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Biographical Data

Donald Rumsfeld has been Assistant to the President since September 29, 1974. Prior to his appointment he was U. S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization from February 2, 1973, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Mr. Rumsfeld was a member of the President's Cabinet from May 26, 1969, to February, 1973, first during his service as Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity and Assistant to the President, (May 1969-1970) and was previously Counsellor to the President. Mr. Rumsfeld also served as Director of the Cost of Living Council from October, 1971, as a member of the Domestic Council from January, 1971, and as a member of the Property Review Board from April, 1970. Mr. Rumsfeld also served as Chairman of the Property Review Board.

At the time of his appointment as Assistant to the President and Director of OEO, Mr. Rumsfeld was a Member of Congress from Illinois' 13th Congressional District. He was a member of the Government Operations, Science and Astronautic and Joint Economic Committees.

Mr. Rumsfeld was born on July 9, 1932, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his A. B. degree from Princeton University in 1954 and served in the U. S. Navy as an aviator and flight instructor from 1954 to 1957. In 1958 he served as Administrative Assistant to Congressman David Dennison of Ohio and in 1959 became Administrative Assistant to Robert P. Griffin of Michigan. He was associated with the investment banking firm of A. G. Becker and Company in Chicago from 1960 until he was first elected to Congress in 1962.

He is married to the former Joyce Pierson and they have three children. They reside in the District of Columbia.

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