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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President announced today that General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., has been appointed Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. The President's nomination of General Haig to the post was approved by NATO's Defense Planning Committee, which met today at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. The new appointment will become effective on December 15, 1974.

The President also appointed General Haig to be Commander of United States Forces in Europe, effective November 1, 1974.

General Haig will be replacing General Andrew J. Goodpaster, who will be retiring. In agreeing to his release as SACEUR, the fourteen NATO governments on the Committee expressed their lasting gratitude for General Goodpaster's distinguished service. On behalf of the American people, President Ford joins in extending his appreciation to General Goodpaster for a job well done.

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