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NOMINATION OF NORMAN S. PAUL TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (FOR MANPOWER)

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1962

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10 a.m., in room 212, Senate Office Building.

Present: Senators Russell (presiding), Stennis, Symington, Thurmond, Engle, Bartlett, Cannon, Saltonstall, Smith of Maine, Bush, Goldwater, and Case of New Jersey.

Also present: Harry L. Wingate, Jr., chief clerk; William H. Darden, T. Edward Braswell, and Gordon A. Nease, professional staff members, and Herbert S. Atkinson, assistant chief clerk.

Chairman RUSSELL. The nomination of Mr. Norman S. Paul, of the District of Columbia, to be the Assistant Secretary of Defense, succeeding Carlisle Piehl Runge, is the first item on the committee's agenda this morning.

Since members of the committee have had an association with Mr. Paul during his service as legislative assistant to the Secretary of Defense his personal appearance may seem to be superfluous, but it is in accordance with our custom in this committee.

(The nomination reference and biography of Mr. Paul follow:)

NOMINATION REFERENCE AND REPORT

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION,
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
July 3, 1962.

Ordered, That the following nomination be referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

Normal S. Paul, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Carlisle Piehl Runge.

BIOGRAPHY OF NORMAN S. PAUL

Mr. Paul was born in Stamford, Conn., on March 23, 1919. He received his early education at the Choate School and was graduated from Yale University in 1940 with a B.A. degree. He received an LL.B. degree from the University of Virginia in 1946.

During World War II he served in the Navy as a line officer with the amphibious forces in the South Pacific.

From 1946 to 1948, Mr. Paul was with the law firm of Bleakley, Platt & Walker, New York City. In 1948, he joined the staff of the Economic Cooperation Administration as an attorney and subsequently became Deputy Assistant to the Administrator for International Security Affairs, coordinating ECA activities in international security affairs on a worldwide basis.

In 1952, Mr. Paul became program adviser in the Office of the Director for Mutual Security, handling military and economic assistance matters in Asia,

Africa, and Latin America. From November of 1953 to August of 1955, he was associated with the Foreign Operations Administration as Regional Director for the Near East, Africa, and South Asia, and later as Deputy Director of FOA for Congressional Relations. In 1955, he received the William A. Jump Memorial Award for "exemplary service in public administration." From November 1955 to September 1960, Mr. Paul was with the Central Intelligence Agency, and from 1955 to 1957 served as legislative counsel for that Agency. In January 1961, Mr. Paul was appointed by Secretary of Defense McNamara to the position of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs.

Mr. Paul is married to the former Bettie Huffard of Charlottesville, Va., and they have four children. He and his family reside at 3035 Chain Bridge Road N.W., Washington, D.C.

Chairman RUSSELL. Mr. Paul, will you please have a seat at the end of the table there, sir.

The committee congratulates you on your nomination to this statutory position and will ask you for the record to give us a brief biographical statement.

STATEMENT OF NORMAN S. PAUL, NOMINEE TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (FOR MANPOWER)

Mr. PAUL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I was born in Stamford, Conn., March 23, 1919. I was educated in the public school system of Stamford, Conn., through my junior year in high school.

I attended the Choate School in Wallingford, Conn., and later Yale University. I graduated from Yale University in 1940 with a bachelor of arts degree.

That fall I entered the University of Virginia Law School at Charlottesville, Va., which was interrupted by my wartime service. I was an officer in the Navy during World War II in the amphibious forces and most of my duty was in the southwest Pacific.

Chairman RUSSELL. You were not in the PT boat service?

Mr. PAUL. No. [Laughter.]

Just about the opposite, Mr. Chairman—the slowest things afloat.

Chairman RUSSELL. You would be amazed to know apparently of the number of people who served on the PT boat.

Mr. PAUL. Yes, thousands of them.

Chairman RUSSELL. The same one; they exceed the *Mayflower* complement. [Laughter.]

Mr. PAUL. I was separated from the naval service in October of 1945, and resumed my studies at the University of Virginia. I received my law degree in 1946, and in the fall of that year entered the law firm of Bleakley, Platt & Walker, New York City, as an associate.

