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The President today announced the appointment of John O. Marsh, Jr. as Counsellor to the President. Mr. Marsh has been Assistant to the Vice President for Defense Affairs since January 1974.

From 1973 to 1974, he was Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. Mr. Marsh, 47, was elected to four successive terms in the U.S. House of Representatives as a Virginia Democrat. He served as a member of the Appropriations, Veterans Affairs, and Interior and Insular Affairs Committees. Mr. Marsh, a graduate of Washington and Lee Law School, has practiced law from 1952 until his election to Congress in 1962 and resumed the practice of law in Washington after retiring voluntarily from the House in 1970 to practice law.

Mr. Marsh was named "Outstanding Young Man in Virginia" by the Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1959. He also received the Distinguished Service Medal of the American Legion's Department of Virginia. A graduate of the Infantry Officer Candidate School, Mr. Marsh is presently a Lieutenant Colonel in the Virginia National Guard.

Mr. Marsh is married to the former Glenn Ann Patterson of Kenbridge, Virginia. They live in Arlington, Virginia.

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