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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Commander-in-Chief, Armed Forces, Pacific has requested by cable (MC-IN-22942, 28 September 1945) that 34 civilians be secured for the Civil Communications Section of that headquarters. 13 of the personnel requested were of executive caliber and might be well classified as of a scarce category. In addition to the forementioned request a second one was received (MC-IN 59564, 18 November 1945) for an additional six technicians of which one was of executive caliber. The urgency in securing personnel to meet these requirements was such that the Theater felt justified in returning for recruiting purposes a Colonel Auchincloss, Signal Corps, a staff officer of GHQ, AFPAC.

Continuing new efforts to secure personnel qualified to meet the Theater's requirements have met with a very limited success. The following listed corporations have been requested by the War Department to recommend or make available personnel to meet the Theater needs:

Radio Corporation of America	Camden, New Jersey
Radio Corporation of America & Broadcasting Company	New York, New York
Press Wireless Company	New York, New York
American Telephone and Telegraph Co.	New York, New York
Western Union Telegraph Company	New York, New York
Federal Telephone and Telegraph Co.	New York, New York
Dictaphone Corporation	New York, New York
Kellogg Switchboard & Supply Co.	New York, New York
Stromberg Carlson Tel. Mfg. Co.	Rochester, New York
General Electric Mfg. Corp.	Schenectady, New York
Western House Manufacturing Co.	Baltimore, Maryland
Philco Manufacturing Co.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Bendix Manufacturing Co.	Baltimore, Maryland

Our efforts through the above mentioned corporations have not been completely without success. However, so far only eight candidates have been recommended by these companies. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company have supplied half of the recommendations to date but have advised that they were doubtful if additional candidates could be recommended.

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In addition to the above mentioned civilian corporations, the Army Signal Corps, the Office of Chief of Army Communications, the Office of Chief of Air Forces Communications and the Bureau of Personnel of the Navy have been requested to furnish a list of qualified candidates. To date we have received, recommended and accepted two Army officers and one Naval officer. These offices have further advised that additional personnel with the required qualifications are not available.

In view of the paucity of qualified personnel to meet the Theater's requirements, your concurrence is requested in the proposal that the War Department approach the International Telephone and Telegraph Company for assistance in meeting Theater requirements which are critical. This organization has not been communicated with to date because it is understood that present State Department policy prohibits utilization of personnel from this type of firm.

The Federal Communications Commission has indicated that the International Telephone and Telegraph Company would probably be willing and in a position to fill many of the Theater requirements. It is felt that the Theater's urgent needs justify this departure from present policy.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

The Secretary of
the Navy

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to the letter of the Assistant Secretary of State dated 12 May 1945, with regard to the desire of the Department of State to establish an assimilated military ranking for Foreign Service personnel.

It is noted that the purpose of such a ranking would be to meet difficult situations said to have arisen under war-time conditions in connection with the travel, billeting and messing of such personnel, and the extension to them of courtesies and appropriate treatment whenever they are subject to military regulations and priorities. It is noted also that the Department of State finds that Executive Order 3356, dated 2 March 1940, as amended on 18 March 1940, wherein the relative ranking of officers of Foreign Service and other officers of the United States is prescribed, does not include certain ranks of Foreign Service officers which have been established during the war period.

It is noted further that the chart enclosed with the letter under reference sets forth an assimilated military ranking of the character under discussion, including personnel omitted in the above mentioned Executive Order, which it is proposed to establish by an exchange of letters between the Secretaries of State, War, and Navy.

It appears that there are two aspects of the proposal under consideration, namely, relative rank and assimilated rank, and that these aspects, while closely related, are distinct. Relative rank is understood to be comparative rank as between officers in different services. Assimilated rank is understood to be the implied assumption of a rank in one service by a person not a member of that service. It is apparent from the foregoing that a system of relative ranking must be established prior to the establishment of a system of assimilated ranking.

Inasmuch as the present system of relative ranking is established by Executive Order, it appears that it cannot be modified or expanded without further Executive action. In this connection it is pointed out that, in addition to the new relative ranks proposed, the chart enclosed with the

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letter under reference is in certain instances at variance with the relative ranks as now established by the Executive Order.

