver quelqu'un de cette capacité qui puisse nous accompagner; et si vous acceptiez de dicter en anglais, ce que votre parfaite connaissance de cette langue vous permet de faire, ce serait pour nous un excellent arrangement dont nous vous serions très reconnaissants.

Veuillez agréer, cher Gouverneur Général, les assurances de mes sentiments distingués et devoués.

Jean de la Roche
Chef de la Section des Visites
Département des Territoires sous Tutelle.

Gr.C1. Pierre MYOCHIANE
6 Rue Blizard
BRITISH
Mr. Byron Price, Dept. of Administrative and Financial Services

Victor Hoe, Dept. of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

Western Samoan Mission Outfit Allowance 9 May 1947

Following our conversation regarding the allowance to be granted to the members of the Secretariat appointed to the Mission to Western Samoa, I wish to affirm that it is essential to make available a grant sufficient to cover the purchase of items required for a visit of two or three months in a tropical territory.

It seems to me that the allowance of $300.00 per person is the absolute minimum to purchase the most essential items of equipment, etc., for this purpose.

I am not in a position to submit a list of all the items required by each member since certain of them might be in possession of some items suitable for the trip, but would need to balance their wardrobes with other items which they do not now possess. It is also probable that, on the occasion of visits by sea or in the bush, the need to purchase additional ad hoc equipment will arise. It is certain that the total sum necessary will be much higher than $300.00.

The list submitted with the estimates for the Mission is to be considered purely as an indication and does not include all requirements such as clothing and tropical equipment. This fact balances the prices of other items, the value of which have been in certain instances overestimated.

I wish also to point out that, during the Mission, the members of the Secretariat will be in permanent contact with the officials of the New Zealand Government and the leaders and representatives of the Samoan people. Frequent meetings, conferences, and receptions will be held. These members of the Secretariat should comply with the sartorial customs in a small place where they will be closely observed, if the Mission is to maintain dignity. Therefore, I urge that each member of the Secretariat accompanying the Mission be granted a minimum of $300.00.
MEMORANDUM

8 May 1947

To: Mr. W.F. Payne
Transportation Service
Empire State Building, N.Y.C.

From: J. de la Roche
Trusteeship Division
Visits Section, Rm AL-139
Lake Success.

Subject: United Nations Visiting Mission to Western Samoa.

As the air-trip to New Zealand and to Western Samoa includes several stops in islands under the dependence of Great Britain and France, and as it could be possible that Members of the Mission would have to go on official business in such territories, it may seem necessary that these Members secure the appropriate visas.

I would be very grateful if you could advise me on this matter.
Konsieur le Gouverneur-Général,

Nous procédons, aussi vite que nos moyens nous le permettent, à la préparation de notre Visite aux Samoa; vous recevrez les papiers au fur et à mesure de leur édition.

Vous voudrez bien trouver ci-jointes:

1. Fiche (R.W.S.47/1) sur les conditions sanitaires (voir page 3 pour les formalités exigées = "a certificate of vaccination for small-pox and a health certificate") et les formalités recommandées.

2. Bibliographies (R.W.S.47/2 et 3).

J'ai également une correction à faire. Vous avez exprimé au cours d’un de nos meetings, l’intention d’acheter des vêtements tropicaux en Nouvelle-Zélande; or d’après les renseignements obtenus, la Nouvelle-Zélande est soumise à un régime de restriction très strict, et s’il serait évidemment possible d’obtenir des coupons, ce serait cependant la une requête qui semble devoir être évitée dans toute mesure du possible.

Le Service des Transports s’occupe de votre voyage; je pense que vous prendrez en Belgique les visites nécessaires.

Veuillez agréer, Konsieur le Gouverneur-Général, les assurances de mes sentiments dévoués et devoués.

Jean de la Roche
Chef de la Section des Visites
Département des Territoires sous Tutelle.

Gr.21. Pierre Huyghens
1 Rue Mirand
Boitsfort
Belgique.
HEF4 65 DL PD TDN LAKE SUCCESS NY 8 MAY 47 1557 EDT

MR. FRANCIS B. SAYRE
PRESIDENT TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
VINEYARD HAVEN
MARThAS VINEYARD
MASSACHUSETTS

7300 PEARSON NOT AVAILABLE FOR MISSION. HE SUGGESTS FOLLOWING NAMES AS CANADIAN POSSIBILITIES:

- PROFESSOR FREDERICK H. SOWARD, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
- E. J. TARR OF WINNIPEG

SOWARD SERVED IN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DURING THE WAR AS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY OF STATE. TARR IS ADVANCED IN AGE AND HAS NOT BEEN IN GOOD HEALTH IN RECENT YEARS. BOTH ARE EXTREMELY ABLE AND PROMINENT IN CANADA.

