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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced his intention to nominate Brigadier General Elvin Ragnvald Heiberg, III, Corps of Engineers, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission. He will succeed Brigadier General Wayne S. Nichols who retired from the Army on August 31, 1975.

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the President. They are:

- 3 selected from the Engineer Corps of the Army
- 3 from civilian life, 2 of whom shall be civil engineers
- 1 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The members appointed from civilian life serve terms of 9 years. All others serve at the pleasure of the President.

The purpose of the Commission is to coordinate planning and engineering for the improvement of the Mississippi River. Since the original establishment of the Commission in 1879 subsequent legislation made them responsible for the construction of a project to control floods in the alluvial valley of the lower Mississippi River and for improving navigation.

The Commission is headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

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