I left that firm in 1948 to come to Washington to serve as an associate in the General Counsel's Office of the Economic Cooperation Administration. I stayed with that agency and its successors until 1955, during the course of which I had a number of administrative jobs ranging from studies of German reparations through the drafting of the first military assistance program, and served as an adviser on Middle Eastern and Asian affairs during several years at that time, and my last job with that agency was as Deputy Director for Congressional Relations.

In 1955, I joined the Central Intelligence Agency as legislative counsel for that Agency and I served in that capacity for 2 years.

The following 3 years I had an administrative post in the Central Intelligence Agency of a classified nature.

In January 1961, Secretary McNamara appointed me as his Assistant for Legislative Affairs, which is the post I now hold. I am married for 18 years and the proud father of four children.

I believe that completes the comments, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman RUSSELL. Mr. Paul, I personally have known you, of course, and I have no questions. I am confident that you will fill the position with distinction and benefit to the country.

Senator BUSH?

Senator BUSH. Mr. Chairman, I certainly have no questions. I have known Mr. Paul for 25 years, I think, and in the most favorable way at all times. I am very proud that he was born in our State and went to my university, if I can refer to it that way. I think his record of public service has been excellent and I believe it is a fine appointment. I am delighted to vote for him.

Chairman RUSSELL. Mr. Paul, I will ask you one question. You didn't make any reference as to whether or not you have any stocks in any corporation that might constitute a conflict of interest in the performance of your duties.

MR. PAUL. I am sorry, Mr. Chairman. I meant to mention that myself. I do not own any securities of any nature and so I have no holdings of that nature at all. I am a cotrustee of a trust fund set up 15 years ago for my children.

However, over a year ago I divested myself. I would say I was a cotrustee of that trust fund. I divested myself of all power to regulate investments, so I don't believe I have any situation that would possibly involve a conflict of interest.

Chairman RUSSELL. Senator Stennis?

Senator STENNIS. Mr. Chairman, I have been well impressed indeed with Mr. Paul's services here since I have known him, and I think this is a highly important position he has been holding, too. There are a lot of chances for error, in the first place, and chances for rendering a constructive service, which he certainly seems to have done, and I believe he will do the same—have the same record in this new position. I am glad he is available for it and I congratulate him.

Mr. PAUL. Thank you.

Chairman RUSSELL. Senator Engle?

Senator ENGLE. I have no questions, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman RUSSELL. Mr. Paul, do you happen to know whether the William A. Jump referred to in your biography was at one time budget officer of the Department of Agriculture?

Mr. PAUL. Yes, sir; he was. The William A. Jump Memorial Award for "exemplary service in public administration," was named in his honor, presented each year by the Secretary of Agriculture to—

Chairman RUSSELL. I worked with him for years—many years.

I handled the agricultural appropriation bill here. He has been dead for a number of years, but when I first came to the Senate I worked with him and he was one of the most intelligent and dedicated men I have ever met in the Government. I am glad to know some award has been made in his memory.

We are delighted to welcome to the committee our newest member, Senator Case. Senator Case, we are happy to have you here. Do you have any questions you desire to direct to Mr. Paul?

Senator CASE. Mr. Chairman, I think not. I do want to thank you for your gracious welcome and express my satisfaction in anticipation of pleasure in service on this committee.

Chairman RUSSELL. We will endeavor to give you some things that will occupy any spare time that you have now.

Do you have any questions?

Senator CASE. I have no questions.

Chairman RUSSELL. Do you have any questions?

Senator SYMINGTON. Only I think it is a fine appointment, Mr. Chairman. I have known Mr. Paul for many years and he has done a fine job in his previous work and it would be a pleasure to vote for his confirmation.

Chairman RUSSELL. Thank you very much, Mr. Paul.

(Whereupon, at 10:20 a.m., the committee proceeded to other business.)

(Subsequently, in executive session, the committee voted to report favorably the nomination of Mr. Paul to be an assistant secretary of Defense, which nomination was confirmed by the Senate July 20, 1962.)

