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## THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of Mary Louise Smith, of Des Moines, Iowa, as a member of the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, 1975. She succeeds Barbara Walters who resigned effective July 18, 1975.

Mrs. Smith is the Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The Commission was established by Executive Order No. 11832 of January 9, 1975 and consists of not more than 35 members appointed by the President from among citizens in private life. In addition, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives were invited to designate two Members of each House to serve on the Commission.

The purpose of the Commission is to promote the national observation in the United States of International Women's Year, 1975.

The Commission shall conclude its work by the end of the year 1975 and make a report to the President within 30 days thereafter. The Commission shall then be terminated.

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