

**Biographies of Cabinet Department
Secretaries during the
Gerald R. Ford Presidency,
1974-1977**

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JANUARY 14, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Edward H. Levi of Chicago, Illinois, to be Attorney General. He will succeed William B. Saxbe, who has been named Ambassador to India.

Since 1968, Dr. Levi has been President of the University of Chicago. Prior to becoming President, he was Provost of the University. From 1950 to 1962, he was Dean of the University of Chicago Law School, after having served successively as Assistant Professor and Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School from 1936 to 1950. In 1940, he took a leave of absence from the Law School and became Special Assistant to the Attorney General, serving until 1945.

Dr. Levi was born on June 26, 1911, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his Ph. B. degree in 1932 and his J. D. degree in 1935 from the University of Chicago. He was awarded his J. S. D. degree from Yale University in 1938. Dr. Levi served on the Board of the Social Science Research Council from 1959 to 1962 and was Chairman of the Council on Legal Education and Professional Responsibility. He was a member of the President's Task Force on Priorities in Higher Education from 1969 to 1970.

Dr. Levi is married to the former Kate Sulzberger and they have three children. They reside in Chicago, Illinois.

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JANUARY 1, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary
(Vail, Colorado)

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate James T. Lynn of Cleveland, Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Secretary Lynn will continue to have Cabinet rank in his new position. He will succeed Roy L. Ash, who has resigned.

Secretary Lynn has served as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development since February 2, 1973. He was Under Secretary of Commerce from April 27, 1971, until he became Secretary of HUD, and from 1969 to 1971 he was General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Before joining the Department of Commerce, Secretary Lynn practiced corporation law, specializing in the fields of corporate acquisitions, dispositions and joint ventures both in the U. S. and abroad. He was with the firm of Jones, Day, Cockley and Reavis in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1951 to 1969, and was a partner in the firm from 1960 to 1969.

Secretary Lynn was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 27, 1927. In 1948 he received an A. B. degree, summa cum laude, from Adelbert College of Western Reserve University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received the LL. B. degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1951 and was an officer of the Harvard Law Review. During 1945-46 he served with the U. S. Navy. Secretary Lynn is a member of the American, Ohio and Cleveland Bar Associations. While in Cleveland, Secretary Lynn was a member of the Cleveland World Trade Association and the Greater Cleveland Growth Association and was active in mental retardation programs of the Cleveland Welfare Federation.

He is married to the former Joan Miller of Cleveland. They have three children and reside in Bethesda, Maryland.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 26, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Forrest David Mathews, of University, Alabama, to be Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He will succeed Caspar A. Weinberger who has held this position since February 8, 1973.

Since 1969, Dr. Mathews has been President of the University of Alabama. He went to the University of Alabama in 1960 as Assistant Dean of Men. He served successively as Interim Dean of Men (1965-66); Executive Assistant in the Office of the President (1966-68); and Executive Vice President (1968-69). He has been a Lecturer in the Department of History since 1965.

Dr. Mathews was born on December 6, 1935, in Grove Hill, Alabama. He received his A. B. degree in 1958 from the University of Alabama where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was awarded an M. A. degree from the University of Alabama in 1959 and a Ph. D. from Columbia University in 1965. He served as an Officer in the United States Army from 1959 to 1960.

In 1969 Dr. Mathews was named one of the Ten Most Outstanding Young Men in the Nation by the United States Jaycees. He is the author of several works on Southern history and American higher education.

Dr. Mathews is married to the former Mary Chapman of Grove Hill, Alabama and they have two children.

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Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of Rogers C. B. Morton, of Easton, Maryland, as Counsellor to the President with Cabinet rank. He has been Secretary of Commerce since May 1, 1975.

Secretary Morton's duties will encompass several areas of responsibility in domestic and economic policy. He will retain his membership on the Economic Policy Board, the Energy Resources Council and the Domestic Council. He will also direct the liaison with the Republican National Committee and the President Ford Committee. In addition, the Secretary will be available to take on such specific assignments as the President may direct.

Born on September 19, 1914, in Louisville, Kentucky, Secretary Morton received his B. A. degree from Yale University in 1937. He served with the United States Army from 1943 to 1945, attaining the rank of Captain.

Secretary Morton was elected to the 88th Congress from Maryland's First District in 1962 and subsequently elected to the 89th through 92nd Congresses. He was Secretary of the Interior from January, 1971 until May, 1975. He also served as Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

While serving in the Congress, Secretary Morton was a member of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs (1963-1968), the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries (1963-68), the Select Committee on Small Business (1967-68) and from 1969 until he became Secretary of the Interior, he was a member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Secretary Morton is married to the former Anne Jones and they have two children.

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ON
ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON

Elliot Richardson has served as Ambassador to Great Britain since February 20, 1975

In 1970 he became United States Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. From January to May 1973 he served as Secretary of Defense and from May to October 1973 he was Attorney General of the United States.

