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THE WHITE HOUSE

BIOGRAPHY OF THE PRESIDENT

GERALD R. FORD, Republican 38th President of the United States, was born in Omaha, Nebraska, July 14, 1913; attended public schools, Grand Rapids, Michigan; B.A., University of Michigan, 1935; L.L.B., Yale University Law School, 1941; won all-city and all-state football honors in Grand Rapids during high school; member of University of Michigan's national championship football teams, 1932, 1933; Michigan's most valuable player, 1934; assistant varsity football coach at Yale while law student there; in 1942 entered the U.S. Navy, serving 47 months during World War II; participated in 3rd and 5th Fleet carrier operations aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Monterey for two years; discharged 1946 and resumed practice of law; elected to U.S. House of Representatives in 1948 and reelected every two years through 1972, serving 25 years in House; named in November 1963 to the Presidential Commission investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy; author (with John R. Stiles) of the book, "Portrait of the Assassin" (1965); permanent chairman of the 1968 and 1972 Republican National Conventions; visited The People's Republic of China in late June and early July 1972 on behalf of President Nixon; recipient of American Political Science Association's Distinguished Congressional Service Award, 1961; recipient of American Good Government Society's George Washington Award, 1966; recipient of American Academy of Achievement's Golden Plate Award as "giant of accomplishment," 1971; recipient of AMVETS Silver Helmet Award, 1971; recipient of honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, The Citadel, and numerous colleges; married Elizabeth Bloomer October 15, 1948; children: Michael Gerald, born March 15, 1950; John Gardner, March 16, 1952; Steven Meigs, May 19, 1956; and Susan Elizabeth, July 6, 1957; Chairman of the Republican Conference, 88th Congress; Minority Leader, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd and 1st Session, 93rd Congresses; nominated October 12, 1973, to succeed Spiro T. Agnew, who resigned as Vice President; succeeded to the Presidency August 9, 1974, following the resignation of Richard M. Nixon.

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AUGUST 15, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of Philip W. Buchen, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, as Counsel to the President.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Buchen, 58, was a senior partner in the law firm of Law, Buchen, Weathers, Richardson and Dutcher, and served as Executive Director of the Domestic Council Committee on the Right of Privacy. He is a former law partner of the President. Mr. Buchen was a member of the United States Delegation to the INTELSAT Conference which negotiated the definitive arrangements for the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization between 1969 and 1972.

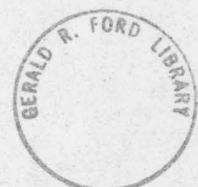
Since 1969 he has served on the Board of Directors of the COMSAT Corporation. He has resigned that position effective today. Mr. Buchen received a B.A. Degree from the University of Michigan in 1939 and a J.D. Degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1941. He is a member of the Michigan State Bar.

Mr. Buchen is married to the former Beatrice Loomis. They have a son, Roderick, and a daughter, Mrs. Victoria Aler.

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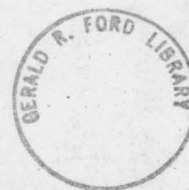
The President today announced the appointment of James R. Holland, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, to be Assistant Press Secretary to the President.

Since February 1974, Mr. Holland has been Deputy Communications Director to the President. In 1971, he was named Assistant Postmaster General for Communications and Public Affairs after having served as Special Assistant to the Postmaster General from January 1970. In 1973 he was named Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, before becoming Deputy Communications Director to the President.

He was born on August 3, 1939, in Soperton, Georgia. He received his A. B. in journalism from the University of Georgia in 1954. From June 1954 to May 1958, he was a reporter for the International News Service in New York City, Birmingham, and Atlanta. In June 1958, he became a reporter for United Press International in New York City before joining the J. Walter Thompson Company as a writer and Account Representative in New York in 1959. Mr. Holland was a Second Vice President, Advertising and Public Relations, of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company in Boston after having served as General Director of Public Relations. He was with the firm from 1961 to 1970.

Mr. Holland is married to the former Paula Shepard of Garden City, New York and they have three children.

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SEPTEMBER 4, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

ALAN GREENSPAN
Biographical Data

The President announced his intention to nominate Alan Greenspan, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers on July 23, 1974, succeeding Herbert Stein. The President also announced that Mr. Greenspan be designated Chairman of CEA upon his confirmation and appointment as a member.

