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The President today announced the appointment of John C. Calhoun, of Wheaton, Maryland, as Special Assistant to the President for Minority Affairs. He succeeds Stanley S. Scott who has resigned.

In 1973, Mr. Calhoun joined the White House staff as Staff Assistant and has been involved in minority and public liaison affairs. He was Director for Minority Communication for the Peace Corps in 1971 and later became Special Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs for ACTION until 1973. Between 1970 and 1971 he was Director of Public Affairs for the national program of the National Farmers Union in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Calhoun was Chief of Community Relations for the Military District of Washington between 1969 and 1970, after having served as a public affairs representative for the United Nations Activities in Tokyo, Japan, between 1967 and 1968. From 1964 to 1967, he was Public Relations Supervisor for the Department of Defense Activities in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Mr. Calhoun was born on August 6, 1937, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and completed work in journalism at the United States Armed Forces Institute in 1960. He attended Blackstone School of Law and received his LL.B. in 1970. He received his B.A. degree at Eastern Nebraska College in 1972. He did additional graduate work at American University, the University of Wisconsin and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He received his J.D. degree (honorary) from Edward Waters College in 1975 and is presently a doctoral candidate at the Open University in Clayton, Missouri.

Mr. Calhoun is married to the former Chorsie Broadwater and they have two children.

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