In 1953 Mr. Richardson left private legal practice to serve for two years as Legislative Assistant to Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts. After a renewed association with Ropes, Gray, Best, Coolidge and Rugg in 1955 and 1956, Mr. Richardson was appointed Assistant Secretary for Legislation of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and also served as Acting Secretary of HEW from 1957 to 1959. In 1959 he became United States Attorney for Massachusetts. In 1961 he served for two months as Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, before becoming a partner in the law firm of Ropes and Gray of Boston. He was elected Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts for the term 1965-1967. From 1967 until his swearing-in as Under Secretary of State in 1969, he held the office of Attorney General of Massachusetts.

Mr. Richardson was born in Boston, Massachusetts on July 20, 1920. He was graduated from Harvard with an A.B. (cum laude) in 1941 and received his LL.B. (cum laude) in 1947 from Harvard. While attending Harvard Law School he was President of the Law Review. He served with the United States Army as a First Lieutenant from 1942 to 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroic Service and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster after landing with the 4th Infantry Division on D-Day in Normandy. From 1947 to 1949 he served as a law clerk for Judge Learned Hand and Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter successively. In 1949 he was made an Associate to the law firm of Ropes, Gray, Best, Coolidge and Rugg of Boston.

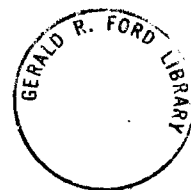
He is married to the former Anne Francis Hazard and they have three children.

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BIOGRAPHY OF
NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER



Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller was nominated by President Ford as Vice President of the United States on August 20, 1974, under the 25th Amendment to the Constitution. He was confirmed by the Congress and sworn in as Vice President on December 19, 1974.

In February of 1975, President Ford designated Vice President Rockefeller as Vice Chairman of the Domestic Council and asked the Vice President to oversee the Council's work in assessing national needs, coordinating national priorities, reviewing Federal programs and proposing reforms.

Previously, Vice President Rockefeller had been the first Governor in the Nation's history to be elected to four four-year terms. Under his leadership, from 1959-1973, New York State achieved national prominence in such areas as environmental protection, education, aid to local government, crime control, transportation, health and mental health, social services, housing and consumer protection.

Mr. Rockefeller had been active in government at the local, State and Federal levels for several years before his election as Governor and selection as Vice President. His service with the Federal government began in 1940 when he was appointed Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs by President Roosevelt.

In 1950, Mr. Rockefeller was named Chairman of the newly created International Development Advisory Board by President Truman. President Eisenhower called upon him in 1952 to assume the chairmanship of the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization. As Chairman of that committee, Mr. Rockefeller recommended some 13 reorganization plans. One led to the establishment of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, of which he subsequently became Under-Secretary. Mr. Rockefeller resigned that post in 1954 to become Special Assistant to the President for Foreign Affairs.

While Governor of New York, Mr. Rockefeller served as Chairman of the National Governors' Conference Committee on Human Resources. From 1965 to 1969, he served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations. From 1969-1974, he served on the National Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

Nelson Rockefeller resigned as Governor on December 18, 1973 to devote his efforts to the Chairmanship of the Commission on Critical Choices for Americans and the National Commission on Water Quality.

Vice President Rockefeller was born on July 8, 1908 at Bar Harbor, Maine, the third of six children of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller. He graduated in 1926 from Lincoln School in New York City and in 1930 from Dartmouth College.

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THE WHITE HOUSEBIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON
DONALD RUMSFELD

Donald Rumsfeld was appointed Assistant to the President by President Ford on September 27, 1974. In this capacity, he serves as a member of the Cabinet, Director of the White House Office of Operations, and Coordinator of the White House Staff. Previously, he headed President Ford's transition team in August of 1974.

Mr. Rumsfeld was born on July 9, 1932 in Chicago, Illinois. He received a B.A. in Politics from Princeton University in 1954. He served in the U. S. Navy as a naval aviator from 1954-1957.

Mr. Rumsfeld became active in government in 1958 when he worked as Administrative Assistant to Congressman Dave Dennison of Ohio. In 1959, he became a Staff Assistant to then Congressman Robert Griffin of Michigan. From 1960 to 1962, he was with the Chicago investment banking firm of A. G. Becker and Company.

In 1962, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives from the Thirteenth District of Illinois to serve in the Eighty-Eighth Congress. He was re-elected by large majorities in 1964, 1966, and 1968. In the Congress, he served on the Joint Economic Committee, the Committee on Science and Aeronautics, and the Government Operations Committee, and the Subcommittees on Military and Foreign Operations. He was also a co-founder of the Japanese-American Inter-Parliamentary Council.

In 1969, he resigned his seat in the House to join the Cabinet as an Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity. In December of 1970, he was named Counsellor to the President and in October 1971, he was appointed Director of the Cost of Living Council.

