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The President today announced his intention to nominate Juanita Ashcraft, of San Francisco, California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. Her area of responsibility will be Manpower and Reserve Affairs. She will succeed David P. Taylor who was appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense on July 1, 1976.

Born on June 25, 1921, in Amarillo, Texas, Mrs. Ashcraft attended the Loretta Heights Academy in Denver, Colorado.

Since 1967, Mrs. Ashcraft has served on several state commissions for the State of California, including membership on the State Personnel Board under the California Civil Service Commission and has been a member of the Governor's Commission on Executive Salaries since 1970. From 1971 to 1973, she was President of the State Personnel Board.

In 1967, Mrs. Ashcraft served as Assistant Appointments Secretary to the Governor of California, after having been a partner in the insurance firm of Wentner & Associates from 1960 to 1970. She was Sales Manager for the for the Geldermann Realtors of Danville, California from 1951 to 1960.

Mrs. Ashcraft is married to Hale Ashcraft and they have one daughter.

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