In the light of the foregoing, it appears that the present proposed system of assimilated ranking is not susceptible of establishment by an exchange of letters between the Secretaries of State, War, and Navy. The Navy Department considers moreover that the necessity and desirability of establishing such a system, even assuming that the Executive Order is first modified, are open to question. In this regard, it is pointed out that travel priorities would not be affected by such a system since they are determined by the urgency and importance of the mission rather than by the rank of the traveller. It is pointed out further that where Navy messing and billeting facilities and the extension of courtesies are concerned, every attempt is made now to afford courteous consideration and treatment appropriate to the position of the individual concerned with due regard to the exigencies of the local situation. The Navy Department is not aware that the treatment of foreign service personnel on the above basis has been unsatisfactory. If specific cases of unsatisfactory treatment have occurred or should occur in the future, the Department would appreciate information concerning them in order that they may be carefully investigated.

It is the opinion of the Navy Department in all of the circumstances that the proposal to establish an assimilated military ranking as set forth in the letter under reference should not receive favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,

James Forrestal

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Prepd by Lt. Stillman,
Central Division, Operations

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Foreign Service Records
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Honorable Julius C. Holmes
Assistant Secretary of State

JUL 2 - 1945

Dear Mr. Holmes:

I have your letter of 12 May 1945 requesting the establishment of "assimilated military ranking" for Foreign Service personnel. You state that Executive Order 8356 of 2 March 1940, as amended, fails to make provision for certain ranks of Foreign Service officers which have been established since the Order was promulgated. You further state that the purpose of your proposal is to meet wartime conditions affecting Foreign Service personnel in connection with "their travel, billeting and messing, extension of courtesies to them and appropriate treatment whenever they are otherwise subject to military regulations and priorities".

The War Department considers that the terms "relative rank" and "assimilated rank" are clearly distinguishable and that their meanings should not be confused. Executive Order 8356 establishes rules of precedence as between Foreign Service and other officers of the United States Government. This, it is understood, is what is meant when the term "assimilated rank" is used in connection with the recognition of quasi-military status for individuals who follow the armed forces without directly belonging thereto, and for the purpose of assuring treatment as prisoners of war in the event of their capture by the enemy. Provision has heretofore been made for the assignment of assimilated rank and for issuance of certificates showing this rank to such Foreign Service and other civilian personnel as may actually accompany or serve with the armed forces of the United States.

It is believed that the failure of Executive Order 8356 to include certain ranks of Foreign Service officers that have been established to meet pressing responsibilities during the war period should be overcome by Executive act rather than by inter-departmental action.

I should like to point out that travel priorities are determined under existing procedures on the basis of the urgency of the mission rather than the rank of the individual traveler.

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The War Department has consistently held that the matter of Army exchange privileges is a question for determination by the particular theater commander concerned, with due regard to the exigencies of the local situation. As you know, such privileges have been extended in many instances to Foreign Service personnel and other Government personnel. The question of rank was not involved.

Where Army travel facilities are used, every effort is made to extend courteous consideration and treatment appropriate to the position of the individual concerned. Should there be specific cases in which Foreign Service personnel fail to receive appropriate and courteous treatment from Army authorities in connection with travel, billeting or messing, I hope that you will feel free to advise me fully in regard to the circumstances.

In view of the foregoing considerations, I wish to advise that your proposal for the establishment of assimilated military rank for Foreign Service personnel is not favorably considered by the War Department.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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14 May 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE
SECRETARY OF WAR:

Subject: War Department Views con-
cerning Rules of Precedence -
Diplomatic Missions.


The attached letter signed by the Assistant Secretary of State is the result of a conference held in his office with representatives of the War Department (Colonel William L. Adams, Chief, Foreign Branch, M.I.S.), Navy Department (Capt. H.W. Paltazzi, USNR).

In this connection, attention is invited to MID 920, 15 March 1945 which covered the draft of a letter to the Secretary of State for the signature of the Secretary of War.

No action being taken by SWNCC.

CHARLES W. McCARTHY
Secretary

Encl.


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1 Approval
2 Signature

1 Chief of Staff
2 Secretary of War

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MID 920

War Department views concerning rules of
precedence - diplomatic missions

15 March 1945

SUMMARY

1. Letter from the Secretary of State to the Secretary of War requests designation of an officer or officers to present War Department views on the question of precedence as between representatives of the State, War and Navy Departments assigned to posts abroad.

