

Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State and Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

Henry A. Kissinger was sworn in as the 56th Secretary of State September 22, 1973, in a ceremony in the East Room of the White House. He also continues to serve in his White House position as Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

Dr. Kissinger became Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs in January 1969. Since 1954 he had been a member of the faculty at Harvard University both in the Department of Government and at the Center for International Affairs. He was Associate Director of the Center from 1957 to 1960. He served as Study Director, Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy, for the Council on Foreign Relations from 1955 to 1956, and Director of the Harvard International Seminar in 1951.

Dr. Kissinger is the author of six books and over forty articles on foreign policy. He is a recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship (1965-66) and the Woodrow Wilson prize (1958) for the best book in the fields of government, politics, and international affairs.

A summa cum laude graduate of Harvard College, he received his M. A. in 1952 and Ph.D. in 1954 from the Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the Army Intelligence Corps and from 1946 to 1949 was Captain of the Military Intelligence Reserve.

Dr. Kissinger was born May 27, 1923, in Furth, Germany, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kissinger, who now reside in New York City. He married the former Nancy Maginness of New York City on March 30, 1974, and is the father of two children, Elizabeth and David, by a previous marriage.

James D. Hodgson
U.S. Ambassador to Japan

James D. Hodgson has served as U.S. Ambassador to Japan since June 20, 1974. During 1973-74 he was Senior Vice President of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. He was appointed Under Secretary of Labor in 1969 and from 1970-73 he served as Secretary of Labor.

A native of Dawson, Minnesota, he was born on December 3, 1915. He received an A. B. degree in 1938 from the University of Minnesota. He was a graduate student in 1940 and attended the University of Los Angeles as a graduate student from 1947-48. He served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve from 1943-46.

From 1940-41 Ambassador Hodgson was Supervisor of Youth Employment at the Minnesota Department of Employment. He joined the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in 1941 and served with that Company until 1969. He was Corporation Vice President for Industrial Relations from 1968-69.

Ambassador Hodgson served as a Member of the Executive Committee of the Mayor of Los Angeles' Labor-Management Committee from 1962-69 and was a Consultant to the California Committee of Automation and Manpower from 1965-67.

He is married to the former Maria Denend and they have two children.

Richard L. Sneider
U.S. Ambassador to the Republic Of Korea

Richard L. Sneider has served since August 23, 1974 as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Born June 29, 1922 in New York, New York, he attended Brown University receiving an A.B. degree in 1943 and an M.A. in 1948 from Columbia. He served with the United States Army as a First Lieutenant from 1943-46.

In 1941 he was a Research Intern with the Civil Service Commission. In 1947 he was a Junior Political Analyst, Council on Foreign Relations. In 1948-51 he was an Analyst, then Intelligence Research Specialist, Office of Intelligence, Department of State. From 1951-52 he was Far East Coordinator, Psychological Intelligence Program, Office of Intelligence Research. In 1952-54 he was a Foreign Affairs Officer, United Nations Affairs; 1954-58 he was assigned as Politico-Military Officer, Tokyo; 1958-61 he was Officer in Charge of Japanese Affairs, Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs, Department; 1962-65 he was Political Counselor, Karachi. He was promoted in 1963 to FSO-2. From 1965-69 he served as Public Affairs Adviser, then Country Director for Japan in the Department. He was promoted to FSO-1 in 1968. In 1969 he was a Political Officer, National Security Council and from 1969-70 he was Special Assistant to Ambassador for Okinawan Affairs, Tokyo; 1970-72 he was Deputy Chief of Mission, Tokyo and from 1972 to 1974 he was Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

He received the Superior Honor Award in 1970. He is married to the former Ruth Leah Tartalsky and they have three children, Daniel, Dena and David.

Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
U.S. Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., has served as U.S. Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics since December 19, 1973.

Ambassador Stoessel, a Career Minister in the Foreign Service, served as Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs from July 25, 1972, and served from 1968 to 1972 as Ambassador to Poland. He was Deputy Chief of Mission in Moscow from 1963 to 1965, when he became Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs.

He was born on January 24, 1920, in Manhattan, Kansas. Ambassador Stoessel received his B.A. degree from Stanford University in 1941. After graduation he worked as a production control officer at Lockheed Aircraft Company and entered the Foreign Service in 1942. He was a Consular, Economic and Political officer in Caracas for two years and then served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946.

