

DECEMBER 2, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced his intention to nominate Marion J. Callister, of Boise, Idaho, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho for a term of four years. He will succeed Sidney E. Smith who resigned effective May 30, 1975.

Since 1970, he has been Fourth Judicial District Judge of Idaho.

The President today announced his intention to nominate Thomas A. Olson, of Bozeman, Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana for a term of four years. He will succeed Otis L. Packwood who resigned effective September 1, 1975.

Mr. Olson is presently a senior partner in the firm of Olson, White & Scully.

The President today announced his intention to nominate Patrick E. Higginbotham, of Dallas, Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. He will succeed Sarah T. Hughes whose retirement was acknowledged effective August 4, 1975.

Since 1964, Mr. Higginbotham has been with Coke & Coke of Dallas, Texas.

The President today announced his intention to nominate Nickolas P. Geeker, of Pensacola, Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida for a term of four years. He will succeed William H. Stafford, Jr., who was appointed as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida on May 14, 1975.

Since 1973, Mr. Geeker has been Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida.

Biographical sketches are attached for all nominees.

MARION J. CALLESTER

Born:	June 6, 1921	Moreland, Idaho
Legal Residence:	Idaho	
Marital Status:	Married	Wife--Nina Lynn Hayes Eleven children
Education:	1939-1940	University of Utah
	1940-1941	Utah State Agriculture College
	1946-1951	University of Utah, LL.B. degree
Bar:	1951	Idaho
Military Service:	1944-1946	United States Army
Experience:	1951-1952	Private Practice of Law
	1952-1953	Blackfoot Real Estate
	1953-1957	Assistant U.S. Attorney District of Idaho
	1957-1970	Practice of Law with Reed Millar and Ron Carter
	1970 to present	Fourth Judicial District Judge Idaho
Office:	Courthouse Boise, Idaho 83707	

THOMAS A. OLSON

Born:	May 30, 1938	Glendive, Montana
Legal Residence:	Montana	
Marital Status:	Married	Wife--Ann Schuler; 2 children
Education:	1956-1960	Montana State University B.S. degree
	1960-1963	University of Montana Law School LL.B. degree
Bar:	1963	Montana
Military Service:	1963-1966	U.S. Marines; Captain
Experience:	1963	Law Clerk to Chief Justice James Harrison, Montana Supreme Court
	1967-1970	Associate, Landoe & Gary
	1967-1970	Assistant City Attorney (part-time) Bozeman, Montana
	1970	Deputy County Attorney (part-time)
	1971 to present	County Attorney (part-time) Gallatin County, Montana
	Present	Senior Partner, Olson, White & Scully
Office:	Office of County Attorney P.O. Box 1049 Bozeman, Montana	

PATRICK E. HIGGINBOTHAM

Born: December 16, 1938 Bessemer, Alabama

Legal Residence: Texas

Marital Status: Married Wife--Elizabeth Anne O'Neal
2 children

Education: 1956-1957 University of Alabama
1958-1961 B.A. 1960; LL.B. 1961

1957-1958 Arlington State College

1958 University of Texas

Bar: 1962 Texas

Military Service: 1961-1964 U.S. Air Force -- Captain

Experience: 1964 to present Coke & Coke
Dallas, Texas

Office: 3600 First National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas 75202

Nickolas P. Geeker

Born: December 15, 1944 Pensacola, Florida

Legal Residence: Florida

Marital Status: Married Wife--Jan Thomas Millitzer

Education: 1962-1964 Pensacola Junior College

1964-1966 Louisiana Tech, B.A. degree

1966-1969 Florida State University
J.D. degree

Bar: 1969 Florida

Experience: 1969-1970 Merritt & Jackson, Associate

1970-1973 Law Clerk to U.S. District Judge
Middlebrooks

1973 Assistant State Attorney

1973 to present Assistant U.S. Attorney
Northern District of Florida

Office: P.O. Building
P.O. Box 1150
Pensacola, Florida 32595