2. Colonel William M. Adams, Chief, Foreign Branch, Military Intelligence Service, represented the War Department in previous consideration of this subject. His office is charged with the administration of Military Attaches and is therefore considered the appropriate office to continue this liaison.

3. It is recommended that the enclosed reply to the Secretary of State be dispatched.

COORDINATION

4. No coordination outside Military Intelligence Division appears necessary.

Encl:
Ltr for S/S

CLAYTON BISSELL
Major General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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MAR 20 1945

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 10, 1945, file FC, regarding the designation by the War Department of an officer to present the War Department's views on the question of precedence as between representatives of the State, War and Navy Departments assigned to posts abroad.

Colonel William M. Adams, Chief, Foreign Branch, Military Intelligence Service, (extension 2976) is designated as the representative of the War Department in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgt.) HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

In reply refer to
FC

March 10, 1945

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your letter of March 22, 1944, regarding certain proposed amendments to Executive Order No. 8356 of March 2, 1940, entitled "Rules of Precedence Relating to Foreign Service Officers and Other Officers of the United States Government" and expressing the concurrence of the War Department therein. Certain further questions having arisen with respect to positions recently established in the Foreign Service which are neither covered by the Executive Order under reference nor by the proposed amendments, it has been deemed desirable to review the question of precedence as between representatives of the State, War and Navy Departments assigned to posts abroad in the light of present circumstances with a view to drafting a definitive Executive Order on this subject.

I should, therefore, welcome your designation of an appropriate Army officer or officers for the purpose of presenting the War Department's views in this matter with the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Julius C. Holmes. When the Department of State is informed of such designation, arrangements for a meeting with a similarly designated officer or officers of the Navy Department will be made direct with such officers.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Joseph C. Grew

Acting Secretary

The Honorable
Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War.

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Mr. Mosely

May 12, 1945

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The Department of State would request the establishment of assimilated military ranking for Foreign Service personnel to meet difficult situations now confronting such personnel. These situations have arisen under wartime conditions in connection with their travel, billeting and messing, extension of courtesies to them and appropriate treatment whenever they are otherwise subject to military regulations and priorities.

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We would submit this chart of assimilated military ranking of Foreign Service personnel for your consideration. This matter is being submitted in a similar letter to the Secretary of War.

If this proposal meets with your approval, and the approval of the Secretary of War, we would plan to include in the travel orders of our Foreign Service personnel a standard statement indicating their assimilated ranking "as established by and pursuant to an exchange of letters between the Secretaries of State, War, and Navy."

Sincerely yours,

Acting
For the/Secretary of State:

Enclosure:
Chart.

Julius C. Holmes

Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
James V. Forrestal,
Secretary of Navy.

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ASSIMILATED MILITARY RANKING OF FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL

For Use in Connection with Travel, Billeting and Messing, Extension of Courtesies and Appropriate Treatment Whenever Otherwise Subject to Military Regulations and Priorities

Foreign Service	Army	Navy
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Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary	Lieutenant General	Vice Admiral
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Counselor, Consul General, Foreign Service Inspector	Brigadier General	Commodore
*Commercial Attaché, *Agricultural Attaché, *Treasury Attaché, *other civilian technical attaché, First Secretary, Consul	Colonel	Captain
Technical Advisor, Special Assistant	Lieutenant Colonel	Commander
Second Secretary, Assistant Attaché, Vice Consul, Third Secretary, Senior Auxiliary Officer	Major	Lieutenant Commander
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Assistant Secretary

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Serial 238216

My dear Mr. Secretary:

27 MAR 1945

Reference is made to your letter of 10 March requesting that an officer be designated to confer with representatives of the State and War Departments for the purpose of discussing questions of precedence as between representatives of the State, War and Navy Departments assigned to posts abroad with a view of drafting a definitive Executive Order on this subject.

In compliance with the above, I am pleased to nominate Captain H. W. Baltazzi, USNR, Navy Extension 2652, or in his absence, Captain J. W. Gregory, USN, Navy Extension 3668.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES FORRESTAL

The Honorable

Edward Stettinius

Secretary of State

cc: SWNCC Secretariat ✓

MAR 27 1945



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