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The President today announced his intention to nominate General George S. Brown, U.S. Air Force, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for a term of two years beginning July 3, 1976. This is a reappointment. General Brown was appointed on July 3, 1974.

Born on August 17, 1918, in Montclair, New Jersey, General Brown attended the University of Missouri and was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1941. Following flight training, he flew in Europe with the 93rd Bombardment Group, Eighth Air Force, from 1942 to 1944. By October, 1944, he had reached the rank of Colonel.

General Brown has commanded the 62nd Troop Courier Group and the 56th Fighter Wing during the Korean War; Williams Air Force Base, Arizona; and the Eastern Transport Air Force, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. He has also served as Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense and Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, and in 1964 he was selected to organize Joint Task Force II, a Joint Chiefs of Staff unit formed at Sandia Base, New Mexico, to test weapons systems of all the military services.

In August, 1966, General Brown was named Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, prior to becoming Commander of the Seventh Air Force and Deputy Commander for Air Operations, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) in August, 1968. From 1970 to 1974, he was Commander of the Air Force Systems Command, headquartered at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

General Brown holds a rating of command pilot, and his decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster. He is married to the former Alice Calhoun. They have three children.

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