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Appointment of the Deputy Secretary-General

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Committee of Ministers

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Strasbourg, 5th July, 1955.

Dear Monsieur Mollet,

In accordance with the provisions of Article 36 (b) of the Statute I have pleasure in transmitting to you herewith Resolution (55) 10 in which the Committee of Ministers recommends Mr. Dunstan Curtis, Counsellor in charge of Committees in the Office of the Clerk to the Assembly, for appointment by the Consultative Assembly to tbe post of Deputy Secretary-General, in succession to Mr. A. H. Lincoln.

I duly informed tbe Committee of Ministers of the views expressed by the representatives of the Asseriibly during tbe discussion of this question at the meeting of the Joint Committee last night. My colleagues noted with sympathy the desire of tbe Assembly to be allowed to choose freely between the best available candidates for a given post, whenever this is practicable. They have asked me to emphasise that the withdrawal of three of the four candidatures on this occasion is in no way due to any wish on the part of the Committee to restrict the freedom of choice of the Assembly in future appointments of this kind.

In this particular case, however, and as a result of the wide measure of support accorded to the candidature of Mr. Curtis in the Committee of Ministers, the names of each of the other three candidates were withdrawn independently by the proposing Governments.

It was in these circumstances that the Committee adopted Resolution (55) 10 recommending Mr. Curtis alone for the post of Deputy Secretary-General.

Yours sincerely,

Signed : K. GUDMUNDSSON.

Chairman of the Committee of Ministers

Monsieur Guy MOLLET,

President of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Appendix 1 APPENDIX 1

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

Resolution (55) 10 on the Appointment of a New Deputy Secretary-General

The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to the letter of 23rd March, 1955 from Mr. A. H. Lincoln, Deputy Secretary- General, in which he has tendered his resignation;

Having consulted the representatives of the Assembly in the Joint Committee about the election of his successor;

Taking note of the withdrawal of the other proposed candidatures,

Resolves :

1. that Mr. Lincoln's resignation be accepted;
2. that its appreciation of the services he has rendered to the Council of Europe be expressed;
3. that it be recommended to the Consultative Assembly that it adopt, for the post, of Deputy Secretary-General, the. candidature of Mr. Dunstan Curtis.

Appendix 2 APPENDIX 2

Letter from the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers

6th July, 1955.

Dear Monsieur Mollet,

With reference to my: letter of 5th July transmitting. Resolution (55) 10 of the Committee of Ministers, which recommends , Mr. Dunstan Curtis for appointment by the Consultative Assembly to the post of Deputy Secretary-General, I have pleasure in sending to you a curriculum vitae of Mr. Curtis.

You may wish to bring this to the attention of your colleagues in the Consultative Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

Signed : K. GUDMUNDSSON,

Chairman of the Committee of Ministers.

Enclosure.

Monsieur Guy Mollet,

President of the Consultative

Assembly of the Council of Europe.

CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR. CURTIS

Name : CURTIS

Christian Names : Duns tan Michael Carr.

Date and Place of Birth : London, 26th August, 1910.

Nationality : British.

Civil Status : Married.

Wife's Name : MAYO, Patricia Elton, daughter of Professor and Mrs. G. Elton Mayo.

Education :

Public School : Eton.

University : Oxford, Trinity College.

After leaving University studied law.

Degrees :

Honours degree in the School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Oxford).

Qualified Solicitor.

Languages : English, French, German.

Service Bank : Commander R. N. V. R.

Decorations :

Twice mentioned in Despatches.

Awarded Distinguished Service Cross (with bar).

French Croix de Guerre

Career :

1936-1939 : Practised as Solicitor in City of London, being chiefly concerned in Company Law.

1938: was one of the,Founder Members of Federal Union.

1939-1945 : On active service in Royal Navy, rising to the rank of Commander.

1945 : stood as Liberal candidate for Parliament in the General Election.

1946-1947 : attached to II. M. Embassy, Paris, with the rank of Second Secretary.

1948-1949 : Deputy Secretary-General of the European Movement.

1950 to present day : Counsellor in charge of Committees of the Consultative Assembly, in the Secretariat-General of the Council of Europe.