From 1959 Mr. Greenspan was President and member of the Board of Directors of Townsend-Greenspan & Co., Inc., economic consultants. He was also a consultant to the Council of Economic Advisers, the Department of the Treasury, and the Federal Reserve Board, and a member of the GNP Review Committee of the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Greenspan was a member of Time Magazine's Board of Economists, Senior Adviser to the Brookings Institution Panel on Economic Activity, Director of the National Economists Club, Vice Chairman of the Conference of Business Economists, and Past President (1970) and Fellow of the National Association of Business Economists.

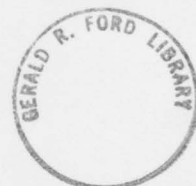
He was born on March 6, 1926 in New York, New York. Mr. Greenspan received his B.S. degree, summa cum laude, and his M.A. degree from New York University, and has done advanced graduate work at NYU and Columbia University. In addition to his current activities, he has also been a member of the Commission on an All-Volunteer Armed Force (1969-70), the Commission on Financial Structure and Regulation (1970-71), the Task Force on Economic Growth (1969), the Economic Advisory Board of the Secretary of Commerce (1971-72) and the Securities and Exchange Commission's Central Market System Committee (1972).

Mr. Greenspan resides in Washington, D.C..

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July 19, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary
(San Clemente, California)

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced that he would appoint Fernando E. C. DeBaca, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, as Special Assistant to the President. He will serve as deputy to Counsellor to the President, Anne Armstrong, for Hispanic Affairs.

Since January, 1972, Mr. DeBaca has served as Regional Director for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in San Francisco, California. He was appointed by the President in March, 1973 to serve as Chairman of the Federal Regional Council in Region IX, in addition to his HEW responsibilities. Federal Regional Councils are the top regional coordinating bodies of the Federal Government and are composed of the regional heads of the major domestic grant-making agencies. From January, 1971 to January, 1972, Mr. DeBaca was with the U.S. Civil Service Commission as Director of the Sixteen Point Program for Spanish Speaking Americans, a program designed to improve opportunities in the Federal career service for Hispanic Americans.

He was born on January 20, 1938, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. DeBaca received his B. A. degree from the University of New Mexico in 1961, and served in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964. He was with the New Mexico State Government from 1968 to 1971 as State Manpower Coordinator, Assistant State Personnel Director, Regional Tax Director and as Commissioner of the New Mexico Department of Motor Vehicles. From 1964 to 1967 he was Special Agent in Charge, Nevada Test Site/Hawaii Test Range, Intelligence and Security Directorate, Defense Atomic Support Agency.

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SEPTEMBER 25, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of Mr. Bruce H. Hasenkamp as Director of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

Mr. Hasenkamp was born on May 12, 1938, in Brooklyn, New York; was graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College with an A.B. in 1960; and received his J.D. from Stanford University in 1963.

He served on the Congressional staff of Honorable William B. Widnall of New Jersey during 1961 and 1962; was associated with the New York law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett from 1963-68; and then went on to become Assistant Dean of the Stanford Law School until 1973, when he left Stanford to become a consultant in educational management. He served as a First Lieutenant with the U.S. Army in Korea, and is a member of the Bar in California and New York.

Mr. Hasenkamp succeeds Mrs. Joan K. Benziger, Acting Director.

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SEP 26 1974

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September 24, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced that he has appointed Thomas P. DeCair, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, as Assistant Press Secretary to the President. He has been a member of the White House Press Office staff since May 1972.

From 1964 to 1967 Mr. DeCair was a reporter with the Kalamazoo (Michigan) Gazette and the Holland (Michigan) Evening Sentinel. From 1969 to 1972 he was Director of Advertising and Publicity for the Simicon Company in Holland, Michigan.

He was born on June 6, 1945, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and was raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Mr. DeCair attended Kalamazoo College and was graduated, magna cum laude, in 1972 from Hope College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1969.

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SEP 26 1974

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SEPTEMBER 24, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced that he will appoint Donald Rumsfeld as Assistant to the President with Cabinet rank and with responsibility for the coordination of White House operations.

Mr. Rumsfeld is presently U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) with the rank and status of Ambassador, a position he has held since February 1973. He will assume his duties on Friday while concurrently completing his assignment in Brussels over the coming month.

