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The President today announced his intention to nominate Thomas C. Reed, of Ross, California, to be Secretary of the Air Force. He will succeed John L. McLucas who became Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on November 13, 1975.

During 1974-75, Mr. Reed has been Director of the Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems at the Department of Defense. He joined the Department in 1973 as Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense. From 1971 to 1973, he was President of the Breckenridge Company of Breckenridge, Colorado. He was Chairman, President and Treasurer of the Quaker Hill Development Corporation of San Rafael, California from 1965 to 1973. During 1967 he was Appointments Secretary in the Office of the Governor of the State of California, after having served as a consultant for the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at the University of California beginning in 1962. He also served during this period as General Manager of Supercon, Ltd., of Houston, Texas from 1963-65.

Born on March 1, 1934, in New York, New York, Mr. Reed attended Cornell University and received his B. S. degree in 1956. He received his M. S. from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles in 1959. He served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force from 1956 to 1961. During 1961 he served as Senior Engineer of the Avco Research Laboratory in Everett, Massachusetts.

Mr. Reed is married to the former Leslie Jean Papenfus and they have three children. They reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

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