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November 23, 1942

~~A-S~~ - Mr. Shaw:

What is your judgment?

Assistant Secretary  
of State  
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U MR. SHAW

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Mr. Welles: *Laque - W*

I think it would be a great pity to take Mr. Pell away from his present important duties in CI/L and Eu in order to have him serve as Secretary of the Inter-governmental Committee. Of course I realize that the work of the Committee is not considerable but Mr. Pell has his hands full now and the addition of any extra work would make a difference. I may say that Mr. Atherton whom I have consulted on this matter entirely agrees with the foregoing opinion.

*G. Howland Shaw*  
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Assistant Secretary  
of State  
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MR. SHAW  
*To Mr. Welles  
11/24/42*

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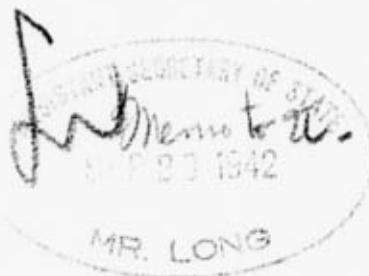
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September 23, 1942

A-L - Mr. Long:

Please let me have your  
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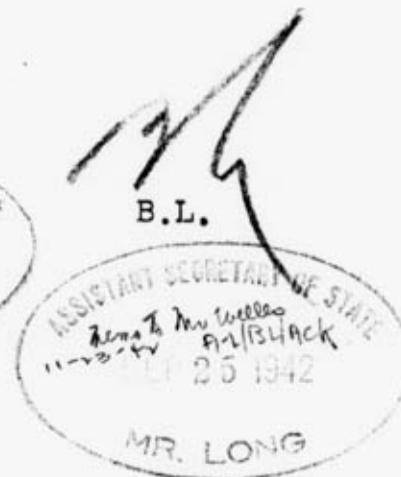
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September 24, 1942.

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Mr. Welles ✓

As stated in Mr. Pell's memorandum attached, Mr. Maney, a Foreign Service officer on duty in the Division of European Affairs, last served as Secretary of the Intergovernmental Committee. Upon Mr. Maney's departure in August last for duty abroad, Mr. Atherton assigned Mr. Maney's duties to Mr. R. Borden Reams, another Foreign Service officer in the Division of European Affairs. If you desire, Mr. Pell could be assigned to relieve Mr. Reams.



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MR. WELLES

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November 23, 1942

U - Mr. Welles:

Mr. Myron Taylor spoke to me again on Friday last after his conversation with you in which he expressed a desire for the appointment of Mr. Pell to serve as Secretary of the Intergovernmental Committee and to attend to those matters in the Department.

When I was in charge of administration, it was agreed that it was bad policy in principle to have a person, not a member of the Department staff, represent another organization within the Department. For that reason, the then incumbent was separated from the service and his duties were turned over to Mr. Maney.

That principle of organization and representation continues in my mind, but those matters are no longer under my jurisdiction in the Department.

I have discussed the matter with Mr. Shaw who now has jurisdiction over administrative matters. In principle I feel the same way as to the appointment of a person representing another organization, but if the duties connected with it are transferred to a departmental officer, the same purpose would be served. It is my understanding that Mr. Reams is now serving in that capacity. If Mr. Taylor desires Mr. Pell to serve instead of Mr. Reams, it would seem to be purely a matter of personnel and assignment to duty.

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*Taylor Myron*

*Mr. Intergovernmental Comm*

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the post I should like to record with you what I said to Mr. Taylor when he discussed the possibility with me.

From the standpoint of the work involved I should have no difficulty in meeting the requirements which should not be very arduous at this time. I have, in fact, during the last year assisted Mr. Maney with the drafting of most communications in connection with the Intergovernmental Committee and have done such chores in relation to this work as Mr. Taylor requested from time to time.

I should not, however, wish to undertake this work, nominal though it may be, unless I could feel that it had your approval and the Secretary's and Mr. Long's. I need not remind you that in March, 1941 I was relieved by Mr. Long of my duties in connection with the Intergovernmental Committee in circumstances from which I could only conclude that I no longer enjoyed the full confidence of my superiors.

Frankly, if the appointment meets with the Secretary's approval and yours and is agreeable to Mr. Long, I should be happy and delighted to resume the work and see the Intergovernmental Committee through to its merger with larger undertakings in the post war world. I dislike leaving jobs half done.

CI/L. P. H. Bell:FW

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF CURRENT INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM

September 23, 1942

U - Mr. Welles:

With regard to Mr. Taylor's letter to you of September 9, 1942 it is correct that this Government has a definite obligation to name a Secretary of the Intergovernmental Committee. You will recall that at the inception of the Committee in September, 1938, this Government agreed to designate the Director and the British Government agreed that the Chairman of the British delegation might assume the Chairmanship of the Committee and that it would designate a Secretary. Between September, 1938 and February, 1939, Messrs. Makins, Hayter and Reilly, all First Secretaries on duty at the Foreign Office, served successively as Secretary of the Committee.

In February, 1939 Mr. Rublee resigned as Director, and the British Government agreed that Sir Herbert Emerson might assume the directorship on the specific condition that the post of Secretary should be occupied by a designate of this Government. Mr. Taylor was authorized by the Department to accept this arrangement and subsequently Messrs. Morris, Wagg and Maney served successively as Secretary of the Committee.

About six weeks ago Mr. Maney left for his new post in Mexico City and it is, in consequence, incumbent upon this Government in accordance with the agreement with the British Government to fill the vacancy. The procedure is for the Secretary to write Mr. Taylor informing him as Chairman of the American Delegation to the Intergovernmental Committee of his nominee for the post. Mr. Taylor will then write Lord Winterton and Sir Herbert Emerson, enclosing to each copies of the Secretary's letter. They will reply confirming the appointment pending the ratification of it by the full Committee.

With regard to the suggestion that I should assume

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September 21, 1942

~~C/L~~ - Mr. Pell:

Please let me have  
your views with regard  
to this.

*Handwritten:* Memo to Mr. Culler  
9/25/42  
*Handwritten:* [Signature]

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71 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

September 9 1942

The Hon. Sumner Welles,  
Under Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Recalling our conversation about the vacancy in the Secretaryship of the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees, and that it falls to our Government to name the Secretary, it was thought that it would be very useful if Mr. Robert T. Pell, who knows much about this whole activity, would be named as Secretary until, as the result of our consideration of the whole post-war field involving refugees and the migration of peoples, the international authority that is agreed upon could elect its officers and the activities of the Intergovernmental Committee and such League authority still in being could be merged into the new organization.

This procedure, it seems, develops a dignified and constructive method of procedure with respect to the Intergovernmental Committee vis-a-vis such new organization. It would seem that no complaint would be based upon that procedure, whereas failure to observe our Nation's part in the arrangements heretofore made at its instance might naturally be the subject of considerable unpleasant criticism, with no gainful result being achieved.

This is only to remind you that you were to advise Mr. Pell, as I believe his present duties would not conflict with the very limited duties he would have to perform as Secretary of the Intergovernmental Committee.

Sincerely yours,

*Hyronc. Taylor*