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STATEMENT ON ENERGY TEAM APPOINTMENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1974

IN MY OCTOBER 8' ADDRESS TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE
CONGRESS, I ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENERGY RESOURCES
COUNCIL AND THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIOR SECRETARY ROGERS C. B.
MORTON AS THE NATION'S OVERALL ENERGY CHIEF.

SECRETARY MORTON'S CHARTER, AS THE HEAD OF OUR
COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY EFFORT, IS TO DEVELOP A SINGLE NATIONAL
ENERGY POLICY AND A PROGRAM TO INCREASE OUR DOMESTIC ENERGY
SUPPLY.

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE NOMINATION OF FOUR
DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANTS AS MEMBERS OF MY NEW ENERGY TEAM.

THEY ARE DR. ROBERT C. SEAMANS, JR., TO BE

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

ADMINISTRATION; WILLIAM A. ANDERS TO BE A MEMBER AND, AFTER

CONFIRMATION, CHAIRMAN OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION;

ANDREW E. GIBSON TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY

ADMINISTRATION SUCCEEDING JOHN SAWHILL WHO HAS RESIGNED;

AND DR. DIXY LEE RAY TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS,

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS.

DR. SEAMANS IS, OF COURSE, WELL-KNOWN TO ALL OF YOU

AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS ONE OF THE TOP MANAGERS OF THE

NASA

MANNED SPACE PROGRAM AT THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

ADMINISTRATION. MORE RECENTLY, HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION

AS SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.

MR. ANDERS IS A FORMER ASTRONAUT WHO HAS DISTINGUISHED
HIMSELF ON EARTH AS HE HAS IN SPACE. HE IS PRESENTLY AN
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSIONER AND EARLIER SERVED AS EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE COUNCIL.

MR. GIBSON IS A FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
WHO PROVED HIMSELF AS ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S BEST MANAGERS
IN REVITALIZING THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND THE NATION'S
MARITIME FLEET.

DR. RAY HAS BEEN WIDELY AND JUSTIFIABLY COMMENDED FOR
THE RECORD SHE HAS COMPILED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY
COMMISSION. AEC.
A MARINE BIOLOGIST BY TRAINING, AND A NUCLEAR
EXPERT BY EXPERIENCE, SHE IS UNIQUELY QUALIFIED FOR THIS NEW
STATE DEPARTMENT POST WHICH ENCOMPASSES RESPONSIBILITY FOR
OCEANOGRAPHIC MATTERS AND NON-MILITARY NUCLEAR PROGRAMS.

I HOPE THAT THE SENATE WILL ACT SPEEDILY ON THESE
NOMINATIONS AFTER IT RECONVENES NEXT MONTH.

I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THESE FOUR PUBLIC SERVANTS.

I KNOW THAT THEY WILL DO OUTSTANDING JOBS IN THEIR NEWLY ASSIGNED CAPACITIES AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. IN SELECTING SUCH HIGHLY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS FOR THESE RESPONSIBILITIES, I WANT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT I HAVE PLACED THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON MAKING SURE THAT WE WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT ENERGY FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE.

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