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The President today announced the appointment of Douglas J. Smith, of Seattle, Washington, as Special Assistant to the President. He has served since November 1975 as a consultant and as acting deputy to Counsellor Robert T. Hartmann.

Born on December 16, 1928, in Olympia, Washington, he received his B.A. degree from Whitman College and his LL.B. degree from the University of Washington Law School. Mr. Smith served in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict and is presently a Captain in the Naval Reserve.

During 1958-59, Mr. Smith served as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Yakima County, Washington. He joined the firm of Cartano, Botzer and Chapman in Seattle, Washington, and served as an Associate and later was a Partner from 1965 to 1973. He was Special Assistant to the Director of the Defense Security Agency and Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs beginning in July 1973.

Mr. Smith is married to the former Marcia Hinderman of Whitefish, Montana, and they have four children. They reside in the District of Columbia.

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