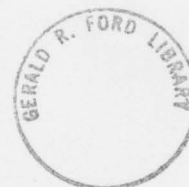
Born on July 9, 1932, in Chicago, Mr. Rumsfeld was elected to Congress from Illinois' 13th Congressional District in 1962 and was re-elected three times. From 1969 to 1973, he served in various executive positions, including Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, Counsellor to the President, and Director of the Cost of Living Council during Phase II.

After graduation from Princeton University in 1954, Mr. Rumsfeld served in the U.S. Navy as a pilot and flight instructor. He was also associated with an investment banking firm in Chicago prior to his first election to Congress.

Mr. Rumsfeld is married to the former Joyce Pierson and they have three children.

The President plans to nominate a successor for Ambassador Rumsfeld in the near future.

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November 13, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

Louis M. Thompson, Jr., of Ames, Iowa was appointed today as Assistant Press Secretary (Administration).

Mr. Thompson joined in September the staff of the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research in Washington, D.C. following his resignation from the United States Army.

He served in the Army from 1961-74 during which time he was a press spokesman for the U.S. Command in Vietnam and served from 1971-74 as Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). In that assignment he regularly accompanied the Secretary of Defense to all NATO ministerial meetings and worked daily with the White House and State Department coordinating public affairs policy on national security issues. Mr. Thompson was awarded, in that capacity, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service.

Born in Bryan, Texas on September 21, 1938, Mr. Thompson received a B.S. degree in Journalism from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, where he was television news editor and anchorman for WOI-TV from 1960-61. Later he returned to Iowa State University where he earned his M.S. degree in Journalism and Mass Communication and was graduated in 1969 with high honors.

Mr. Thompson was elected in 1968 to Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society and is a member of Sigma Delta Chi. He was named in 1973 one of the Outstanding Young Men in America.

He is married to the former Anne Marie Strand of Ames, Iowa and they have five children - Tom, 12, Eric, 10, Chris, 8, Mary Margaret and Mary Elizabeth, both 5. The Thompsons reside in Springfield, Virginia.

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Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

Larry Speakes of Washington, D. C. was appointed today as Assistant Press Secretary. He has served as Staff Assistant since May 18, 1974.

Mr. Speakes was born in Cleveland, Mississippi, September 13, 1939, and attended the University of Mississippi, where he majored in Journalism.

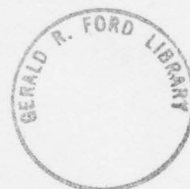
He was a staff writer for United Press International's Memphis Bureau and a reporter for the Jackson (Miss.) State Times before becoming News Editor of the Oxford (Miss.) Eagle in 1961. He was named News Editor of The Bolivar Commercial at Cleveland, Mississippi in 1962 and became Managing Editor in 1965.

Speakes was named Editor and General Manager of Progress Publishers at Leland, Mississippi in 1966 and served there until 1968. The firm published newspapers at Leland, Hollandale, Drew and Rosedale, Mississippi.

He was appointed Press Secretary to Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi August 1, 1968. He handled Senator Eastland's press relations, served as spokesman for the Senate Judiciary Committee and was a coordinator in Senator Eastland's 1972 re-election campaign.

Speakes is married to the former Laura Crawford and they have a son. They reside in the District of Columbia.

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November 13, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

J. W. Roberts, of Falls Church, Virginia, was appointed today as Assistant Press Secretary.

He served as Deputy Press Secretary to the Vice President from December, 1973 to August, 1974.

From June, 1972 until joining the Vice President's staff, Roberts was Washington Bureau Chief for the television stations owned by McGraw-Hill. Roberts came to Washington in 1958 to open the first Washington Bureau for the radio and television stations in the Time-Life Broadcast group, and continued as head of that organization's Washington bureau until 1972.

Prior to 1958, Roberts was an anchorman and reporter for WMT-TV in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and WOC, in Davenport, Iowa.

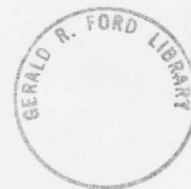
Mr. Roberts served as President of the Radio Television News Directors Association in 1969-1970, and was Chairman of the Freedom of Information Committee of that organization for several years prior to 1969.

In 1966 Mr. Roberts was elected President of the Radio Television Correspondents Gallery Association and served for nine years as a member of the Executive Committee of the Gallery.

Mr. Roberts was born in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, March 21, 1919, and graduated from Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin (B.A. degree) in 1941.

He is married to the former Helen West of Silvis, Illinois. They reside in Falls Church, Virginia.

