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The appointment to the New Jersey Committee of Regional Plan Association of five New Jersey residents prominent in business and civic affairs was announced yesterday by George F. Smith, Committee Chairman. Those appointed are:

Perry M. Shoemaker, President, Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Mr. Shoemaker joined the Central Railroad of New Jersey in 1962 after having served the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western for ten years, the latter part of which he served as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Shoemaker has been Vice Chairman since 1956 of the Committee of Hoover Commission Task Force Members and is presently a Director and Vice President of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce. He is a resident of Westfield.

Norman Brassler, Chairman of the Board of the New Jersey Bank

& Trust Company, Paterson. Mr. Brassler has traveled widely in Europe studying financial practices and investigating economic conditions in various countries. As a recognized investment authority he has been a frequent lecturer. Mr. Brassler is Board Chairman of the Passaic Valley Citizens Planning Association and a Director of the Paterson YMCA, among other Passaic County activities. Mr. Brassler resides in Glen Ridge.

Karl E. Metzger, Secretary, Rutgers, The State University. Mr. Metzger has served as Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Middlesex County since 1955; he has been a member of the Executive Board of the Metropolitan Regional Council since 1956; and he is Chairman of Governor Hughes' Advisory Commission on New Jersey Transportation. Mr. Metzger lives in Metuchen.

H. Mat Adams, Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director of Public Relations for Johnson & Johnson. Mr. Adams served in State government in Illinois between 1933 and 1940. He joined Johnson & Johnson in 1950. In 1961, on leave from Johnson & Johnson, Mr. Adams served as Commissioner of Conservation & Economic Development for almost two years. Upon his resignation, Governor Hughes named him to the Board of Governors of Rutgers. He continues to represent Governor Hughes and the State on the Delaware River Basin Commission. He serves as Chairman of the Middlesex County Sewage Authority, among other Raritan Valley civic activities. Mr. Adams resides in Edison Township.

John G. Hewitt, President and Director of First Merchants National Bank, Asbury Park. Mr. Hewitt, a graduate of Rutgers University,

was associated with the General Acceptance Corporation of Allentown, Pa. until 1949, at which time he joined the First National Bank of Jersey City and was made a Director and member of the Executive Committee in 1960. In April of 1963, Mr. Hewitt assumed his present position. He lives in Deal.

The appointments were made by James S. Schoff, President of Regional Plan Association. The New Jersey Committee was established in 1961 to stimulate increased citizen participation in regional planning in northern New Jersey. Those serving on the Committee are (see attached list).

Regional Plan Association is a civic organization founded in 1930 to promote long-range planning for the metropolitan region surrounding the Port of New York. The latter includes Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset and Union counties in New Jersey.

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