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The President today announced his intention to nominate five persons to be members of the Federal Council on the Aging for terms expiring June 5, 1978. They are:

Bertha S. Adkins, of Oxford, Maryland, retired. This is a reappointment.

Mrs. John William Devereux, of Honolulu, Hawaii, retired community worker and former State Legislator. This is a reappointment.

John B. Martin, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, Legislative Consultant, American Association of Retired Persons and National Retired Teachers Association and former United States Commissioner on Aging, Washington, D.C. This is a reappointment.

Harry Holland, of Phoenix, Arizona, President, Arizona Council for Senior Citizens and Chairman, Governor's Task Force on Retirement and Aging. He will succeed Charles J. Fahey whose term has expired.

Nat T. Winston, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee, Vice President, Hospital Affiliates Inc., Professional Relations. He will succeed Carl Eisdorfer whose term has expired.

The President also announced his intention to redesignate Bertha S. Adkins as Chairman of the Council upon confirmation by the Senate.

The Council meets at the call of the Chairman but not less than 4 times a year to advise and assist the President and the Commissioner on Aging on matters relating to the needs of the elderly and to serve as a spokesman on behalf of the elderly by making recommendations to the President, the Secretary of HEW, the Commissioner on Aging and the Congress.

The Council consists of the Secretary of HEW and the Commissioner on Aging serving as ex-officio members together with 15 members appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.