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MEDAL OF FREEDOM CANDIDATES

Art & Architecture

- ✓ Alexander Calder\*
- ✓ Georgia O'Keefe\*
- Norman Rockwell

Athletics

- ✓ Joe DiMaggio

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J. Willard Marriott, Sr.

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- ✓ Norman E. Borlaug
- ✓ Will and Ariel Durant
- ✓ Bruce Catton

Science & Engineering

- ✓ John Bardeen\*
- ✓ James D. Watson

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- ✓ Lowell Thomas\*
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Labor

- ✓ I. W. Abel

Law

- ✓ Judge Henry Friendly
- Erwin N. Griswold

Literature

- ✓ Archibald MacLeish\*
- ✓ James Michener\*

National Security

- ✓ Arleigh Burke
- ✓ Omar Nelson Bradley \*
- Wilber M. Brucker

Performing Arts

- ✓ Irving Berlin
- Bing Crosby (Harry Lillis)
- ✓ Arthur Fiedler\*
- Mrs. Jouett Shouse

Public Service

George S. Aiken  
Mike Mansfield  
John Sherman Cooper  
Henry Cabot Lodge  
George Pratt Shultz\*

Medicine

Rene Dubos  
Jonas Salk  
Albert Sabin

\*Denotes candidates who drew heavy support from within the White House staff.

## ART AND ARCHITECTURE

ALEXANDER CALDER Sculptor. A creator of mobiles and stabiles, he has married form and space with movement and time. He was perhaps the greatest living American sculptor of the non-realist school. (Posthumous award)

GEORGIA O'KEEFE One of the biggest female names in the world of American painting. Represented in the major museums throughout the United States. She received the Gold Medal for Painting, National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1970 and numerous other awards. (She is now 90 years old.)

NORMAN ROCKWELL Artist. In 1969 he was named "Artist of the Year" by the New York Artist Guild. World-known for his covers of the Saturday Evening Post, he is now 82 years of age.

## ATHLETICS

JOE DIMAGGIO All-time great of baseball. He is listed in the Baseball Hall of Fame. During his career, he held numerous baseball records and was voted Most Valuable Player in 1947.

## BUSINESS

J. WILLARD MARRIOTT, SR. Restaurant and motel executive; civic leader; Mrs. Ford has indicated an interest in this candidate.

## COMMUNICATIONS

LOWELL THOMAS Author, cinerama and TV producer, radio and TV commentator. He brought "adventure and armchair travel" to generations of Americans. He is now 84.

VERMONT C. ROYSTER Journalist, author and editorial writer with the Wall Street Journal. He received the Pulitzer Prize for his editorial writing in 1953.

## LAW

JUDGE HENRY FRIENDLY Judge; US Circuit Court of Appeals (2d) 1959 to present; Chief Justice 1971-73. He has a well-known and respected reputation in legal circles in the US.

ERWIN N. GRISWOLD Dean of Harvard Law School and Solicitor General of the United States.

## PERFORMING ARTS

IRVING BERLIN Composer/writer of popular songs. Received the Army Medal of Merit for "This is the Army" and the Congressional Gold Medal for "God Bless America."

BING CROSBY (HARRY LILLIS) Actor, entertainer. He has endured popularity as an entertainer in the United States. He first became popular when he entertained the American troops during World War II.

ARTHUR FIEDLER Conductor, Boston Pops; Associated with the Boston Symphony since 1915, he was appointed the conductor of the Boston Pops in 1930. Under his direction the orchestra has made more recordings than any other in the world.

MRS. JOUETT SHOUSE Donor of Wolf Trap Farm Park; Trustee of the Kennedy Center; Civic leader; Mrs. Ford has indicated an interest in this candidate.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

JOHN SHERMAN COOPER Ambassador to the German Democratic Republic, India; Former US Senator

HENRY CABOT LODGE Former US Senator, Cabinet Member, US Representative to the United Nations; Ambassador to Vietnam, Federal Republic of Germany

GEORGE PRATT SHULTZ Former Secretary of Labor; Former Secretary of the Treasury; Former Director of OMB

## SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION

NORMAN E. BORLAUG Agricultural economist. He founded the "green revolution" theory for developing countries and won the Nobel Prize for Peace for his work in developing high-yield wheat.

WILL AND ARIEL DURANT Historians, Authors. The Durants have co-authored numerous works on the story of civilization and the history of the world. In 1968, they won the Pulitzer Prize for Rousseau and Revolution. They are both in their nineties.

BRUCE CATTON Author, historian, editor. He has written numerous works on American history; Senior Editor of American Heritage Magazine (1959 to present).

## LITERATURE

ARCHIBALD MACLEISH Poet, professor at Harvard (1949-62); Librarian of Congress (1939-44); Chairman of several American delegations to UNESCO conferences; recipient of virtually every literary honor in the US, including two Pulitzer Prizes -- for poetry (1932 and 1953) and a Pulitzer in drama in 1959.

