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THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

The President today is designating Vice President Rockefeller to be Vice Chairman of the Domestic Council with the responsibility for overseeing its work. As the President has indicated since his nomination of Governor Rockefeller, he wants the Vice President to have a major substantive role in his Administration, and he wishes to use Vice President Rockefeller's talents, energies, and experience to the fullest.

The Domestic Council will continue as one of the substantive policy offices within the White House. The President considers the Domestic Council an integral part of the White House staff. The Council, as it has in the past, will continue to coordinate its activities with other relevant offices within the administration.

The President and Vice President are confident that this organizational arrangement will enable the administration to meet our national needs.

The President has issued today a memorandum to the Vice President and members of the Domestic Council which sets forth his plans for the Domestic Council.

The President is today announcing his intention to appoint Mr. James M. Cannon as the Executive Director of the Domestic Council and as Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs. Mr. Cannon is currently a Special Assistant to the Vice President.

Further, it is anticipated that Mr. Richard L. Dunham will serve as Deputy Director of the Domestic Council. Mr. Dunham is also currently a Special Assistant to the Vice President. The President's memorandum and biographical information on Mr. Cannon and Mr. Dunham are attached.

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