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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN



CARLA HILLS' SWEARING IN CEREMONY

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1975

Red⁻¹⁻

members of Congress

CARLA, MR. HILLS, MR. JUSTICE WHITE, THE HILLS

FAMILY, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

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I AM IN GOOD COMPANY WELCOMING CARLA ANDERSON HILLS
INTO THE CABINET AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT. CARLA AND MR. JUSTICE WHITE, WHO WILL
ADMINISTER THE OATH, HUD UNDER SECRETARY JIM MITCHELL AND I
ARE ALL GRADUATES OF YALE LAW SCHOOL. ~~BUT I HASTEN TO ASSURE~~
~~EVERYONE THAT THERE IS NO CONSPIRACY INVOLVED HERE~~
~~ONLY COINCIDENCE.~~ MAYBE I'D BETTER NOT
SAY THAT. I CAN IMAGINE A DOZEN
OTHER PROSPECTS STARTING TO PRACTICE
THE WHIFFENPOOF SONG.

THE JOB FACING THE NEW SECRETARY IS IMMENSE.

SHE ASSUMES THE VERY SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY OF ADMINISTERING THIS IMPORTANT DEPARTMENT AT A TIME OF RECESSION IN THE HOUSING INDUSTRY. SHE HAS THE UNIQUE SKILLS AND DEDICATION WHICH ARE VITAL IN HELPING US MOVE THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT TIME INTO PRODUCTIVITY AND VITALITY IN HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

CARLA HAS A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW. HER VERY CAPABLE

PREDECESSOR AT HUD, JIM LYNN, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ACHIEVING

PASSAGE OF THE HISTORIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT

OF 1974, WHICH I SIGNED INTO LAW LAST AUGUST. ONE OF CARLA'S

MAJOR JOBS WILL BE TO IMPLEMENT THIS MASSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE

PROGRAM.

X INCIDENTALLY, CARLA'S BUDGET FOR
FISCAL '76 WILL BE 7.1 BILLION DOLLARS.
THAT'S 1.6 BILLION DOLLARS MORE
THAN WAS GIVEN TO HER PREDECESSOR
-- JIM ~~LYNN~~. IF THAT DOESN'T
LYNN
DISPOSE OF MALE CHAUVENISM,
NOTHING WILL!

who, in the last Congress was Ch. of the Senate Banking & Currency Com

SENATOR SPARKMAN CALLS THAT ACT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT

IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING LEGISLATION SINCE 1934. IT WILL BE OF

TREMENDOUS VALUE IN RESTORING TO OUR LOCALLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY IN THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT FIELDS AND IN BROADENING THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR

INDIVIDUAL HOME OWNERSHIP.

RESTORATION OF HEALTH TO THE HOUSING MARKET IS

IMPERATIVE. I AM CONVINCED THAT OUR NEWEST CABINET OFFICER

IS EQUAL TO THAT ^{difficult} CHALLENGE AND THE OTHERS WHICH WILL CONFRONT

HER.

SHE IS A DISTINGUISHED ATTORNEY AND AN AUTHOR,
AND SERVED MOST ABLY AS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE
CIVIL DIVISION OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. SHE EARNED UNANIMOUS
PRAISE FOR HER ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY AS WELL AS HER LEGAL TALENTS.
HER INTELLECTUAL CREDENTIALS HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATED BY HER
ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFAIRS.

OF COURSE, CARLA WILL NOT BE ALONE IN THE TASK
FACING HER. SHE HAS AN EXCELLENT DEPARTMENT TO WORK
WITH AT H-U-D. I AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THIS
AGENCY.

SO FROM THIS MOMENT ON, LET ME MAKE THIS SUGGESTION:

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS ABOUT

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT -- DON'T COME TO ME.

HEAD FOR THE HILLS!

CARLA -- WELCOME ABOARD!

MR. JUSTICE WHITE, IF YOU WOULD PROCEED WITH
THE OATH.....

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