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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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ANNE ARMSTRONG'S RESIGNATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Q: When is her resignation to be effective?

A: December 21, 1974.

Q: Is she being fired?

A: No, not at all. As her letter states she is resigning for personal reasons that require her to return to her home in Texas. If you need further details you should talk with her. The President is accepting her resignation with the deepest regret and feels that it is most unfortunate that she is having to leave the staff.

Q: Is she going to be replaced by a woman?

A: We have no current plans to replace her. As you know, the President hopes to reduce the size of the White House Staff and, while it will be difficult, we hope for now to reassign her present duties to several other staff members.

Q: Are there going to be key high level women appointees in the White House or the Administration?

A: Certainly. There are high level women appointees in the Administration now and there certainly will be others. ~~For the immediate future there will be no new high level women appointees in the White House.~~

Q: Is this going to be a Male Chauvinist White House?

A: It isn't a male chauvinist White House and certainly it won't be in the future. The President, of course, fully backs promotions of women to any and all posts.

Q: What specifically is going to happen to her many duties? Such as, the Bicentennial Commission?

A: Jack Marsh will pick up those duties.

Q: Women's Affairs?

A: Patricia Lindh and Karen Keesling will, of course, continue the responsibilities here. Bill Baroody will be assisting them as necessary.

Q: Federal Property Council?

A: The Domestic Council will add this to their responsibilities.

Q: Hispanic Affairs?

A: Fernando DeBaca who works in this specific area will be reporting to the President through Bill Baroody.

Q: Youth Affairs?

A: Pam Powell will continue working on Youth Affairs, and will report to Bill Baroody.

Q: The Committee to Reorganize the Government's  
Conduct of Foreign Policy?

A: A final decision has not yet been made on this  
but probably Bob Hartmann will be taking on these  
responsibilities.

Q: Liaison with Governor Rockefeller's Critical Choices  
Group?

A: Again, nothing specific has been decided but  
Jack Marsh will be taking up these duties for now.

Q: White House Fellows Commission?

A: Dick Cheney will be overseeing the White House  
Fellows Commission.

Q: What is going to happen to Mrs. Armstrong's personal  
staff?

A: As you can see, most of them have continuing duties  
and for the most part they will be remaining on the  
White House staff. Certainly some of her staff  
members have been with her for many years and may not  
wish to stay. We have nothing for you today on her  
personal staff's plans.