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The President today announced the appointment of 17 persons as White House Fellows. This is the twelfth group since the creation of the program.

The Fellows were chosen at the culmination of a six-month-long selection process from among 2864 applicants and represent the best of the Nation's rising leadership. They begin their year of service with the Federal Government on September 1.

The White House Fellowship competition this year is the most rigorous since the first year of the program a decade ago. Just under 41,000 requests for applications were filled compared with 28,000 last year; and applications increased from 1,380 in 1974, to 2,307 in 1975, and to 2,864 this year.

Appointed today were:

- Raoul H. Alcala, 35, formerly of Monterey Park, California, Major, U.S. Army, attending the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas;
- Charles A. Ansbacher, 33, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Conductor and Musical Director, Colorado Springs Symphony Orchestra, Colorado Springs.
- W. Anderson Barnes, 32, of Columbia, Maryland, Senior Development Director and Assistant Vice President, The Rouse Company, Columbia;
- B. Porter Briggs, Jr., 35, of Little Rock, Arkansas, President of Briggs Associates, Little Rock;
- David J. Cleary, 34, of Bloomington, Minnesota, Opportunities Assessment Manager, 3M Company, St. Paul;
- Geraldine V. Cox, 32, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Technical Coordinator, Environmental Programs, Raytheon Oceanographic & Environmental Services, Portsmouth;
- Marie T. Dias, 33, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, Executive Director, Children's World Day Care Center, Inc., Boston;
- William J. Drummond, 31, formerly of Los Angeles, California, presently Bureau Chief, Los Angeles Times, Jerusalem, Israel;
- Walter M. Fiederowicz, 29, of Ridgefield, Connecticut, attorney, Cummings & Lockwood, Stamford;
- Donald H. Haider, 34, of Evanston, Illinois, Associate Professor of Public Management, Northwestern University, Graduate School of Management, Evanston;
- Gail E. Klapper, 32, of Denver, Colorado, attorney, Davis, Graham & Stubbs, Denver;
- Kai N. Lee, 30, of Seattle, Washington, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies and Political Science, Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Washington, Seattle;
- Susan E. Magee, 31, of Seattle, Washington, Director, Office of Women's Rights, City of Seattle;
- Mary L. Myers, 30, of Pierre, South Dakota, Director, Division of Human Rights, State of South Dakota, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Pierre;

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- Jane G. Pisano, 32, of Washington, D. C., Assistant Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.;
- Judy M. Rosenstreich, 32, of Waterbury Center, Vermont, State Representative, State of Vermont, Montpelier;
- Lynn A. Schenk, 31, of La Jolla, California, attorney, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, San Diego.

The White House Fellowship program was established in 1964 to provide outstanding young Americans with firsthand experience in the process of governing the Nation. It is open to U.S. citizens from all occupations and professions who are no less than 23 and no more than 35 years of age by the commencement of the Fellowship year. (Employees of the Federal Government are not eligible, with the exception of career Armed Forces personnel.)

In addition to their educational assignments with the Vice President, members of the Cabinet, and members of the White House staff, the Fellows participate in an extensive seminar program that typically includes some 300 off-record sessions with top government officials, scholars, journalists, and leaders from various other segments of private life.

Leadership, intellectual and professional ability, and a commitment to community and nation are the broad criteria employed in the selection process.

Applications for the 1977-78 program will be available in August, 1976. Application forms and additional information on the program can be obtained by sending a postal card to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, Washington, D. C. 20415.

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