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MY TELNO 40: APPOINTMENTS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT

1. TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST REPORTS THAT, WHILE THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM CLARK AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE IS NOT YET FIRM, JOBS AT THE NEXT LEVEL ARE TO BE FILLED AS FOLLOWS:

UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (REPLACING DAVID NEWSOM):
WALTER J STOESSEL JR (CURRENTLY US AMBASSADOR TO THE FRG)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (REPLACING GEORGE VEST):
LAWRENCE EAGLEBURGER (CURRENTLY US AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA)
UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (REPLACING DICK COOPER)
MYER RASHISH (AN ECONOMIST AND MEMBER OF THE REAGAN TRANSITION OFFICE)

2. OUR STATE DEPARTMENT CONTACTS CONFIRM THESE APPOINTMENTS WHICH HAVE YET TO BE ANNOUNCED FORMALLY. BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) WALTER J STOESSEL JR

BORN 1920. EDUCATED AT COLUMBIA AND HARVARD. A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER SINCE 1942. HAS SERVED THREE TIMES IN MOSCOW, INCLUDING AS AMBASSADOR FROM 1974-76. STOESSEL WAS AMBASSADOR TO POLAND FROM 1968-72 AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT FROM 1972-74. MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN. WHEN SENATOR BIDEN CALLED ON CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT LAST YEAR (MY TELNO 2262) SCHMIDT TOLD HIM THAT STOESSEL, WHOM HE TRUSTED, WOULD BE HIS PREFERRED CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE US GOVERNMENT BUT THAT STOESSEL'S REPORTS WERE NOT HEEDED BY THE WHITE HOUSE. STOESSEL IS A CORRENT, NEAT, FRIENDLY AND UNFORCEFUL MAN, NOT IN MY VIEW A GREAT ANALYST OR ACTIVIST, BUT WISE AND CALM. HE WILL NO MORE SET THE POTOMAC ON FIRE THAN NEWSOM HAS DONE. HE WILL BE VERY FRIENDLY TOWARDS US, BUT CAUTIOUS IN DEMONSTRATING IT. INSOFAR AS THERE IS A STATE DEPARTMENT TYPE, THAT IS TO SAY SOMEONE WHOM CONGRESSMEN AND BUSINESSMEN TEND TO THINK BUTTONED-UP AND TOO AWARE OF THE SENSITIVITIES OF FOREIGNERS, STOESSEL IS THE PARADIGM.

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(B) LAWRENCE EAGLEBURGER

BORN 1930, EAGLEBURGER JOINED THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN 1957 AND SERVED AS ECONOMIC ADVISER IN BELGRADE FROM 1962-65. HE SPEAKS SERBO-CROAT. HE SERVED ON THE STAFF OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL FROM 1966-67 AND AGAIN, FROM JANUARY TO JULY 1969 WHEN HE WAS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO HENRY KISSINGER. HE SERVED AT THE US MISSION TO NATO FROM 1969-71 AND AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS AT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT FROM 1971-73. EAGLEBURGER WAS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO KISSINGER, AS SECRETARY OF STATE, FROM 1973-75 WHEN HE WAS PROMOTED DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MANAGEMENT. HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO BELGRADE IN 1977. EAGLEBURGER WAS KISSINGER'S CLOSEST PERSONAL ADVISER AND, EVEN WHEN HE WAS PROMOTED UNDERSECRETARY, KISSINGER CONTINUED TO ENTRUST HIM WITH DELICATE TASKS GOING WELL BEYOND HIS FORMAL RESPONSIBILITIES. EAGLEBURGER WILL BE KNOWN TO HAIG FROM HIS TIME AT THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. EAGLEBURGER IS MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN (ONE OF THEM BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE)

(C) MYER RASHISH

BORN 1924. EDUCATED AT HARVARD. STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN TRADE COMMITTEE FROM 1956-60. WAS ON THE STAFF AT THE KENNEDY WHITE HOUSE FROM 1961-63, WHEN HE SET UP HIS OWN ECONOMIC CONSULTANCY. HE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY OPERATED AS A LOBBYIST AND CONSULTANT ON TRADE MATTERS. HE WAS FOR MANY YEARS A DEMOCRAT AND HAS ONLY RECENTLY ACQUIRED REPUBLICAN CREDENTIALS.

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