My dear Mr. Locke:

In connection with your appointment by the Secretary of State as his Special Representative to coordinate economic and technical assistance programs which are to be carried out in the Near East under the Mutual Security Act of 1951, it gives me pleasure to accord you the personal rank of Ambassador during your incumbency of this position.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN

Honorable Edwin A. Locke, Jr.,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.
FROM: H. M., THE WHITE HOUSE
TO: MR. SHORT, WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY.

MR. SHORT:

MR. LOCKE CALLED ME ON THE PHONE AND ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT MAKE A PERSONAL STATEMENT OF HIS OWN WHEN THE STATEMENT IS GIVEN OUT IN CONNECTION WITH HIS APPOINTMENT AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. HE SAID IT WOULD MEAN A LOT TO HIM IN PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF HIS NEW POSITION.

/3/ H. M.
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FROM: MR. DONALD DIBSON
THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO: MR. JOSEPH SHORT,
WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY, KEY WEST.

HONORABLE JOSEPH SHORT:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE DESIRES TO APPOINT EDWIN A. LOCKE, JR., OF NEW YORK TO SERVE AS COORDINATOR FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE NEAR EAST UNDER THE MUTUAL SECURITY ACT OF 1951. IN THIS CONNECTION GEORGE HOUCKE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, FEELS A STRONG STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT IS NEEDED TO BOLSTER THE POSITION. JAMES WEBB TAKES A LESS STRONG POSITION. APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES IS GENERALLY NOT ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THIS INSTANCE WOULD BE AN EXCEPTION. THE STATEMENT THEY DESIRE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE IS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWIN A. LOCKE, JR., OF NEW YORK, TO SERVE AS COORDINATOR FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE NEAR EAST UNDER THE MUTUAL SECURITY ACT OF 1951; MR. LOCKE WILL HAVE THE TITLE OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND WILL HOLD THE PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR. IT IS PLANNED THAT HE WILL SPEND A LARGE PART OF HIS TIME IN THE NEAR EAST.

"IN ANNOUNCING THIS APPOINTMENT THE PRESIDENT SAID, THE MUTUAL SECURITY ACT HAS MADE AVAILABLE SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATES OF THE NEAR EAST, WE HOPE THAT THE ACTIVITIES TO BE INITIATED UNDER THE MUTUAL SECURITY PROGRAM WILL SERVE TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY OF THESE STATES AND THAT NEW LEVELS OF PRODUCTION IN BOTH AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY WILL BrING GREATER WELFARE AND SECURITY TO ALL PEOPLES OF THIS IMPORTANT AREA. I AM CONFIDENT THAT MR. LOCKE WILL CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRAM WITH GREAT DISTINCTION AND ABILITY AND THAT THERE WILL BE A NEW ERA OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE NEAR EAST.

"MR. LOCKE ENTERED THE GOVERNMENT IN NOVEMBER 1942 WITH THE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND LATER JOINED THE OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT. DURING WORLD WAR II, AS A MEMBER OF THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD, MR. LOCKE SERVED AS ASSTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN. FROM 1940 AND 1947, AT WHICH TIME HE RETURNED TO NEW YORK TO ASSUME HIS DUTIES AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK. MR. LOCKE HAS
BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK SINCE 1932. HE IS
RESIGNING FROM THE BANK TO UNDERTAKE THIS NEW TASK.

"MR. LOCKE WAS BORN IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AND IS A GRADUATE
OF PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY AND HARVARD UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE RE-
CEIVED HIS B.A. DEGREE HONORARIA IN 1932. HE IS MARRIED TO THE
FORMER MISS DOROTHY G. CLARK AND HAS THREE CHILDREN."

/s/ DONALD S. DAWSON
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
PROPOSED STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.

I HAVE TODAY APPROVED THE PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR FOR MR. EDWIN A. LOCKE, JR., WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO COORDINATE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE NEAR EAST UNDER THE MUTUAL SECURITY ACT OF 1951.

SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE NEAR EAST HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY THIS ACT. AS A RESULT, WE HOPE THAT THE ECONOMIES OF THESE STATES WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND THAT NEW LEVELS OF PRODUCTION IN BOTH AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY WILL BE ATTAINED, BRINGING GREAT BENEFITS TO THE WELFARE AND SECURITY OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THIS IMPORTANT AREA.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT MR. LOCKE'S MISSION WILL INAUGURATE A NEW ERA OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE NEAR EAST.
PROPOSED STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I have today approved the personal rank of Ambassador for Mr. Edwin A. Locke, Jr., who has been appointed Special Representative of the Secretary of State to coordinate economic and technical assistance in the Near East under the Mutual Security Act of 1951.

