

August 30, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

11

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 14402, which extends, until October 1, 1976, the present temporary authorization for increased numbers of officers who may serve in the grades of colonel and lieutenant colonel in the Air Force.

The permanent law, enacted in 1954 when the Air Force was a new, young service, fixes limits on the number of Air Force officers who may serve in the grades of colonel and lieutenant colonel. These limits have been outmoded and unrealistic for a number of years. As a result, since 1959, Congress has provided for temporary increases in these limits by enactment of a series of measures of which this bill is the latest.

Funds were included in the 1975 budget in anticipation of the enactment of this legislation.

#