Nominee, Arthur B Culvahouse, is pending.

ACTION: Determine complexity and assign to OGE Reviewer. Package will be delivered to you shortly.
To review electronic materials click the link below.

(b)(6) - Internal agency website
Nominee, Arthur B Culvahouse, has been assigned to you.

ACTION: Within 2 days, please begin your review of the report and send the first set of comments/questions to the agency (by email or phone). If you need additional time, please contact Teresa or Deb.

Please log completion of this step into FDTS by entering a date and then clicking the forward routing button to save and mark this step complete.

Remember to add a new Progress Report for this nominee and update the progress at the end of each week until the report and EA have been precleared.

The link below will take you to the FDTS record.
Thanks - I thought it might have been a hiccup, but then got terrified I was missing something!

-----Original Message-----
From: Keith Labedz
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza
Subject: RE: stupid question

I thought I removed that template question but, given some intervening calls while I worked on this document, I must have missed it.

Keith

-----Original Message-----
From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 3:26 PM
To: Keith Labedz
Subject: stupid question

Hi Keith,

I was just assigned this nominee , and see in the draft comments you saved in the folder.

Thanks in advance for your input,

Kim
From: Kimberly L Sikora Panza
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 108 PM
To: Mann, Judy H
Cc: Kimberly L Sikora Panza
Subject: New prospective nominee - CULVAHOUSE (contains CUI)
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Hi Judy,

I am the OGE reviewer assigned to review the report for Arthur Boggess Culvahouse. I have the following preliminary questions and comments:

Background Questions
Reporting Period: Please have the filer confirm the following:
Thank you in advance for your input and assistance – I look forward to working with you!

Kim

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Referral to DOS
Hi Heather,

I just rec’d input on the Culvahouse report, and have a couple of mostly reporting-type questions I wanted to run by you (I feel like it is easier for me to gather the relevant information and ask via email, but feel free to respond via email or by phone, as you prefer).

(b)(3), (b), (b)
Thanks in advance for your input!!

Kim

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I 1,000,000% need it!

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From: Patrick J. Lightfoot  
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 3:42 PM  
To: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza  
Subject: RE: KSP OOO

Sounds good; thanks for the updates and enjoy the long weekend!

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From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza  
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 3:41 PM  
To: Patrick J. Lightfoot  
Subject: KSP OOO

Hey,

I’m out Monday so wanted to give a quick debrief:

- Noms – Wrigley has been nominated, waiting for the finals to come in. If they do, the folder is in the top drawer of my metal file cabinet. I’ve already saved my notes into FDTS and put the stuff in the folder that I can. Will just need you to print and double check EA and bring forward if it comes in Monday.

Other pending noms: \(\text{(b)(5), (6)}\)

; Culvahouse, I have follow up Qs into agency. For that stuff, unless a simple Q comes your way (for \(\text{(b)(5), (6)}\), I can handle when I get back.

- CDs - have a monster CD \(\text{(b)(6)}\). Way too complicated for you to do anything, I can address when I get back.

- No open DO questions.

- I don’t think I have anything else that might come up for you?

Have a great weekend!

Kim
Hi Judy,

Thank you for the additional information. I understand that we’re down to [b](3), [b](6). Given the specific facts that have been presented to us in this case, [b](3), [b](5), [b](6). Please note, however, that [b](3), [b](5), [b](6).

On a separate but related note, the filer will need to disclose [b](3), [b](5), [b](6).

Thanks!

Kim

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From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 3:11 PM
To: Mann, Judy H
Subject: RE: Culvahouse [contains CUI]

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Hi Judy,

Thank you for the additional information re [b](3), [b](6). Regarding the [b](3), [b](5), [b](6), I have a clarification question [b](3), [b](5), [b](6).

Thanks in advance for the clarification,

Kim

Kimberly L. Sikora Panza
Associate Counsel
Hi Judy,

Thanks for your email, and thanks to the filer for his thorough responses! I have the following additional comments and questions (below I also respond to the filer’s questions):

(b)(3), (b)(6)
Thank you again to you and the filer for the hard work on the report!

Kim

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That was my feeling. I'm just going to reiterate that...
Hi Heather,

Could you please let me know your thoughts?

Thanks!
Kim

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Let me know your thoughts, and if you have a better way to articulate
CONTROLL ED

Thanks, Judy. Please also ensure that the filer understands that by so stating in the EA, he will be memorializing his commitment to [redacted].

On a separate note, sorry I missed your call. If you’d like to give me a ring when you get off your 2pm call, I should be available.

Thanks,
Kim

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From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 12:16 PM
To: Mann, Judy H
Subject: RE: Culvahouse (contains CUI)

CONTROLL ED

Thanks for the update, Judy, and great timing – I was just about to email you to share language that we’d like to see in the EA re those [redacted].