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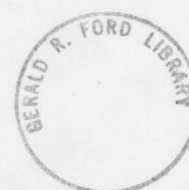
Nancy Lammerding has been appointed Social Secretary. Miss Lammerding has been an assistant in the Office of the Chief of Protocol at the State Department since 1970. In that capacity, Miss Lammerding was involved in arrangements for official social functions for visiting heads of state and in the selection of State gifts.

Prior to joining the Chief of Protocol's office, Miss Lammerding worked in the White House Press Office from February 1969 until June 1970.

Miss Lammerding has also been a protocol specialist for Vice President-designate and Mrs. Rockefeller. She directed the largest diplomatic dinner ever given by a Secretary of State, hosted by Dr. Kissinger for United Nations ambassadors in New York last year.

Miss Lammerding is a graduate of Trinity College in Washington, D.C. and holds a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University in New York.

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For immediate release
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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Shelia Rabb Weidenfeld has been named Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford.

Mrs. Weidenfeld has been the producer and creator of NBC/WRC-TV's "Take It From Here," a daily morning program aired in Washington, D.C. She produced WTTG-TV's "Panorama" in Washington prior to joining WRC.

Mrs. Weidenfeld, 31, was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on September 7, 1943. She is a graduate of Miss Hewitt's Classes and Brandeis University (1965).

Mrs. Weidenfeld joined WNEW-TV in New York as a production assistant in 1965 and was promoted to associate producer after three months. She joined NBC in 1968 as Talent Coordinator for Joan Rivers' "That Show." She became coordinator for "Who, What and Where," and "The Sale of the Century," two daily network game shows.

Among documentaries produced by Mrs. Weidenfeld are "A Tribute to Rocky Marciano," "The Crime of Punishment," and "Nixonomics." She is the recipient of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Emmy Award and the Metropolitan Area Mass Media Award by the American Association of University Women for "Panorama" (1973) and "Take It From Here," (1974). She has been a consultant to the State Department and is a member of the Secretary of State's Advisory Council on the Foreign Service Institute.

She is married to Edward L. Weidenfeld, former counsel to the House Interior Committee and a senior member of the Tulsa-Washington, D.C. law firm of Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Collingsworth & Nelson, P.C.

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Bradley H. Patterson, Jr., was born in Wellesley, Massachusetts, December 5, 1921. He attended Wellesley public schools and the University of Chicago (B.A. and M.A.).

After two years of teaching, Mr. Patterson entered government service in June of 1945 in the Department of State. He served as Assistant Cabinet Secretary at the White House from 1954 to 1961, as Executive Secretary at the Peace Corps from 1961 to 1962, in the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury from 1962 to 1966. He attended the National War College (Class of 1966) and then served as Executive Director of the National Advisory Commission on Selective Service in 1966 to 1967, and as Executive Director of the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity from 1967 to 1969. He rejoined the White House Staff as Executive Assistant to Leonard Garment where he has been serving for the last five years.

Mr. Patterson received the Arthur S. Flemming Award in 1960 as one of the Outstanding Young Men in the Federal Service.

He is married to the former Shirley DoBos of Chicago, and they have four children and a grandchild.

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DECEMBER 2, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary
-----THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today ~~announced the~~ appointment of William N. Walker as Director of the Presidential Personnel Office. He has been a consultant in the White House since late September. In this new position, Mr. Walker will advise the President on selection of candidates for appointments to full-time executive level positions and to part-time boards and commissions.

Mr. Walker was General Counsel of the Federal Energy Office from January 8, 1974 through June 30, 1974, where he was responsible for the petroleum allocation and price control regulations. During the summer of 1974, he conducted a study of international petroleum pricing policies for FEO. Before joining FEO, he served from August, 1972 as General Counsel of the Cost of Living Council. In that position, he prepared the wage and price control regulations administered by the Cost of Living Council.

From May, 1971, to August, 1972, Mr. Walker was Deputy Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs. Prior to that he served from September, 1969, in various positions in the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Before coming to Washington, Mr. Walker was an attorney in private practice with a large law firm in Chicago. He was a resident of Evanston, Illinois.

Mr. Walker was born in Newton, Massachusetts, on April 3, 1938 and attended the Newton public schools. He graduated cum laude from Wesleyan University in 1960 and received his J.D. degree from the University of Virginia in 1963.

He is married to the former Janet Mason Smith. They have two children and reside in the District of Columbia.

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