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The Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Associate Justice,
Supreme Court of the United States of America,
Washington, D.C. 20543

Dear Mr. Justice Powell:

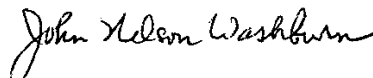
With great interest and much concern I have read and pondered your recently-released confidential memorandum of August 23, 1971 to Mr. Eugene B. Sydnor, Jr. of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce entitled "ATTACK ON AMERICAN FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM."

In view of my unusual background and experience the points you made in your memorandum had particular significance for me, a long-time student of Soviet affairs.

Would your busy schedule permit a short visit with me to discuss implementation of the undertakings you recommended to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce from the standpoint of our current United States Government posture vis-a-vis the Soviet Union? I enclose a curriculum vitae for your use in the hope that you might be sufficiently interested in me to work such a visit into your schedule before Christmas.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely yours,



John Nelson Washburn

Enclosure: curriculum vitae

November 12, 1972

Curriculum Vitae of JOHN NELSON WASHBURN, LL.B., Ph.D., Soviet Affairs Specialist

Personal Information:

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Citizenship; Date, Place of Birth: American; October 11, 1923, Ottawa, Kansas

Family Status: Married to Amanda Barlow Foster June 18, 1960;

Our daughter, Deana Davis Washburn, was born October 9, 1962

Education:

Ecole Alsacienne, Paris, France, 1929-1930;

Hanover (N.H.) Grade School and High School, 1930-1939;

The Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H., 1939-1941;

Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 1941-1942;

Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., January-June 1943

(American Council of Learned Societies, Intensive Russian Program);

Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., January-March 1944

(US Army, Turkish Area and Language Specialized Training Program);

Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., May-July 1945

(US Army, Intensive Russian Program);

Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., July-September 1946

(A.B. awarded summa cum laude September 30, 1946 - Phi Beta Kappa);

Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, 1946-1947

(A.M. awarded May 31, 1947);

Columbia University in the City of New York, 1947-1950

(Russian Institute Certificate awarded June 1, 1949);

University of Michigan Law School, 1955-1957

(LL.B. awarded August 30, 1957);

Columbia University in the City of New York, 1957-1970

(Ph.D. awarded October 1, 1970).

Military Service:

In US Army from August 24, 1943 to February 21, 1946 -- honorably discharged as Pfc after infantry basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga., advanced training as French and Russian interpreter at Cp. Ritchie, Md., and service at headquarters of 2nd Bn., 32nd Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div., in Kaesong, Korea, at 38th parallel dividing Soviet and US Korean occupation forces.

Educational Role in American Bar Association:

Upon admission to practice law in Kansas, February 12, 1958, I became an Attorney-Adviser(International) in the Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State. In that capacity I was admitted to practice in the District of Columbia in 1961. On April 9, 1962 I was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States of America. After entering the Office of the Legal Adviser I joined the American Bar Association. Having become active in its Section of International and Comparative Law, currently known as the Section of International Law, I was named Chairman of the Subcommittee on Europe and Scandinavia in the summer of 1967. Two years later I was made Chairman of the Committee on Regional Treaty Organizations. As I start my third year in this position, I am even more strongly committed to a program of educating the American people in general and the Bench and Bar in particular to very real dangers to America's freedoms emanating from the Kremlin. Several of my recent articles in the Section's principal publication - The International Lawyer - had this particular function. Lewis Powell's pungent memorandum of August 23, 1971 to Eugene Sydnor, Chairman, Education Committee, US Chamber of Commerce, points up the need for vigilance on this inadequately defended sector of American life.

Experience with Publications:

Articles of mine dealing with Soviet affairs have appeared in print from June 1947 ("Russia Looks at Northern Korea," Pacific Affairs) to November 5, 1972 ("84 Pound Soviet 'Soldier'", The New York Times) - in view of my knowledge of the USSR based in part on a long trip through that country in 1960 and three trips to Moscow (1963, 1965, 1969-1970) and in part on face-to-face dealings with Soviet military personnel, diplomats and various government officials over 27 years, my projected future research activity in Soviet affairs should yield at least equally useful publications.

Career History and Employment (commencing with present activity):

Free-lance writer, 1972: During November-December I shall prepare a draft manuscript on "The Distortion of America's Image in Theaters of the USSR Over Five Decades and During 1972" from my outline as approved by the Standing Committee on Education About Communism and its Contrast With Liberty Under Law, American Bar Association;

Department of State, 1971-1972: Contract Escort Russian Interpreter, Language Services Division, which assigned me to be:

Escort Officer and Russian Interpreter for USSR Educational Delegation, 1971;

Russian Interpreter for USSR Merchant Marine Delegation, 1972;

Escort Officer and Russian Interpreter for USSR Microbiology Delegation, 1972;

Earhart Foundation of Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1971-1972: Grantee preparing one book and two articles focusing on the 1968-1971 role in world diplomacy of the People's Republic of Albania, of which one article has appeared (The International Lawyer, October 1972);

Department of State, 1970-1971: Foreign Affairs Officer (Consultant), Office of the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs;

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1967-1969: Technical Consultant for State and Federal Regulatory Agencies, Office of Planning and Program Coordination, Executive Office for Administration and Finance, Boston, Massachusetts;

Communications Satellite Corporation, 1966-1967: International Agreements Specialist, engaged to draft COMSAT positions on "definitive arrangements" for INTELSAT;

Department of State, 1958-1966: Attorney-Adviser (International), Office of the Legal Adviser, where my special assignments included:

Adviser on US Delegation, United Nations General Assembly, 1958-1960-1961-1962;

Adviser on US Delegation, Conference on the Discontinuance of Nuclear Weapon Tests, Geneva, Switzerland, 1958-1959;

Escort Officer and Russian Interpreter for USSR Junior All-Star Hockey Team, 1960-1961

Legal Adviser to US Representative on UN Human Rights Commission, 1961;

Adviser on US Delegation, UN Conference on Consular Relations, Vienna, Austria, 1963;

Adviser on US Delegation, Diplomatic Conference on the Unification of Law Governing the International Sale of Goods, The Hague, 1964;

Escort Officer and Russian Interpreter for USSR Film Specialists' Delegation, 1964;

Adviser on US Delegation to Tenth Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, The Hague, 1964;

US Expert, NATO Group of Legal Experts on Malta, NATO Headquarters, Paris, France, Meetings of October 8 and November 12, 1964;

Special Assistant to US Expert, Special Committee on Divorce, The Hague Conference on Private International Law, The Hague, 1965;

Free-lance writer, 1954-1955: During these months I prepared several articles published in World Tennis as well as "Sport as a Soviet Tool," published in Foreign Affairs;

Central Intelligence Agency, 1953-1954: Intelligence Officer, Washington, D.C.;

Dartmouth College, 1950-1953: Instructor in Russian, Department of Russian Civilization.