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Office of the President

July 31, 1979

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear President Carter:

Your luncheon on July 30 was a great success. Thank you for including me. From the Camp David meetings, I have expanded my comprehension of national problems and have also been able to put my personal situation in perspective.

I do understand and wish you well as you realign staff, but I also take the liberty of informing you of the nature of my own personal and institutional problems that have resulted from my brief interlude with your administration.

To respond positively to Secretary Califano's request that I become Under Secretary of HEW on September 1, Wellesley College granted me a leave of absence for sixteen months and requested Dr. Carol Johnson Johns of Johns Hopkins to act as President. John Hopkins in turn went about freeing Dr. Johns and her husband. She is Associate Professor of Medicine and head of the outpatient clinic, and he is chairman of the Biomedical Engineering Department of the University medical school. Wellesley is committed to this arrangement, and I must move by August 20.

I rented an apartment in Washington, contracted for a mover, and immediately resigned from all boards and outside affiliations as requested by those responsible for my clearance. I did all this in the interest of being of service to the government, despite personal financial loss.

Recognizing the hardship in my case, a number of your staff have asked what positions would be of interest. You will be appointing a Secretary of Education, upon the final passage of the legislation. The quality of this appointment will affect greatly the future effectiveness of the department. I believe you would find my credentials exceptional for the position of Secretary of Education, for I have worked in the public and private sector on problems related to all levels of education. I gather you feel pressured to make an appointment that is sensitive to ethnic considerations.

*Private to Ham -
We need to find her a diplomatic post - soon*
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The President of the United States:2

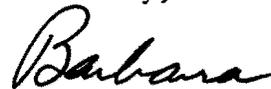
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If that is the case, then an alternative which would give me a fresh experience during this period of enforced leave would be an embassy post. I have worked in the field of international education. My professional field was comparative economic systems and labor economics. I have traveled internationally both on behalf of the United States Government and Wellesley College.

When you consider the disruptions of two educational institutions that the cancelation of my potential appointment has caused, I am sure you can understand the awkward position in which I find myself. Pat Harris told me of your concern for my predicament, and I believe I can bring strength to your administration.

I look forward to hearing from you about my interest in the post of Secretary of Education or an ambassadorial post.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara".

Barbara W. Newell

BWN:dd

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON

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August 14, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Tim Kraft
The White House

THRU: Ms. Patty Pettit

FROM: Ben H. Read *BHR*

Secretary Vance has decided to recommend that Ms. Barbara Newell, President of Wellesley College, be nominated to be United States Representative to the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organization in Paris with the Rank of Ambassador. Biographic data on Ms. Newell is attached.

We will begin the appropriate clearance procedures upon receiving the President's approval.

Attachment: as stated

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CANDIDATE FOR UNESCO

NAME: Barbara W. NEWELL

AGE: 49

EDUCATION: BA, Vassar College, 1951
MA, University of Wisconsin, 1953
PhD, University of Wisconsin, 1958

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1972 - present President and Professor of Economics,
Wellesley College
1971 - 1972 Associate Provost for Graduate Study and Research
and Professor of Economics, University of
Pittsburgh
1970 - 1971 Special Assistant to the President and Associate
Professor of Economics, University of Michigan
1968 - 1970 Acting Vice President for Student Affairs, University
of Michigan
1967 - 1968 Assistant to the President, University of Michigan
1965 - 1967 Assistant to the Chancellor, University of Wisconsin
1959 - 1965 Research Associate, University of Illinois
1956 - 1957 Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois
1954 - 1956 Research Assistant, University of Illinois
1952 - 1954 Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin
1951 - 1952 Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin

Summer 1955 Teacher, Fieldston School
Summer 1949 Intern, Hudson Schore Labor School
Summer 1948 Intern, National Labor Relations Board

CURRENT PUBLIC SERVICE

National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities,
Board of Directors (1977-80), Treasurer (1978-)
Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Board of
Trustees (1976-80)
Steering Committee of Presidents to assist the Boston School
Department (1975-)
Editorial Board of Labor History (1975-)
Board of Overseers of the Boston Symphony Orchestra (1974-)
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Board of Trustees,
(1973-)
Board of Directors, WGBH-TV, Boston (1972-)
American Women's Hospital Service, Honorary Committee (1979-)

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PAST PUBLIC SERVICE

Brookings Institution, Board of Trustees (1972-78)
Boston Advisory Committee for the 1976 Meeting of the American
Association for the Advancement of Science
Institute of International Education, Bicentennial Project,
Sponsored by the Board of Foreign Scholarships
Consortium on Financing Higher Education, Policy Committee
Association of American Colleges, Task Force on Presidential
Selection and Career Development (1974)
American Council on Education (1973-6)
Harvard College, Board of Overseers Committee to Visit the
Department of Economics (1973-4)
University of Pittsburgh, Board of Trustees (1973-6)
U.S. Delegate to the Conference on Women's Educations, Organization
of American States, Buenos Aires (1972)
Chairman, National Commission on Medical Care for Women (1970-2)
Advisor, Wesleyan University Board of Trustees (1970-1)
Board Member, Dane County (Wisconsin) Community Welfare Council
(1964-6)
Secretary, Dane Country (Wisconsin) Community Action Commission
(1964-6)
President, Seven College Clubs of Champaign (Illinois) and
Lafayette (Indiana) (1957 & 1961)

PUBLICATIONS

Our Labor Force, 1962
Chicago and the Labor Movement, 1961
The Pulse of the Nation, 1961 (Film Strip)

"Women in Higher Education", 1977
"Conversations on Faculty Productivity", 1973
"Enter Now and Pay Later", 1970
"Parallels of Negro and Women's Education", 1970
"Co-ops on Campus: The Militant Consumers", 1969
"Impact for Change: Students in Action", 1969

HONORARY DEGREES

Litt.D, Denison University, 1978
Litt.D, Lesley College, 1978
D.A., Purdue University, 1976
Litt. D, Mt. Vernon College, 1975
Litt. D, Northeastern University, 1974
LL.D, Williams College, 1973
L.H.D, Trinity College, 1973
LL.D, Central Michigan University, 1973

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August 15, 1979

TO: PRESIDENT CARTER
FROM: HAMILTON JORDAN *HJ.*
RE: BARBARA NEWELL

At our request, the State Department has interviewed Barbara Newell for the UNESCO Ambassadorship. She is very interested in the position and is appreciative of your interest in her personally.

The papers recommending her appointment are enroute for your final approval.

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