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THE WHITE HOUSELIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT  
Biographical Data

Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft has been Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs since August 16, 1974. He succeeded General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., who held the position from June 1970 until January 4, 1973, when he became Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.

General Scowcroft served as Military Assistant to the President from February 1, 1972. Prior to assuming that position he was assigned to the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the Special Assistant to the Director of the Joint Staff from March 1970.

He was born March 19, 1925, in Ogden, Utah. General Scowcroft was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1947 and holds Master's (1953) and Ph. D. (1967) degrees in international relations from Columbia University. He has also attended Lafayette College, the Georgetown University School of Language and Linguistics, the Strategic Intelligence School, the Armed Forces Staff College and the National War College.

Following his graduation from pilot training in October 1948, General Scowcroft served in a variety of operational and administrative positions. In 1953, he became an Assistant Professor of Russian history at the U.S. Military Academy, remaining there until 1957 when he entered the Strategic Intelligence School. From 1959 to 1961, he served as Assistant Air Attache in the American Embassy at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and in 1962 he went to the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he was Professor of Political Science and acting head of the department.

From 1964 to 1966, General Scowcroft was assigned to Air Force Headquarters in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations, and in the Long Range Planning Division, Directorate of Doctrine, Concepts and Objectives. He next attended the National War College. In 1968, he was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs and, in 1969, he returned to Air Force Headquarters as Deputy Assistant for National Security Council Matters in the Directorate of Plans.

His military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (Air Force), Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

General Scowcroft is married to the former Marian Horner. They have one daughter.

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