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Foreign Service Officer

John Calhoun Joins — 18 Nov. 73
White House Staff

[Signature]
JOHN



FIRST DRAFT

WASHINGTON, D.C. --

John Calhoun, a Black former Foreign Service Officer, has been appointed ~~staff assistant~~ ^{by a top post on} the White House

staff. ^P Calhoun, 36, ~~of Wheaton, Md.~~ will serve as assistant to Stanley S. Scott, Special Assistant to the President and the top ranking Black on the White House staff. ~~He will also be responsible for coordinating~~

~~with the minority press.~~

Calhoun brings a wide variety of experience to the White House post, including numerous assignments in Public Affairs, Community Relations, studies in general and international law.



He established a communications and advertising program for the Peace Corps to relate to ethnics and minorities in 1971 while serving as the Director of Minority Communications for the agency. He was named Special Assistant for Minority Communications upon the formation of ACTION, which merged the Peace Corps, VISTA and five other federal agencies.

The new White House aide was Director of Public Affairs for National Farmers Union and its Program Green Thumb during the year of 1970. He served concurrently as Director of Community Relations for the Denver, Colorado, based Farm organization.

Calhoun was Chief of Community Relations for the Military District of Washington during 1969, and was responsible for helping to coordinate press coverage of special ceremonies at the White House, the State Department, and Arlington National Cemetery. He played a key role in arranging the international press coverage of the Funeral activities for the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He also edited the 1969 Inaugural Parade Scenario.

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The new ~~Presidential~~ aide was the Press Liaison representative in Tokyo, Japan, from mid 1967 through 1968 for the United Nations Command. He served concurrently as the Public Affairs Representative for U.S. Forces in Korea. In this post ~~He~~ A High earned ~~one of the~~ Korean Government ~~highest~~ AND OFFICIAL COMMENDATION awards for assistance rendered ~~in~~ in facilitating press coverage of the seizure of the USS Pueblo and the attempted assassination of President Chung Hee Park.

While in Japan, Calhoun was an evening student at Sophia ~~U~~ University and completed the requirements for a masters degree in Asian Studies.

Before going to Japan he supervised advertising and public relations activities for the U.S. Army Recruiting Service in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. He ~~also~~ also wrote a weekly newspaper column for 12 New England newspapers, including the Penobscot Times, Eastern Gazette, and Houlton Pioneer Times. Calhoun pursued the study of law ~~at the University of Maine~~ and radio and television at the University of Maine during 1964-67.

Calhoun was news editor of Radio VUNC, ~~at the University of New Hampshire~~ a 24-hour per day all-news station which broadcast in Chinese Mandarin, Cantonese and Korean throughout Asia under the U.S. State Department and Defense Department.

Army
~~Army~~ veteran, Calhoun was a newspaper editor, intelligence analyst and news correspondent during his military service. His byline stories appeared regularly in the Stars and Stripes, Army Times, and other publications in Germany.

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Born in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Calhoun spent his
~~years~~ AND MUCH OF HIS LIFE
~~the~~ early ~~years~~ in Elyria, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.;
and parts of Maine.

~~He left a job as a~~ the Cleveland, Ohio
~~in the Kitchen at Ford Motor~~

~~and dish washer~~
He left a job as a cooks helper in the Kitchen at the
Cleveland, Ohio Ford Motor Plant and joined the Army at the
age of 17. He applied for and was granted admission to ~~the~~
prestigious Army Information School ~~on David's Island,~~
~~off the Long Island Sounds~~ IN New Rochelle, N.Y., where
he picked up a diploma in Journalism IN 1956. ~~and radio and television.~~
Through the United States Armed Forces Institute and the
University of Heidelberg, Calhoun worked his way through
the requirements for a BA ~~degree~~ IN 1959.
He earned an LLB degree in Law from Blackstone School of Law
in Chicago in 1970. He has completed additional studies in
Law and on China at Catholic University, Washington, D.C.;
and the University of Wisconsin.

He is a member of the predominately Black Capital
Press Club and serves as Parliamentarian.

Calhoun resides in Wheaton, Md., a suburb of Washington, D.C.
~~He is married to~~
~~she has~~