Thanks,
Kim

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From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza <klspanza@oge.gov>
Hi Judy,

Re this question:

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Referral to DOS

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Thanks,
Kim

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Referral to DOS
Hi Judy,
Thanks for letting me know the report has been updated. I’ve reviewed the updated report, and have the following questions and comments:

**Outstanding Question**
I still have this outstanding question from my earlier round of comments:

(b)(3), (5), (6)
Thank you for your continued input and assistance!
Kim

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From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza <klspanza@oge.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:37 AM
To: Mann, Judy H.<b> (b) (5)<b> </b></b>
Subject: RE: Culvahouse (contains CUI)
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Thanks!

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Good morning, Judy,

I am writing to check in on the Culvahouse report – could you please advise where we stand with respect to my outstanding questions/report updates/etc.?

Thanks,
Kim

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Thx. I will send.

I like that

What do you think about the h/l for Part 3 reporting of the (b)(3), (b)(5), (b)(6):
Sounds good!

Subject: KSP OOO Monday

Noms

(b)(5), (b)(6). Waiting on agency input for (b)(5), (b)(6) and for Culvahouse. If anything comes in, it should be something I can handle when I get back.

CD

Have a CD into Elaine for review, it is insanely complicated, if anything comes up w/ that it will have to wait until I get back.

DO Questions

Nada

Other

Have various things going on, but don’t anticipate anything that should bother you.

Thanks!!

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From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza
To: Heather A. Jones
Date: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 11:02:03 AM
Attachments: image001.png

(b)(3), (b), (b)

No attachment found in search
Hi Judy,

I am booked up for the rest of the day, unfortunately. Could you send the additional info by email? That would probably be the easiest for us to be able to connect, given my schedule.

Thanks,

Kim
Hi Judy,

Kim

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Hi Judy,

I’ve reviewed the input below and the current version of the 278 – I think we’re getting really close!

Thanks,
Kim

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Thanks. I will stay tuned to hear from you re the other questions, and for a draft EA.

Thanks,
Hi Judy,

It was nice chatting with you earlier.

Thanks,

Kim
Hi Judy,

It was nice speaking with you earlier. (b)(3), (b)(6)
Thank you again for your input and assistance on this report.

Kim

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Hi Judy,

Just wanted to touch base re the Culvahouse report. I know that you were discussing the issue with the filer – can you please let me know the status of things? Also, I am happy to review a draft EA as soon as you have one available. I realize there may still be some question marks/placeholder[s], but we can work through the other stuff in the interim.

Thanks,
Kim

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See attached. Thanks!
Pending noms: (in bottom drawer)

- [ ]

- Culvahouse. This is in pretty good shape, we are waiting for the filer to confirm [b](b), (5), (6) but I doubt things will come together like that!). Judy is out of the office tomorrow too, but will checking email periodically – since she is going to be sporadic, it would be nice to flip whatever Qs we have to her earlier rather than later just to give her time to see them and flip to filer. All materials you need are in the folder.

Cleared noms: (in top drawer, notes have been saved in FDTS for these)

- [ ]

No pending DO questions

Can’t think of anything else that should bother you.
Hi Judy,

Thanks, I appreciate you reaching out so we can get this report buttoned up!

Re your question, thanks for your eagle eyes. “Interest” is from an earlier EA with a similar situation, but I just went back to the EA Guide and we use “interests,” so let’s use that (plural ‘interests’).

Kim

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Hi Judy,

I know you’re out and only periodically checking messages, but just wanted to touch base to see if you’d heard from the filer re: that EA language, since I think that is the only thing holding up the report.

Also, we have just a couple of minor adjustments on the EA – please see attached version (changes shown in track changes).

Thanks,
Kim
From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza <klspanza@oge.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 4:14 PM
To: Mann, Judy H [D] [E]
Subject: RE: Draft Ethics Agreement-Culvahouse [contains CUI]

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Definitely – I appreciate you sending the draft! I think it looks pretty good, I may have a couple of minor adjustments – right now I have the EA into Heather for review, so I’ll hold off on sharing any comments until I get her input as well.

FYI, I am out of the office tomorrow. Patrick is my backup, should anything come up (his contact info will be on my OOO message).

Thanks!
Kim

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Thanks for the clarification, Judy! We’ll assume this is the case for now; I appreciate you sharing once you’ve received final confirmation from the filer.

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Thanks, Judy

Thank you for the clarification,
Kim

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Judy,

I still need to send the “confirmatory email” for the filer to review, and confirm. I will send that shortly.

Kim

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Thanks,
Kim
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Dear Judy,

OGE will be reviewing the nominee’s report for preclearance. Please be sure to instruct him to personally review the report carefully once more, given that he will be personally responsible for all entries in the report as they currently appear.

Before OGE reviews this report for “preclearance,” I’m sending you a list of some of the nominee’s material representations on which we are relying. Please forward this message to him and instruct him to confirm each item (or notify us immediately if any item on this list is incorrect).