BUNCHE

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NLT H E RICHARDO J ALFARO
EXTERIORES PANAMACITY (PANAMA)

ALTHOUGH I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT WOULD BE FOR YOU AS MINISTER FOREIGNAFFAIRS TO LEAVE PANAMA NEVERTHELESS BECAUSE OF YOUR DEVOTION TO WORK OF THE UNITEDNATIONS I AM PRESUMING AS AUTHORIZED BY THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO INVITE YOU TO BECOME ONE OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MISSION WHICH IS EXPECTING TO VISIT WESTERN SAMOA DURING THE COMING SUMMER IN ORDER INVESTIGATE THE PETITION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT SUBMITTED BY LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN SAMOA. THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF THE MISSION WILL BE M PIERRE RYCKMANS REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIUM ON THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL AND MYSELF.

THE COUNCIL FEELS IT MOST IMPORTANT TO HAVE AS MEMBER OF THIS MISSION A DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF LATINAMERICA WHO AT SAME TIME WOULD REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE NONADMINISTERING STATES. THIS IS AN URGENT MISSION OF MOST VITAL CONCERN TO FUTURE OF TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM.

IT IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IN THAT IT WILL FIX PATTERN AND SET PRECEDENTS FOR FUTURE VISITING MISSIONS. IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE ABOUT 36 INFORMATIVE COPY ONLY Copie du télégramme original
TWOMONTHS ALTHOUGH IF YOU COULD SPARE EVEN SIXWEEKS OF YOUR TIME COUNCIL WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE IT. OF COURSE ALL EXPENSES WOULD BE BORNE BY UNITEDNATIONS. I REALIZE HOW GREAT A REQUEST THIS IS BUT BECAUSE OF URGENCY OF CASE AND COUNCILS CONFIDENCE IN YOU I HOPE WITH ALL MY HEART MY DEAR DR ALFARO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE ACCEPT THIS INVITATION. I NEED NOT ADD HOW EAGERLY I SHOULD PERSONALLY LOOK FORWARD TO THE CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH YOU ON THIS MISSION.

I WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY AND FAVOURABLE REPLY

FRANCIS B SAYRE PRESIDENT TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM

6 May 1947

To: Mr. W.F. Payne
Transportation Service
Empire State Bldg., N.Y.C.

From: J. de la Roche
Trusteeship Division
Visits Section, Rm Al-139
Lake Success.

Following our meeting I wish to confirm that the Mission to Western Samoa shall be composed of two groups:

1) A member of the Secretariat (myself) leaving in advance, probably on the 26th of May from New York, as indicated by your service, for Wellington (W.S.) and Apia (W.S.) to come back to Wellington and return to Apia with the Mission. Attached to this Memorandum, please find, the requested forms.

2) a) Members of the Council (Mr. Seyre and Mrs. Seyre, and another member whose name is not yet known) leaving from the United States;

b) Governor-General Pierre Nyczma who shall leave from Belgium (address: 1 rue Hisard, Boitsfort - Belgium);

c) Three members of the Secretariat:
   - N. Peter Anker, Assistant Director of the Trusteeship Division;
   - N. ............... intermediate or junior officer of the same division;
   - N. ............... stenographer.

All these members of the Mission should be in Wellington before the end of June 1947.

I should like to know within what delay the respective forms for this personnel must reach your office, and whether passports of the members present in the U.S.A. must be sent to you in order to obtain the necessary visas. I would also like to know the excess of luggage each traveller could be allowed to have.
We are preparing as fast as possible the material (type-writers, documents, etc.) which could be sent in advance by boat to Wellington (I do not think it possible to have this material sent directly to Apia).

I should like to know the dead-line in shipping this material; it must reach Wellington before the arrival of the Mission in order to be forwarded to Apia in time, most probably by plane.
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HIS EXCELLENCY DR. ROBERTO MACEACHERN
AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY
URUGUAYAN EMBASSY
2 VICTORIA STREET
LONDON SW1 (ENGLAND)

7164 TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED ME Invite you urgently to join M RYCKMANS and me as one of threemembers on visiting mission which will assemble in wellington new zealand 25 JUNE to visit westernsamoA for approximately two months for purpose investigating petition for selfgovernment submitted by leaders and representatives of westernsamoA. This urgent mission is most vital concern to future of trusteeship system with which you have been so intimately and constructively associated it is of particular importance as it will fix pattern and set precedents for future visiting missions. all expenses will be borne by unitednations earnestly hope you able accept this invitation and personally look forward with eager pleasure to our close association on this mission would appreciate early and favorable reply.

FRANCIS B SAYRE PRESIDENT TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
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