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Nominations of candidates submitted by members of the
Commission on Human Rights

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

1. The Commission requested (E/CN.4/SR.452 and 458) the members of the Commission to submit by 6 April 1954 their nominations of candidates for election to the two vacancies in the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities (see E/CN.4/699 and Add.1). It also decided that elections would be held on Friday, 9 April 1954.

2. Communications containing nominations made by members of the Commission together with curricula vitae are reproduced in the annex to this document.

3. The names of the persons nominated are as follows:
 1. Mr. Arcot-Krishnaswami (India)
nominated by the representative of Egypt
 2. Judge Philip Halpern (United States of America)
nominated by the representative of the United States of America.

A N N E X

EGYPT

From Mr. Ashraf Ghorbal, Alternate

"I have the honour to propose the candidature of Mr. Arcot Krishnaswami for membership of the Sub-Commission.

Mr. Krishnaswami is a national of India, he is a graduate from Christian College, Madras, and from Cambridge University. He holds a doctorate degree of the London School of Economics and is a barrister of Grays Inn. His research work includes a survey of the Capital Development of India, 1854-1938. He also published a Study of the Indian Constitution and was editor of an English daily, the 'Liberator', from 1942 to 1951. In 1952 he was elected to Parliament as an Independent and also practices at the bar of the Supreme Court."

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

From Mrs. Oswald B. Lord, Member

"I have the honour to nominate Judge Philip Halpern for membership on the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Judge Halpern served as my Alternate at the Sixth Session of the Sub-Commission, and I feel certain that he would continue to make a distinguished contribution to its work."

Biographical Statement

Justice Philip Halpern served as principal advisor on the United States Delegation to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights which met in Geneva in April and May of 1953. Mrs. Oswald B. Lord, who was chosen a member of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in May 1953, appointed Justice Halpern her alternate for the Sixth Session of the Sub-Commission in January 1954.

Justice Halpern's service on the bench of New York State dates back to 1948, and his association with the University of Buffalo Law School covers major parts of three decades. He is presently serving as Associate Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York, Third Department, as a result of an appointment in September 1952 by Governor Dewey.

He received his law degree in 1923 at the University of Buffalo Law School and two years later became professor of law there. During his 18 years of service on the faculty, he maintained a private law practice. In 1943 he became acting dean of the Law School, and was appointed dean in September 1946. However, he resigned from this post after his election to the Supreme Court bench in 1947.

Before becoming a member of the judiciary, Justice Halpern served four years as counsel to the Public Service Commission of New York State. In 1938 he was elected a delegate to the convention that rewrote the state's constitution. Earlier, he served as a consultant to the New York State Judicial Council and as counsel for the Committee on Practice and Evidence of the New York State Commission on the Administration of Justice. Before serving on the bench he was active in Republican Party affairs.

Justice Halpern founded the Erie County Bar Bulletin and served as its editor from 1933 to 1938. During World War II he was a member of the Enemy Alien Hearing Board for the Western District of New York and a referee for the National War Labor Board.

From 1950 to 1952 Justice Halpern served as president of the Buffalo Council on World Affairs, Inc., the local affiliate of the Foreign Policy Association. During the same period he was co-chairman of the Buffalo Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He is an official of several Jewish organizations in Buffalo and a member of the national board of directors of the Jewish Welfare Board and the Joint Defense Appeal. He is a member of the American Law Institute, and the American Judicature Society, the American Political Science Association, the American, New York State, New York City and Erie County Bar Associations and is a former officer and trustee of the Erie County Bar Association and the Federation of Bar Associations of Western New York.

Justice Halpern was born in Buffalo on November 12, 1902. He was married in 1928 to Miss Goldene Friedman of Elmira. They have two sons, James B., 17, and Charles R., 14.
