

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

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TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: The Secretary
SUBJECT: Nominee for Alternate Executive Director for the United States

Mr. Overby has suggested that the Members of the Executive Board may be interested in the attached brief biographical statement regarding Mr. Henry J. Tasca who has just been nominated by the President of the United States to be Alternate Executive Director of the Fund for the United States. Mr. Tasca's nomination is subject to confirmation by the United States Senate.

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HENRY J. TASCA

Since March 1945, Mr. Tasca has been serving as U. S. Treasury Representative at the American Embassy, Rome, Italy, where he has been responsible for all field aspects of financial relations between Italy and the United States. Mr. Tasca has been with the U. S. Treasury Department since June 1941 except for his period of service with the U. S. Navy from March 1942 to March 1945.

During his service with the U. S. Navy, Mr. Tasca attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander, USNR. He served originally in the Office of the Under Secretary of the Navy, dealing with questions of industrial procurement and stockpiling. Later, from October 1943 to March 1945, he served in North Africa, Sicily and Continental Italy where he was Foreign Exchange and Currency Specialist in the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission for Italy, and was Special Finance Officer for the Fifth Army.

Mr. Tasca was born in Providence, Rhode Island on August 23, 1912. He holds the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (1937), Master of Business Administration from the Wharton Graduate School of Commerce and Finance, University of Pennsylvania (1934), and Bachelor of Science in Commerce from Temple University (1933). In addition to attendance at these universities, Mr. Tasca did advanced work in social sciences at the Brookings Institution during 1936-1937, and advanced study in economics at the London School of Economics, University of London, during 1938-1939.

Prior to joining the U. S. Treasury Department in June 1941, Mr. Tasca was a Research Fellow at the Brookings Institution (1936-1937), Economic Analyst in the Department of State, Division of Trade Agreements (1937-1938), Assistant Director of Trade Regulation and Commercial Policy Project conducted in numerous European countries and financed by the Rockefeller Foundation (1938-1940), and Economic Adviser on Foreign Trade to the National Defense Commission (1940-1941).

In addition to his regular duties as U. S. Treasury Representative in Italy, Mr. Tasca has served as Special Financial Adviser to the Allied Commission for Italy from 1945 until its dissolution; Economic Adviser, United States Delegation at the Paris Peace Conference in September-October 1946; Special Economic Adviser to the American Delegation at the Council of Foreign Ministers in New York, November-December 1946; Special Adviser to the Four-Power Financial Mission of the Council of Foreign Ministers to Free Territory of Trieste in February 1947; and, Acting Technical Consultant to the Herter Select Committee on Foreign Aid, September-October 1947.

Mr. Tasca has held several scholarships and fellowships and has published the following books: "The Reciprocal Trade Policy of the United States: A Study in Trade Philosophy" (1938), and "World Trading Systems: A Study of American-British Commercial Policies" (1939).

Mr. Tasca's legal residence is Washington, D. C.

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