JAMES A. MICHENER Author. He has written numerous works and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1947 for Tales of the South Pacific. His popular works include: The Bridge at Andau, Hawaii, and Centennial.

## MEDICINE

RENE DUBOS Physician, scientist, and bacteriologist. He is presently Professor Emeritus at Rockefeller University. He is recognized as one of the pioneer medical scientists in the United States.

JONAS E. SALK Physician, scientist. Discovered the "Salk vaccine" to prevent polio and has continued biological and biochemical research at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, which he founded.

ALBERT E. SABIN Virologist. In 1955, he developed an oral polio vaccine. Distinguished Service Professor at the College of Medicine; Fellow, Children's Hospital Research Foundation (since 1939).

## NATIONAL SECURITY

OMAR NELSON BRADLEY General of the Army; Administrator of Veterans Affairs; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Chairman of the Board of Bulova Watch Company.

ARLEIGH A. BURKE Admiral; Chief of the US Naval Operations (1955-61); Corporate Director of Texaco, Inc.

WILBER M. BRUCKER Former Secretary of the Army (1955-61) ; Former Governor of Michigan; (Note: when President Eisenhower left office, he apparently intended to award Brucker the Medal of Freedom; however, Brucker's medal was never properly awarded. There is a very strong campaign to make the award posthumously.)

## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

JOHN BARDEEN Physicist. Twice a co-recipient of the Nobel Prize for (a) developing the transistor; and (b) discovery of a theory explaining superconductivity. He served as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee (1959-62); and was the National Medal of Science recipient in 1966.

JAMES D. WATSON Educator, Biochemist. Co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in 1962 (with F.H.C. Crick) for studies of the molecular structure of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and its ability to transfer information. Now a professor of biology at Harvard.

## THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

SPENCER W. KIMBALL President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with a world membership of 3.5 million individuals. Throughout his life he has engaged in numerous efforts to lift and benefit the American Indian people.

## LABOR

I.W. ABEL President of the United Steelworkers of America (third largest union in the U.S.) A former steel mill worker, he was a pioneer in the struggle for unionization of the steel industry.





Suggestion Within the Administration

✓ Henry Kissinger  
✓ Nelson Rockefeller  
Elliot Richardson  
William Simon  
Don Rumsfeld  
Brent Scowcroft  
Anne Armstrong  
George Bush

(Note: Jack Marsh also received a nomination but asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration because he is serving as a member of the committee.)



New Suggestions from Within the Staff

Arnold Palmer  
Oveta Culp Hobby  
Richard Rodgers  
Edward Teller  
Bob Murphy  
Dr. Kenneth Jernigan  
Dr. William Baker  
William Fulbright  
✓ Lady Bird Johnson  
Peter Lisagor



Candidates Excluded Following December Selection Process

Simon Ramo  
Jules Stein  
Hyman Rickover  
John McCormick  
George Wald  
Dr. Kenneth Taylor  
Dr. Samuel Phillips Asper  
Colgate Darden  
George Joseph Hecht  
Danny Kaye  
Joseph Kennan  
William Jiard Levitt  
William S. Paley  
Major Gen. Leif Sverdrup  
John Warner  
Edward F. Hebert  
Andrew Wyeth - received from Johnson, designated by Kennedy  
Robert Rauschenberg  
Jasper Johns  
Saul Bellow

Additional Suggestions Excluded

Jack Marsh (name withdrawn at Mr. Marsh's request)  
Bob Hope - received from Johnson  
Roberto Clemente - received Citizen's Medal  
Gordon Gray - received from Eisenhower

Background on new suggestions from within the Staff

ARNOLD PALMER Professional golfer; won the Masters championship in 1958, 60, 62 and 64.

OVETA CULP HOBBY Newspaper publisher, former government official and civic leader. Editor and publisher of the Houston Post. She was the first Secretary of HEW, serving from 1953-55.

RICHARD RODGERS Composer and lyricist; the team of Rodgers and Hammerstein developed many of America's best known and loved Broadway musicals, including "Oklahoma", "Carousel", "South Pacific", "Flower Drum Song", "The King and I" and "The Sound of Music".

EDWARD TELLER Physicist; has done extensive work with the planning and prediction function of the hydrogen and atomic bombs. Member of PFIAB.

ROBERT MURPHY Presently chairman of Corning Glass International; former ambassador to Belgium, Japan; former Undersecretary of State.

DR. KENNETH JERNIGAN President of the National Federation for the Blind. Recommended by Senator Dole.

DR. WILLIAM OLIVER BAKER Research chemist; holder of 13 patents; Member, PFIAB; named one of top ten scientists in US Industry in 1954.

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