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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday, January 29, 1974

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Assistant Secretary of Defense John O. Marsh, Jr. is joining the staff of the Vice President as his Assistant for Defense Affairs.

Marsh, 47, was elected to four successive terms in the U. S. House of Representatives as a Virginia Democrat. He served as a member of the Appropriations, Veterans Affairs, and Interior and Insular Affairs Committees, and was the author of the original legislation to establish an American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

In addition to liaison responsibilities, Marsh will be the principal military adviser on the Vice President's staff, taking over some of the duties which have been performed by Major General John M. Dunn, USA, the Vice President's Senior Military Assistant. General Dunn is retiring from the Army to accept a civilian position.

A graduate of Washington and Lee University Law School in his native Virginia, Marsh practiced law from 1952 until his election to Congress in 1962 and resumed the practice of law in Washington after retiring voluntarily from the House in 1970. He served as a town judge in Strasburg, Virginia, as executive secretary of the Strasburg Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Shenandoah County School Board. Marsh returned to government service a year ago when he was named by President Nixon to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs.

Marsh was named "Outstanding Young Man in Virginia" by the Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1959. He also received the Distinguished Service Medal of the American Legion's Department of Virginia. A graduate of the Infantry Officer Candidate School at age 19, Marsh is a veteran of World War II, a qualified Paratrooper, and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Virginia National Guard.

Marsh is married to the former Glenn Ann Patterson of Kenbridge, Virginia, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina. They make their home with their three children in Arlington, Virginia.

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