

To: Jennifer Mobley, Personnel Management Specialist
From: John Tengstrom
Subject: Dual Nationality-Personal Statement
Date: 16 December 2002

Dear Ms. Mobley,

In reference to our meeting of 13 December 2002, I am providing a personal statement as to why I maintain dual nationality.

Finnish citizenship was granted to me on 25 August 1990, by Finnish President Mauno Koivisto.

I possess dual citizenship because I requested a determination as to whether or not I already held Finnish citizenship. This was based on the fact that my mother was a Finnish citizen at the time of my birth.

It has never been my intention to relinquish my United States citizenship. I have enclosed for your review a United States Government Memorandum that was sent to me by Mr. Robert O. Tatge, Consul of the United States.

Sincerely,

John Tengstrom

16 December 2002

To: Jennifer Mobley, Personnel Management Specialist
Department of Justice
From: John Tengstrom
Date: 20 December 2002
Subject: Dual Nationality-Personal Statement

Dear Ms. Mobley,

Per our meeting of December 13th, 2002, and our subsequent telephone conversation of December 19th, 2002, this letter serves as an additional statement regarding why I maintain dual citizenship with the United States of America and Finland.

As noted in previously submitted documentation, I had resided in Finland for over twelve years. I received my higher education in Finland and worked there for many years. Furthermore, in 1990, the president of Finland, Mauno Koivisto, granted me Finnish citizenship. Since then, dual citizenship has afforded me professional career growth. For example, dual citizenship negated my need to apply for residence permits and work permits when living permanently in Finland. Consequently, I enjoyed the benefit of unrestricted mobility as pertaining to where I could live and work. At a time when that nation was experiencing a significantly high unemployment rate, receiving the same rights as a national was highly desirable.

Upon moving back to the United States, I never considered dual U.S./Finnish citizenship a liability. Especially, since the United States and Finland have always enjoyed warm friendly diplomatic relations. Indeed, I soon discovered that my dual citizenship actually enhanced my ability to conduct business for American-headquartered multi-national corporations and smaller American companies - striving to gain a global focus by venturing into the international market. For instance, maintaining dual citizenship enables me to freely reside and work in the E.U.. This attribute enables employers to avoid the colossal complications associated with residency and work permits, which normally are restrictive to non-E.U. nationals.

As a United States citizen, I proudly vote in all U.S. elections. Moreover, I have never voted in a Finnish election. I hold a high regard for the U.S. constitution and have always, and will always continue to swear my allegiance to our great nation.

Sincerely,

John Tengstrom

20 December 2002



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1983

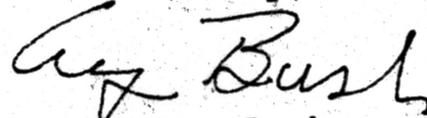
Ms. Hilikka Tengstrom
Lane's End
81 Maple Avenue
Katonah, New York 10536

Dear Ms. Tengstrom:

Your very kind words about our recent trip to Finland have come to me, and I want you to know how much I appreciated them. We had a very good visit and we are greatly looking forward to the visit of President and Mrs. Koivisto to Washington at the end of the month.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,


George Bush

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
memorandum

COPY

DATE: February 4, 1991
REPLY TO: American Embassy, Consular Section
ATTN OF: Helsinki, Finland: ROTatge
SUBJECT: CPAS: John Paavo TENGSTRÖM: Possible loss of US citizenship

TO: Department of State
CA/OCS/CCS/EUR
Ref: State 121931

I have reviewed the U.S. citizenship status of John Paavo TENGSTRÖM.

I have noted that this person was naturalized on his own application as a citizen of Finland on August 24, 1990, but have determined that it was not his intent to relinquish U.S. citizenship. Accordingly, I have concluded that this person may be documented as a U.S. citizen.

Robert O. Tatge

Robert O. Tatge
Consul of the United States
of America, Helsinki, Finland
February 4, 1991.

Enclosures: Questionnaire "Information for Determining U.S. Citizenship"; copy of Finnish Citizenship Certificate

"I understand that, because of the citizenship laws of the country that I have listed on my Personnel Questionnaire Form, it is possible that country currently considers me to be its citizen thereof regardless of my valid U.S. citizenship. Notwithstanding such a possibility, I hereby declare that I am a citizen of the United States and that my loyalty and allegiance are to the United States."

John Paavo Tengstrom

Name (print)

John Paavo Tengstrom

Signature

15 January 2003

Date