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The President will present the Medal of Freedom to twenty one persons on January tenth at noon. This will be the fifth presentation of the Medal of Freedom. The recipients are:

I. W. Abel, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, President, United Steelworkers of America.

John Bardeen, of Champaign, Illinois, physicist, co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1956 and 1972.

Irving Berlin, of New York, New York, composer.

Norman Ernest Borlaug, of Mexico City, Mexico, agricultural scientist and Nobel Prize winner in 1970.

Omar Nelson Bradley, of New York, New York, retired Army Officer (Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff).

Arleigh Albert Burke, of Bethesda, Maryland, retired Naval Officer (Chief of Naval Operations).

Alexander Calder, deceased; sculptor.

Bruce Catton, of New York, New York, writer and editor.

Joseph Paul Dimaggio, of Atlanta, Georgia, retired baseball player for the New York Yankees.

Ariel Durant, of Los Angeles, California, writer and Pulitzer prize winner, 1968.

William James Durant, of Los Angeles, California, writer and Pulitzer prize winner, 1968.

Henry Jacob Friendly, of New York, New York, judge, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Lady Bird Johnson, of Stonewall, Texas.

Archibald MacLeish, of Conway, Massachusetts, poet and Pulitzer prize winner in 1932 and 1959.

James Albert Michener, of Pipersville, Pennsylvania, author, Pulitzer prize winner, 1947.

Georgia O'Keefe, of Abiquiu, New Mexico, artist.

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, of Tarrytown, New York.

Norman Rockwell, of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, illustrator.

Jouett Shouse, of Washington, D. C., donor, Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, for her contribution to the theatrical arts.

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Lowell Thomas, of Pawling, New York, author, radio and T. V. commentator.

James Dewey Watson, of Cold Spring Harbor, New York, educator and biochemist; recipient of the Nobel prize in medicine and physiology, 1962.

The recipients are selected by the President.

The Medal of Freedom was established by Executive Order on February 22, 1963. The award which was originally established in 1945 to award meritorious and war-connected acts of service was expanded in 1963 to honor those persons for meritorious contribution to the areas of security or national interest of the U. S., world peace or cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

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