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Biographical Data

Rogers C. B. Morton has been Secretary of the Interior since January 29, 1971. President Nixon announced his intention to nominate Mr. Morton to be Secretary of the Interior on November 25, 1970, and his nomination was submitted to the 92nd Congress when it convened in January 1971.

Until he assumed his Cabinet position, Mr. Morton has been Chairman of the Republican National Committee since April 1969 and a Member of Congress since January 1963. Mr. Morton was elected to the 88th Congress from Maryland's First District in 1962 and was subsequently elected to the 89th through 92nd Congresses.

While serving in the Congress, Mr. Morton was a member of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs (1963-68), the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries (1963-68), the Select Committee on Small Business (1967-68) and from 1969 until he became Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Morton was a member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Morton, while he was a Congressman, also was a member of the Public Land Law Review Commission (1965-66), the President's Commission on the Status of Puerto Rico (1965-66) and the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy (1966-70).

Prior to his election to Congress, Mr. Morton was with Ballard and Ballard Company from 1939 to 1951, serving as President from 1947 to 1951, and was Vice President (1951-53) and a Director (1953-71) of the Pillsbury Company after the two firms merged.

Mr. Morton was born September 19, 1914, in Louisville, Kentucky, and received a B.A. degree from Yale University in 1937. He served with the U. S. Army from 1941 to 1945, attaining the rank of Captain.

Mr. Morton is married to the former Anne Jones. They reside in Easton, Maryland, and have two children.

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