Ambassador Stoessel was assigned to the Department of State as an Assistant to the Country Specialist for Eastern European Affairs from 1946 to 1947, and then spent two years in Moscow as Chief of the Consular section. He spent one year studying the Russian language at Columbia University and served from 1950 to 1952 as Chief of the Special Research Division. Ambassador Stoessel was Officer in Charge of USSR Affairs, Bureau of European Affairs, from 1952 to 1956.

He was detailed to the White House in 1956 as Special Assistant to the Presidential Advisor on Foreign Affairs. He was sent to Paris that same year when he headed the Communist Affairs Unit and later served as Chief of European Affairs and Communist Activities until 1959. During 1959-60 Ambassador Stoessel attended the Harvard Center for International Affairs and from 1960 to 1961 he was Deputy Director, then Director, of the Executive Secretariat of the Department of State. He was Political Officer POLAD/SHAPE in Paris from 1961 to 1963.

Ambassador Stoessel is married to the former Mary Ferrandou and they have three children.

Donald Rumsfeld
Assistant to the President

Donald Rumsfeld has served since September 27, 1974 as Assistant to the President with Cabinet rank and with responsibility for the coordination of White House operations.

Mr. Rumsfeld served from February 1973 as U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Born on July 9, 1932, in Chicago, Mr. Rumsfeld was elected to Congress from Illinois' 13th Congressional District in 1962 and was re-elected three times. From 1969 to 1973, he served in various executive positions, including Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, Counsellor to the President, and Director of the Cost of Living Council during Phase II.

After graduation from Princeton University in 1954, Mr. Rumsfeld served in the U.S. Navy as a pilot and flight instructor. He was also associated with an investment banking firm in Chicago prior to his first election to Congress.

Mr. Rumsfeld is married to the former Joyce Pierson and they have three children.

Robert T. Hartmann
Counsellor to the President

Robert T. Hartmann, Chief of President Ford's Vice Presidential Staff has been Counsellor to the President since August 9, 1974.

Mr. Hartmann was Minority Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives in the 91st, 92nd, and 93rd Congresses and Legislative Assistant to then Minority Leader, Gerald R. Ford, before Mr. Ford became Vice President on December 6, 1973. Mr. Hartmann was formerly the Chief of the Washington Bureau of the Los Angeles Times from 1954 to 1964.

Mr. Hartmann is a native of Rapid City, South Dakota. He spent most of his lifetime in California and received his B. A. from Stanford University in 1938. He served in the Pacific during World War II and is a retired Captain from the United States Naval Reserve.

He is married to the former Roberta Sankey. They reside in Westgate, Maryland, and have two children.

Philip C. Habib

Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Philip C. Habib has served as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs since September 19, 1974.

Ambassador Habib, a career Foreign Service officer, has served since 1971 as Ambassador to Korea after serving from 1969 to 1971 as Senior Advisor, with the Personal Rank of Ambassador, to the United States Delegation at the Paris Meetings on Vietnam. In 1967 he was a Political Officer, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and from 1967 to 1969 he was Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

He was born on February 25, 1920 in Brooklyn, New York. Ambassador Habib received his B.S. in 1942 from the University of Idaho. In 1945 he attended the University of Paris and in 1952 received a Ph.D. from the University of California. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946, he became a Teaching Assistant at the University of California in 1947. While serving as a career Foreign Service officer, he was an Assistant Agricultural Attache, an Economic Analyst and in 1960 to 1961, he served as the Officer-in-Charge for Under-Developed Areas in the Office of the Under Secretary's Special Assistant for Communist Economic Affairs.

Ambassador Habib is married to the former Marjorie W. Slightam and they have two children, Phyllis and Susan.

Arthur A. Hartman
Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs

Arthur A. Hartman has been Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs since December 19, 1973.

Mr. Hartman, a career Foreign Service officer of Class One, has served as Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Counselor, United States Mission to the European Communities, in Brussels, since 1972. From 1967 to 1972 he served in the Department of State as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State and Staff Director of the Senior Inter-Departmental Group (1967-69) and as Deputy Director for Coordination (1969-72).

He was born on March 12, 1926, in New York, New York. Mr. Hartman received his A.B. degree from Harvard University in 1944 and attended Harvard Law School during 1947-48. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946. He entered Government service in 1948 and was assigned as Economic Officer, Economic Cooperation Administration, Paris. In 1952 he was Economic Officer, U.S. Delegation to European Army Conference, Paris, and in 1954 he was a Politico-Military Officer, Paris/USRO.

