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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced the appointment of Rogers C.F. Morton, of Easton, Maryland, as a member of the National Commission on Productivity and Work Quality. He succeeds Frederick Dent who resigned effective March 26, 1975, to become Special Representative for Trade Negotiations.

Secretary Morton served as Secretary of the Interior from January 29, 1971, until President Ford appointed him to be Secretary of Commerce on May 1, 1975.

The statute establishing the National Commission on Productivity and Work Quality provides that the Commission shall advise the Congress and the President with respect to Government policy affecting productivity and quality of work, and requires the Commission to report annually on its activities both to the Congress and the President. In view of these requirements and the interest of the General Accounting Office in measuring and enhancing public sector productivity, the Comptroller General of the United States, Elmer B. Staats, was invited to work closely with the Commission.

The Commission was originally established in 1970 and acquired its present name and charter in Public Law 93-311 of June 8, 1974.

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