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The President today announced his intention to nominate John J. Martin, of Bethesda, Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. His area of responsibility will be Research and Development. He will succeed Walter B. LaBerge who resigned effective on the date he assumed office as Assistant Secretary General of NATO for Defense Support. Mr. Martin has been Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Research and Development since September, 1974.

Mr. Martin was born on October 19, 1922, in Detroit, Michigan. He attended the University of Notre Dame and received his B.S. degree in 1943 and his M.S. in 1950. He received his Ph.D. in 1951 from Purdue University. He served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946 and in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1946 to 1951.

In 1951, Mr. Martin joined the aerophysics laboratory of North American Aviation, Inc. as a research engineer in preliminary design and Analysis. He was Senior Engineer in the Systems Analysis Group of the Missile Section in the Products Division of Bendix Aviation Corporation during 1953-54. He served at Bendix Aviation successively as Assistant Chief Systems Analyst, Senior Systems Engineer, Chief Engineer of the Applied Sciences Laboratory, and Chief of Engineering Research from 1955 to 1960. He became a scientific manager for the Institute for Defense Analyses in 1960 and later became a Consultant to the Office of Director at IDA, serving until 1963. He was a consultant on aircraft to the United Kingdom and lectured at the Royal Aircraft Establishment during 1963-64.

From 1964 to 1969 he was employed at IDA in the Research and Engineering Support Division; was Special Assistant to the Vice President for Research; Assistant to the President and Director of the Systems Evaluation Division. He was named Technical Assistant to the President's Science Advisor in November, 1969. He was appointed as Associate Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence in 1973 and served from March, 1974, to September, 1974, as Special Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence.

Mr. Martin is married to the former Carol Kline and they have three children.

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