Substantial funds for economic and technical assistance in the Near East have been made available by this act. As a result, we hope that the economies of these states will be strengthened and that new levels of production in both agriculture and industry will be attained, bringing greater benefits to the welfare and security of all the peoples of this important area.

I am confident that Mr. Locke's mission will inaugurate a new era of friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and the Near East.
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SMITH

THE SECRETARY OF STATE desires to appoint Edwin A. Locke, Jr., of New York, to serve as coordinator for economic and technical assistance programs which will be carried out in the Near East under the Mutual Security Act of 1951. In this connection George McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State, feels a strong statement by the President is needed to bolster the position. James Webb takes a less strong position. Appointment of departmental employees is generally not announced by the President and such an announcement in this instance would be an exception. The statement they desire for immediate release is attached.
November 13, 1951

MR. SHORT:

Mr. Locke called me on the phone and asked if it would be possible to have the President make a personal statement of his own when the statement is given out in connection with his appointment as Special Representative of the Secretary of State. He said that it would mean a lot to him in performing the duties of his new position.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

November 13, 1951

Subject: Personal rank of Ambassador for Edwin A. Locke, Jr.

In confirmation of your oral approval there is attached for your signature a letter addressed to Edwin A. Locke, Jr., according him the personal rank of Ambassador in connection with his appointment by the Secretary of State as his Special Representative to coordinate economic and technical assistance programs which are to be carried out in the Near East under the Mutual Security Act of 1951.

[Signature]

Acting Secretary

Enclosure:

Draft letter.
My dear Mr. Locke:

In connection with your appointment by the Secretary of State as his Special Representative to coordinate economic and technical assistance programs which are to be carried out in the Near East under the Mutual Security Act of 1951, it gives me pleasure to accord you the personal rank of Ambassador during your incumbency of this position.

Very sincerely yours,

The Honorable

Edwin A. Locke, Jr.,
Care of the Department of State.
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HERBERT MILLER
THE WHITE HOUSE

November 10, 1951

Subject: Attached Memorandum for the President.

Pursuant to our telephone conversation there is attached a memorandum for the President concerning the appointment of Mr. Looks for transmittal to the President in the first available pouch.

Melvin L. Manfull,
Executive Secretary Staff

Attachments:
As stated.
November 16, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Draft Press Release on your appointment of Edwin A. Locke, Jr., as Special Representative of the Secretary of State.

Attached is a draft press release concerning your appointment of Edwin A. Locke, Jr. as Special Representative of the Secretary of State, to serve as coordinator for economic and technical assistance programs which will be carried out in the Near East under the Mutual Security Act of 1951.

It is recommended that, if you approve, the release be issued on November 13, 1951.

[Signature]

[Stamp]
DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

The President announced today the appointment of Edwin A. Locke, Jr., of New York, to serve as Coordinator for economic and technical assistance programs which will be carried out in the Near East under the Mutual Security Act of 1951. Mr. Locke will have the title of Special Representative of the Secretary of State and will hold the personal rank of Ambassador. It is planned that he will spend a large part of his time in the Near East.

In announcing this appointment the President said, "The Mutual Security Act has made available substantial funds for economic and technical assistance to the States of the Near East. We hope that the activities to be initiated under the Mutual Security Program will serve to strengthen the economy of these States and that new levels of production in both agriculture and industry will bring greater welfare and security to all peoples of this important area. I am confident that Mr. Locke will carry out his duties in connection with this program with great distinction and ability and that there will be a new era of friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and the Near East."

Mr. Locke entered the Government in November 1940 with the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, and later joined the Office of Production Management. During World War II he served as Assistant to the Chairman of the War Production Board, Mr. Donald Nelson; and later served as Special Assistant to the

President/
President in 1946 and 1947, at which time he returned to New York to resume his duties as a Vice President of the Chase National Bank. Mr. Locke has been associated with the Chase National Bank since 1932. He is resigning from the Bank to undertake this new task.

Mr. Locke was born in Boston, Massachusetts and is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard University, where he received his B.A. degree cum laude in 1932. He is married to the former Miss Dorothy Q. Clark and has three children.