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FERNANDO E. C. DeBACA  
Biographical Data

Fernando E. C. DeBaca has been Special Assistant to the President since September 16, 1974.

In January, 1972, Mr. DeBaca became Regional Director for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in San Francisco, California. He was appointed in March, 1973 to serve as Chairman of the Federal Regional Council in Region IX, in addition to his HEW responsibilities. Federal Regional Councils are the top regional coordinating bodies of the Federal Government and are composed of the regional heads of the major domestic grant-making agencies. From January, 1971 to January, 1972, Mr. DeBaca was with the U.S. Civil Service Commission as Director of the Sixteen Point Program for Spanish Speaking Americans, a program designed to improve opportunities in the Federal career service for Hispanic Americans.

He was born on January 20, 1938 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. DeBaca received his B. A. degree from the University of New Mexico in 1961, and served in the U. S. Army from 1962 to 1964. He was with the New Mexico State Government from 1968 to 1971 as State Manpower Coordinator, Assistant State Personnel Director, Regional Tax Director and as Commissioner of the New Mexico Department of Motor Vehicles. From 1964 to 1967 he was Special Agent in Charge, Nevada Test Site/Hawaii Test Range, Intelligence and Security Directorate, Defense Atomic Support Agency.

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