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-----**THE WHITE HOUSE****Donald Rumsfeld
Biographical Data**

Donald Rumsfeld has been U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization since February 2, 1973 with the rank and status of Ambassador. The President announced his intention to nominate Mr. Rumsfeld on December 4, 1972.

Until he assumed his present position, Mr. Rumsfeld had been a member of the President's cabinet since May 26, 1969, first during his service as Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity and Assistant to the President, (May 1969-1970) and was previously Counsellor to the President. Mr. Rumsfeld has also served as Director of the Cost of Living Council since October 1971, as a member of the Domestic Council since January 1971, and as a member of the Property Review Board since April 1970. Mr. Rumsfeld also served as Chairman of the Property Review Board.

At the time of his appointment as Assistant to the President and Director of OEO, Mr. Rumsfeld was a Member of Congress from Illinois' 13th Congressional District. He was member of the Government Operations, Science and Astronautic and Joint Economic Committees.

Mr. Rumsfeld was born on July 9, 1932, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his A. B. degree from Princeton University in 1954 and served in the U. S. Navy as an aviator and flight instructor from 1954 to 1957. In 1958 he served as Administrative Assistant to Congressman David Dennison of Ohio and 1959 became Administrative Assistant to Robert P. Griffin of Michigan. He was associated with the investment banking firm of A. G. Becker and Company in Chicago from 1960 until he was first elected to Congress in 1962.

He is married to the former Joyce Pierson and they have three children. They reside in the District of Columbia.

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