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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of Robert K. Wolthuis of Ogden, Utah as Special Assistant to the President. Mr. Wolthuis has served in the White House since January 1, 1975, as Deputy to Max Friedersdorf, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

From June, 1973, until his White House appointment Mr. Wolthuis was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs dealing with the U.S. Senate.

Prior to his appointment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Wolthuis had served on the staff of Utah's Republican Senator, Wallace F. Bennett from 1964 to 1972. He served as Research Assistant, Legislative Assistant and Administrative Assistant. From November, 1972, until May, 1973, he served as Field Representative in Utah for Senator Bennett.

In 1972, Mr. Wolthuis was the Republican candidate for Congress in Utah's First Congressional District.

Born August 7, 1935, in Ogden, Utah, Mr. Wolthuis received his A.S. degree from Weber State College in 1959. He received B.A. and M.S. degrees in 1960 and 1962 from the University of Utah, and his Ph.D. degree in International Affairs from Johns Hopkins University in 1968. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.

Mr. Wolthuis is married to the former Carolyn Heiner of Ogden, Utah, and they have five children. They reside in Arlington, Virginia.

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