Among other material representations, we are relying on the following:

- The nominee has personally reviewed all entries in the current version of the report and has affirmed that they are correct.
- The nominee is not a trustee of any trust.
• For Part 1 and Part 4, the nominee has provided information covering the entire reporting period of January 1, 2016, to date of signing.

• For Part 2, Part 5, and Part 6 the nominee has provided information covering the entire reporting period of January 1, 2017, to date of signing.

• The ethics agreement correctly describes all items addressed in the agreement.

Thank you again for all of your assistance on this report.

Best regards,
Kim

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Scott-
Arthur B. Culvahouse has been precleared. Kim, please send the ethics agreement to the White House.

Thanks,
Heather

Heather Jones
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Office of Government Ethics

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From: Nicholson, Jennifer

Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 11:24 AM

To: Mann, Judy

Cc: Hampton, Tommie L; Schlom, Evan N.

Subject: Culvahouse Signed Letter re Ethics Undertakings

Dear Ms. Mann -- Attached please find Arthur B. Culvahouse Jr.’s signed letter to Mr. Richard Visek regarding Ethics Undertakings.
As mentioned in this morning nominee meeting, I wanted to give you a heads up that the below nominees have an “Intent to Nominate” listed on the White House’s website.

The President may nominate some or all of them next week. We don’t start our process until we get the formal nomination, so that could be as early as next Tuesday/Wednesday. No action needed from you til then.

Thanks!
Teresa
Nonresponsive records
Only updates were on Carter, who got nominated yesterday. Requested finals from NEA (cc’ed you on all those emails)...awaiting updates them presently.

Active Nom – [redacted]

Precleared Noms – Carter and Culvahouse are two noms who were on Teresa’s recent Intent to Nominate email. I’ve pasted the notes in FDTS, and we’ve rec’d the signed EA already (saved in the N drive; I’ve double checked against the precleared versions already). So once we get the formal word re nomination, pls reach out to the agencies and we just need the report re-signed by the filer and then certified.

I have other things going on, but nothing I expect to bother you.
The following nominations have been posted on CONGRESS.GOV. Please contact the agency for the final package.

Reminder - If you are backing up another reviewer please contact the agency for the final package so that the package can start moving through the process.

Please remember to add the date the final package was received to the routing slip before forwarding. Thanks!!

**NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Megan (INTEGRITY)**
**PN2650** — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — Matthew H. Tueller — Department of State
Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Iraq.
**Date Received from President:** 11/15/2018
**Committee:** Foreign Relations
**Latest Action:** 11/15/2018 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. ([All Actions](#))

**NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Jim (INTEGRITY)**
**PN2649** — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — Alan R. Swendiman — Peace Corps
Alan R. Swendiman, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, vice Carlos J. Torres.
**Date Received from President:** 11/15/2018
**Committee:** Foreign Relations
**Latest Action:** 11/15/2018 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. ([All Actions](#))

**NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Monica (INTEGRITY)**
**PN2648** — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — Lana J. Marks — Department of State
Lana J. Marks, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of South Africa.
**Date Received from President:** 11/15/2018
**Committee:** Foreign Relations
**Latest Action:** 11/15/2018 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. ([All Actions](#))

**NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Megan (278C)**
**PN2647** — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — Brett P. Giroir — Department of State
Brett P. Giroir, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive
Board of the World Health Organization, vice Thomas Frieden, resigned.

Date Received from President: 11/15/2018
Committee: Foreign Relations
Latest Action: 11/15/2018 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (All Actions)

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Chris (INTEGRITY)
PN2646 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — James S. Gilmore — Department of State
James S. Gilmore, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.
Date Received from President: 11/15/2018
Committee: Foreign Relations
Latest Action: 11/15/2018 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (All Actions)

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Kim Sikora Panza (INTEGRITY)
PN2645 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — Arthur B. Culvahouse Jr. — Department of State
Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of Australia.
Date Received from President: 11/15/2018
Committee: Foreign Relations
Latest Action: 11/15/2018 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (All Actions)

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Megan (INTEGRITY)
PN2644 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — Kate Marie Byrnes — Department of State
Kate Marie Byrnes, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Macedonia.
Date Received from President: 11/15/2018
Committee: Foreign Relations
Latest Action: 11/15/2018 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (All Actions)

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Jim (INTEGRITY)
PN2643 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — John P. Abizaid — Department of State
John P. Abizaid, of Nevada, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
Date Received from President: 11/15/2018
Committee: Foreign Relations
Latest Action: 11/15/2018 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (All Actions)

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Chris (INTEGRITY)

Date Received from President: 11/15/2018
Committee: Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Latest Action: 11/15/2018 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (All Actions)

Daniel B. Maffei, of New York, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2022. (Reappointment)

Date Received from President: 11/15/2018
Committee: Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Latest Action: 11/15/2018 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (All Actions)
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Good morning, Judy,

As you may know, Mr. Culvahouse has been nominated:

**PN2645** — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Arthur B. Culvahouse Jr. — Department of State**
Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of Australia.
**Date Received from President:** 11/15/2018
**Committee:** Foreign Relations
**Latest Action:** 11/15/2018 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. ([All Actions](#))

We already have his signed Ethics Agreement; at this time, could you please have him re-sign and submit the report in Integrity? Your agency will then need to certify, and we’ll need a transmittal letter as well.

