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## Office of the White House Press Secretary

## NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced the appointment of Michael R. Gardner, of the District of Columbia, as a member of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation for the remainder of the term expiring May 11, 1978. He succeeds Andrew L. Lewis, Jr., who has resigned.

Mr. Gardner is an attorney with the firm of Bracewell and Patterson in Washington, D. C.

The President's Committee on Mental Retardation advises the President on mental retardation matters and coordinates with all departments and agencies throughout the Federal Government to further the goal of preventing retardation and reducing the institutionalization of mentally retarded people.