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Vice President Rockefeller announced today the appointment of Quincy Rodgers, 33, as Executive Director of the Domestic Council Committee on the Right of Privacy. The Vice President is Chairman of that Committee.

Mr. Rodgers is currently Minority Counsel to the Subcommittee on Separation of Powers of the Senate Judiciary Committee, having been appointed to that position by Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R-Md.) in May, 1973.

Born in Pittsburg, Kansas, Mr. Rodgers was raised in Bethesda, Maryland and presently resides in Alexandria, Virginia. He graduated from Yale College in 1964 with Honors in History and received a Bachelor of Law degree from Yale Law School in 1967. He is a member of the Bars of the State of New York and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Rodgers succeeds Philip Buchen, who left the position in August, 1974, when he was named Counsel to the President. Douglas W. Metz, who served in the interim as Acting Executive Director of the Privacy Committee, was recently appointed Assistant Director for Government Operations of the Economic Policy Board.

The Domestic Council Privacy Committee was established in early 1974 and is the arm of the Administration responsible for developing and coordinating agency views, policy recommendations, and specific legislative and administrative initiatives that affect the way information about individual Americans is collected, recorded, used, and disseminated.

Policies and practices affecting the gathering and dissemination of personal information can have major social and economic consequences for the future of American society, the Vice President stated.

After its establishment, the Committee worked successfully with the Congress and key Executive agencies to assure enactment of the Privacy Act of 1974, which deals with the personal information handling practices of the Federal government.

In the months ahead, the Committee will continue to press for cooperation and action on a broad range of projects, including needed legislation on criminal justice information systems and tax and financial records. The Committee also looks forward to developing appropriate cooperative relationships with the new Privacy Protection Study Commission created by the 1974 Act, as well as with other groups that have shared or overlapping concerns, including the many Federal and State government and private sector groups working in the area.

Mr. Rodgers will assume his duties within the next few weeks.