From 1956 to 1958 he was Economic Officer in Saigon. From 1958 to 1961 Mr. Hartman was an International Affairs Officer, Economic Organization Affairs Section, Bureau of European Affairs. During 1961-62 he served as Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, and during 1962-63 as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State. From 1963 to 1967 he was Chief of the Economic Section in London. Mr. Hartman received the Presidential Management Improvement Award in 1970 and the Distinguished Honor Award in 1971.

Mr. Hartman is married to the former Donna Ford. They have four children.

Helmut Sonnenfeldt
Counselor of the Department of State

Helmut Sonnenfeldt, Counselor of the Department of State, served from 1969 through 1973 as a Senior Staff Member of the National Security Council for Europe and East-West relations. He was with the Department of State from 1952 to 1969 specializing in Soviet and East European Affairs.

From 1966 to 1969, Mr. Sonnenfeldt was Director of the Office of Research and Analysis for the USSR and Eastern Europe. During 1960-61, he served as a policy officer in the then newly established U.S. Disarmament Administration (now the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency). He has served on U.S. delegations to numerous NATO meetings and to conferences with the Soviet Government in London, Geneva, Washington, Moscow and New York.

Mr. Sonnenfeldt was born on September 13, 1926, in Berlin, Germany. He received his early education in Germany and in England, where he attended the University of Manchester. Mr. Sonnenfeldt came to the U.S. in 1944 and served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific and European Theaters as a member of the counter-intelligence corps. He continued his education at Johns Hopkins University, from which he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science. He has been on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies as a lecturer on Soviet Affairs and is also a research consultant of the school's Washington Center for Foreign Policy Research. He has also been associated with the Russian Institute at Columbia University as a Senior Fellow.

Mr. Sonnenfeldt is married to the former Marjorie Hecht. They have three children and reside in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft (USAF)
Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

General Scowcroft was appointed Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs on April 6, 1973. Previously he served as Military Assistant to the President. He came to his first White House post in February 1972, after serving a two year tour as Special Assistant to the Director of the Joint Staff (JCS).

Born in Ogden, Utah on March 19, 1925, General Scowcroft graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1947 and earned both Masters and Ph. D degrees in International Relations at Columbia University. He also attended the Georgetown University School of Language and Linguistics, the Strategic Intelligence School, the Armed Forces Staff College and the National War College.

General Scowcroft has an aeronautical rating as a pilot and his military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

He is married and the father of one daughter.

Henry E. Catto, Jr.
Chief of Protocol of the U. S.

Ambassador Henry Edward Catto, Jr. has served as Chief of Protocol since April, 1974.

Ambassador Catto was born December 6, 1930, in Dallas, Texas. He attended Williams College from which he graduated with a B. A. degree in American History and Literature in 1952.

Previous to his appointment as Chief of Protocol, Ambassador Catto served as Ambassador to El Salvador from October, 1971 to September, 1973. He was Ambassador and Deputy U. S. Representative to the Organization of American States from July, 1969 to September, 1971; Member of the Permanent Executive Committee of Inter-American Council for Education, Science and Culture from September, 1969 to September, 1971; and Member of the Inter-American Committee on Education from September, 1969 to September, 1970.

Ambassador Catto married Jessica Hobby in 1958; and they have four children: Heather, John, William and Elizabeth.

Ronald Nessen
Press Secretary to the President

Ronald Nessen has served since September 20, 1974, as Press Secretary to the President.

Mr. Nessen joined the staff of United Press International in Washington in 1956, working there until 1962, when he joined the National Broadcasting Company.

His first NBC assignment was in Washington, where he served from 1962 to 1965 as a White House correspondent during the term of President Johnson. He was assigned to Southeast Asia by NBC in 1965 and covered Vietnam until he was wounded by a grenade fragment in 1966. He returned to Washington and later that year was assigned to New York, where he anchored a weekly Vietnam television report and a five minute daily Vietnam report on the "Today" show.

In 1967, Mr. Nessen received a series of foreign assignments from NBC, covering Latin America, Asia, Africa and then London. He returned to the United States, where he covered the Presidential campaign of 1968. After that, he was based in Washington, specializing in urban affairs. When Gerald Ford became Vice President, Mr. Nessen was assigned to cover most of the 118,000 miles traveled by the Vice President. When President Ford took office in August, 1974, Mr. Nessen became NBC's White House correspondent.

He was born in Washington, D.C., May 25, 1934. Mr. Nessen attended American University, where he majored in history.

He is married to the former Young Hi Song of Seoul, South Korea, and has two children, Edward, 1 1/2 and Caren, 18. The Nessens live in Bethesda, Maryland.