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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced his intention to nominate Brigadier General Charles Irving McGinnis, Corps of Engineers, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission. He will succeed Major General Harold R. Parfitt who became Governor of the Canal Zone on March 24, 1975.

Since July 1974, General McGinnis has been Division Engineer of the Corps of Engineers Southwestern Division.

General McGinnis was born in 1932 and received his B.A. degree in 1949 and his M.S. in 1950 from Texas A&M University.

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the President.

The Commission was created to coordinate planning and engineering for the improvement of the Mississippi River. Subsequent legislation made the Commission responsible for the construction of a project to control floods in the alluvial valley of the lower Mississippi River and for improving navigation from Cairo, Illinois, to New Orleans.

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