Thanks!
Kim

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A 2018 Nominee report for Culvahouse, Arthur Boggess is pending your action as OGE Nominee Program Manager. You may access the report by logging into integrity at https://integrity.gov.
Good Morning,

I’ve attached the financial disclosure package for Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., who has been nominated by President Trump for the position of United States Ambassador to Australia, Department of State.

Thanks!

Teresa Williamson
Presidential Nominations Branch
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October 15, 2018

Mr. Richard Visek
Principal Deputy Legal Adviser and
Designated Agency Ethics Official
Office of the Legal Adviser
Department of State

Re: Ethics Undertakings

Dear Mr. Visek:

I am committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct for government officials. If confirmed as the Ambassador to Australia, as required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which I know that I have a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which I know that a person whose interests are imputed to me has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me: any spouse or minor child of mine; any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner; any organization in which I serve as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

I understand that a heightened prospect of a conflict of interest could exist as to companies that maintain a presence in Australia, because they may be more likely than other companies to seek official assistance from or make contact with the Embassy or otherwise be affected by policies and engagement implemented by the Embassy. I will remain alert to the possible need to recuse where appropriate.

Out of an abundance of caution, in order to avoid potential conflicts of interest I have decided that within 90 days of my confirmation, I will divest all assets in my defined contribution plan that do not qualify for the exemption at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.201(a). Until I divest these assets, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on my financial interest in any of these assets, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2).

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my Of Counsel position with O’Melveny & Myers LLP. If O’Melveny & Myers LLP decides to pay me a bonus for work I performed during 2018, I will not accept the bonus and will forfeit it, unless I receive the bonus before I assume the duties of the position of Ambassador to Australia. If I receive the bonus, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know O’Melveny & Myers LLP is a party or represents a party for a period of two years from the date on which I receive the bonus. I will continue to receive payments under the O’Melveny & Myers LLP Partnership Agreement Retirement Benefit pursuant to the O’Melveny & Myers LLP Partnership Agreement Retirement Benefit.
Partnership Agreement. The amount of this Benefit can be increased based on an inflation index or decreased if O’Melveny & Myers LLP does not achieve certain revenues. Accordingly, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of O’ Melveny & Myers LLP, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §208(b)(1). I also will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know a former client of mine is a party or represents a party for a period of one year after I last provided service to that client, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my positions with the following entities: The Brookings Institution; Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy; The University of Tennessee Knoxville; and Leadership Board, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Center for Capital Market Competitiveness. For a period of one year after my resignation from each of these entities, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know that entity is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to § 5 C.F.R. 2635.502(d).

In addition, I will recuse myself from participation on a case-by-case basis in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I determine that a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts would question my impartiality in that matter, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

I have a managed account, and I will direct the account manager to obtain my prior approval on a case-by-case basis for the purchase of any assets other than cash, cash equivalents, investment funds that qualify for the exemption at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.201(a), obligations of the United States, or municipal bonds. I will monitor whether the account manager is following this direction regarding prior approval.

I will receive a live ethics briefing from a member of the ethics office after my confirmation but no later than 15 days after my appointment as required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305, unless granted an extension under that regulation. Within 90 days of my confirmation, I will document my compliance with this ethics agreement by notifying you in writing when I have completed the steps described in this ethics agreement.

I understand that as an appointee I will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order no. 13770) and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this ethics agreement.

I have been advised that this ethics agreement will be posted publicly, consistent with 5 U.S.C. § 552, on the website of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics with ethics agreements of other Presidential nominees who file public financial disclosure reports.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr.
The Honorable Bob Corker  
Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC  20510  

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, I enclose a copy of the financial disclosure report filed by Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., who has been nominated by President Trump for the position of United States Ambassador to Australia, Department of State.

We have reviewed the report and have obtained advice from the agency concerning any possible conflict in light of its functions and the nominee’s proposed duties. Also enclosed is an ethics agreement outlining the actions that the nominee will undertake to avoid conflicts of interest. Unless a date for compliance is indicated in the ethics agreement, the nominee must fully comply within three months of confirmation with any action specified in the ethics agreement.

Based thereon, we believe that this nominee is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations governing conflicts of interest.

Sincerely,

David J. Apol  
General Counsel

Enclosures