

OCTOBER 13, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced his intention to nominate John F. Grady of Waukegan, Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. He will succeed Edwin A. Robson, who resigned effective April 16, 1975. Mr. Grady is engaged in the practice of law in Waukegan. (A biographical sketch is attached).

The President today announced his intention to nominate Blair A. Griffith of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania for a term of four years. He succeeds Richard L. Thornburgh, who assumed his duties as Assistant Attorney General on July 7, 1975. Mr. Griffith was Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania and has been serving as United States Attorney, appointed by the Court, since July. (A biographical sketch is attached.)

The President today announced his intention to nominate Arthur J. Wilson Jr., of East St. Louis, Illinois to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Illinois for a term of four years. He succeeds Harlan R. Hosch, who resigned effective December 29, 1974. Mr. Wilson was a Witness Security Specialist for the Eastern District of Virginia from 1973 to 1975 and, this year, was appointed by the Court to serve as United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Illinois. (A biographical sketch is attached.)

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JOHN F. GRADY

Born: May 23, 1929 Chicago, Illinois

Legal Residence: Illinois

Marital Status: Married Wife--Patsy K. Krug
1 child

Education: 1948-1951 Northwestern University
B.S. degree

1951-1954 Northwestern University School
of Law, J.D. degree

Bar: 1955 Illinois

Military Service: none

Experience: 1954-1956 Sonnenschein, Carlin, Nath
and Rosenthal

1956-1961 Assistant U. S. Attorney,
Northern District of Illinois

1961-1963 Snyder, Clarke, Dalziel,
Holmquist and Johnson

1963 to present Practice of law

Office: 9 North County Street
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

Home: 1514 North Sheridan Road
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

BLAIR A. GRIFFITH

Born: January 7, 1926 Buffalo, New York

Legal Residence: Pennsylvania

Marital Status: Divorced 4 children

Education: 1946-1947 Davidson College Center
1947-1949 Duquesne University
A.B. degree
1949-1951 University of Pittsburgh
1953-1954 LL.B. degree

Bar: 1955 Pennsylvania

Military Service: 1943-1946 United States Navy
1951-1953 U.S. Air Force -- First Lieutenant

Experience: 1955-1967 Law Practice
1967-1969 Director, Bureau of Land Records
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
1969-1975 Assistant U.S. Attorney
1975 to present U.S. Attorney (Court Appointed)
Western District of Pennsylvania

Office: 633 U.S.P.O. & Courthouse
7th Avenue & Grant Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Home: P.O. Box 2472
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230

ARTHUR J. WILSON, JR.

Born: April 3, 1923 Chicago, Illinois

Legal Residence: Illinois

Marital Status: Married Wife--Marcella Borris; 3 children

Education: 1945-1947 Princeton University
A.B. degree

1955-1957 Chicago Kent College of Law

Military Service: 1943-1946 United States Navy

Experience: 1948-1949 Deputy Sheriff, Cook County

1949-1956 Bookkeeper/Accountant

1956-1957 Community Worker, Illinois Youth
Commission

1957-1973 Deputy United States Marshal
Northern District of Illinois

1973-1975 Witness Security Specialist
Eastern District of Virginia

1975 to present United States Marshal (Court Appointed)
Eastern District of Illinois

Office: Federal Building
East St. Louis, Illinois 62201

Home: 1528 Winstanley
East St. Louis, Illinois 62205