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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *18*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 3, 1975  
6:00 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD  
FROM: DAVID C. HOOPES *D*  
SUBJECT: James A. Wilderotter

Attached is the press release draft to announce the appointment of James A. Wilderotter as Associate Counsel to the President. He is a member of Mr. Buchen's staff and has been serving as a Consultant until his clearances were completed. Mr. Buchen has requested that the announcement be made as soon as possible. He will be paid \$38,000 per annum, according to Mr. Buchen.

ACTION

Approve the appointment of James A. Wilderotter as Associate Counsel to the President (Presidential commission) at the salary of \$38,000 per annum.

Approve *MR4* Disapprove (wait until return to Washington, D. C. for announcement) \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove (no Presidential commission) \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

The President today announced the appointment of Mr. James A. Wilderotter to be Associate Counsel to the President. This appointment represents an addition to the staff of Philip W. Eachus, Counsel to the President. Mr. Wilderotter will at first be assisting the Counsel's Office principally on questions which may arise from the current Congressional investigations of governmental intelligence activities.

Mr. Wilderotter has been Associate Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice. Previously he served as Executive Assistant to the Secretary at the Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1973-1974, and as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Department of Commerce from 1971-1973. Before coming into the Government, he was an attorney with the firm of Covington and Burling in Washington, D. C.

Born on July 25, 1944, Mr. Wilderotter received his B. A. (1966) from Georgetown University and his J. D., Cum Laude (1969) from the University of Illinois. He became Editor-in-Chief of the University of Illinois Law Forum and was named to the Order of the Coif. From 1962-1968, he served in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Mr. Wilderotter is married to the former Miss Cheryl Lynn Clifford and they have three children. They reside in Alexandria, Virginia.