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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM:

WILLIAM N. WALKER

SUBJECT:

Robert H. Stewart

Pursuant to your request, I talked to Senator Tower this morning. Tower knows Stewart well and told me he can support Stewart enthusiastically and without qualification for the position of Secretary of HUD. He told me that Stewart's qualifications are good. Though he has not been an active politician, he has been a contributor and given a number of fund raising dinners for Republican candidates. Tower serves on the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University with Stewart and knows him to be civic minded. He also believes the bank enjoys a very good reputation in the community and that Stewart has done a very good job of running it.