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## Office of the White House Press Secretary

## NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced his intention to nominate William H. Stafford, Jr., of Gulf Breeze, Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida. He will succeed David L. Middlebrooks, Jr., who resigned effective August 1, 1974.

Since 1969, Mr. Stafford has been United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida.

A biographical sketch is attached.

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## WILLIAM H. STAFFORD, JR.

Born: May 11, 1931 Masury, Ohio

Legal Residence: Florida

Married Status: Married Wife-Nancy; 3 children

Education: Temple University

1953 B.S. degree
1956 LL.B. degree

Bar: 1961 Florida

Military Service: 1956-1960 U.S. Navy; Lieutenant (j.g.)

Experience: 1961-1964 Robinson and Roark

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1964-1969 Private Practice Pensacola, Florida

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