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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The White House is today announcing the eight award winners of the 1975 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. The awards are being presented by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller. Established in 1970 for the purpose of recognizing individuals and groups that have made exceptional management contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations, the awards are being given to individuals chosen from seventy-five nominations submitted by the heads of Federal departments and agencies.

Recipients of the awards are:

Mae Ellen Burney of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Supervisory Freight Rate Specialist, Defense Depot, Mechanicsburg, Defense Supply Agency, for outstanding leadership in the establishment and successful operation of the Defense Supply Agency's containerized shipments activity in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Joseph E. Desio of Springfield, Virginia; Associate General Counsel, Division of Operations Management, National Labor Relations Board, for outstanding achievement in directing action to meet the demands of an increased legal and administrative case load.

Sanford P. Lahue of Fort Worth, Texas; Director, Office of Construction and Maintenance, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, for significant contributions to effective management of highway construction and maintenance operations and the initiation and promotion of cost reduction and energy conservation programs.

Dr. Julius E. Uhlener of McLean, Virginia; Chief Psychologist and Technical Director, Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, Department of the Army, for his commanding role in the development and implementation of the Army Classification Battery and Aptitude Area System.

Lieutenant Colonel Roger L. Henry of Dayton, Ohio; Chief, Instructional Systems Development Team, 58th Tactical Fighter Training Wing, Department of the Air Force, for his outstanding leadership in the development and implementation of an improved and less costly training program for F-4 aircraft personnel.

Joseph P. Kastelic of Anchorage, Alaska; Chief, Division of Fire Control, Alaska, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, for innovative leadership in directing the fire protection and resource management programs for the Alaskan area.

Captain Steven W. Walston of Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio; Logistics Plans Officer, Alaskan Air Command, Department of the Air Force, for his perseverance and initiative in effecting a reduction in war reserve materials within the Alaskan Air Command, thus realizing significant savings without adversely affecting the Nation's defense capability.

H. L. Richard Wischkaemper of Crypress, California; Assistant Regional Commissioner of the Southwest Regional Office Border Patrol, Department of Justice, for dedication and perseverance in conceiving, supporting, and finally obtaining the installation of a system of remotely controlled sensors which will aid the detection of foreign nationals illegally crossing the Mexican border into this country.

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