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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10 a.m., in room 2200, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Barratt O'Hara (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. O'HARA. We are happy to have with us this morning Assistant Secretary of State Palmer, who has just returned from an extensive trip to many countries in Africa.

Before you proceed with your remarks, Mr. Secretary, will you be kind enough to inform the subcommittee as to your itinerary?

STATEMENT OF HON. JOSEPH PALMER, 2d, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS

Mr. PALMER. Yes; I would be very happy to.

I started out, Mr. Chairman, in Gambia.

Mr. O'HARA. Might I remark, Mr. Secretary, that we have a large attendance of the subcommittee here, and Mr. Frelinghuysen, a member of the full committee and a former delegate to the United Nations, a very distinguished gathering of spectators, all a compliment to you, Mr. Secretary.

Mr. PALMER. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I started in Gambia on May 31. I was to have started in Senegal; but, because of troubles there, I had to go on to my next stop.

From Gambia I went on to Guinea and spent 4 days there, and to Sierra Leone, Upper Volta, Niger, Chad, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Gabon, the Congo—Kinshasa—Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda; and then I came back across to Nigeria and to Senegal, then went to Paris, Geneva, and London.

Mrs. BOLTON. Can you fly across now?

Mr. PALMER. Yes, you can. There are several services, including a Pan American service.

I will, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, cover each one of the stops because I did visit a number of interior places in each one of the several countries.

(The prepared statement of Mr. Palmer follows:)

STATEMENT OF HON. JOSEPH PALMER 2d, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS

Mr. Chairman, I am both pleased and honored that you have invited me to discuss with the members of this Committee my recent trip to Africa.

Before doing this, however, I would like, for my part, to add to the many tributes which were paid to you on the floor of the House last Tuesday, July 16,