Mr. Rumsfeld was named United States Ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in February 1973. He served as the United States' Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council and the Defense Planning Committee, and the Nuclear Planning Group. In this responsibility, he represented the United States on a wide range of military and diplomatic matters.

Mr. Rumsfeld has received honorary degrees in law from Park College (Mo.); Lake Forest College (Ill.), and Illinois College (Ill.). Additional awards include the Opportunities Industrial Center's Executive Government Award and the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

Mr. Rumsfeld was married to the former Joyce Pierson of Wilmette, Illinois in 1954. They have two daughters, Valerie (19) and Marcy (15), and a son, Nicholas (8).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DECEMBER 13, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate William B. Saxbe, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, to be Ambassador to India. He succeeds Daniel Patrick Moynihan who has resigned.

Since January 4, 1974, he has served as Attorney General. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1968 for a term ending January 3, 1975.

Mr. Saxbe was a member of the Senate Committees on Armed Services, Government Operations, and Post Office and Civil Service, and the Special Committee on Aging. He was Ranking Minority Member of the Armed Services Subcommittees on Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Safeguards and General Legislation; the Government Operations Subcommittee on Budgeting, Management and Expenditures; and the Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Postal Operations.

He served as Attorney General of the State of Ohio from 1957 to 1958 and again from 1963 to 1968. From 1947 to 1954 he was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, serving as Majority Leader during 1951-52 and as Speaker during 1953-54. From 1954 to 1958 Mr. Saxbe was a partner in the law firm of Saxbe, Boyd & Prine, and from 1960 to 1962 he was a partner in the law firm of Dargusch, Saxbe & Dargusch. He is a member of the Ohio and American Bar Associations and the American Judicature Society.

Mr. Saxbe was born on June 24, 1916, in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. He received his A. B. in 1940 and his LL. B. in 1948 from Ohio State University. From 1940 to 1945 he served in the U. S. Army.

He is married to the former Ardath (Dolly) Kleinhans of Toledo, Ohio. They have two sons and one daughter.

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DECEMBER 21, 1972

Office of the White House Press Secretary
(Key Biscayne, Florida)

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate James R. Schlesinger to be Director of Central Intelligence. He will succeed Richard Helms, who will be nominated to be United States Ambassador to Iran.

Mr. Schlesinger has been a member and Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission since August 10, 1971. He joined the Administration in February 1969 as Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget and served as Acting Budget Director during the transition from the Bureau of the Budget to the Office of Management and Budget in 1970. Mr. Schlesinger served as Assistant Director of OMB, with responsibility for budget and management development of national security and international programs, until he became Chairman of the AEC.

He was born on February 15, 1929, in New York City. He received his A. B., summa cum laude, in 1950 from Harvard University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He also received his A. M., in 1952, and Ph. D., in 1956, from Harvard. While at Harvard, he served as a Teaching Fellow in economics and the social sciences.

Mr. Schlesinger was an Assistant Professor, then Associate Professor at the University of Virginia from 1955 to 1963, when he joined the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California, as a Senior Staff Member. He remained with RAND until 1969, serving as Director of Strategic Studies from 1967 to 1969. During 1964-65 he was Associate Editor of the Journal of Finance, and he has written extensively on the role of systems analysis in relation to political decision-making. He is the author of *The Political Economy of National Security* (1960) and co-author of *Issues in Defense Economics* (1967).

He is married to the former Rachel Mellinger of Springfield, Ohio. They have eight children and reside in Arlington, Virginia.

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April 17, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate William E. Simon to be Secretary of the Treasury. He will succeed George P. Shultz, who has held the position since June 12, 1972.

Mr. Simon has been Deputy Secretary of the Treasury since January 22, 1973, and Administrator of the Federal Energy Office since December 4, 1973. In addition, he serves as a member of the President's Commission on Personnel Interchange and the Board of Directors of the New Communities Corporation of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and as Chairman of the Oil Policy Committee.

Prior to becoming Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Simon was a Senior Partner of Salomon Brothers, an investment banking firm in New York, New York. He joined the firm in 1964. Mr. Simon was one of the seven partners on the firm's Executive Committee and was responsible for the Government and Municipal Securities Department.

He was born on November 27, 1927, in Patterson, New Jersey. Mr. Simon received his B.A. degree from Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1951, and began his career in finance in 1952 with Union Securities in New York, becoming an Assistant Vice President and Manager of the firm's Municipal Trading Department three years later. In 1957, he joined Weeden and Company as Vice President, a post he held until joining Salomon Brothers in 1964.

Mr. Simon has served on the Board of Governors and Executive Committee of the Investment Bankers Association of America, and on its Government Securities Committee. When that Association merged with the Association of Stock Exchange Firms in 1972 to form the new Securities Industry Association, Mr. Simon was elected to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and was appointed Chairman of the Public Finance Council.

He is founder and past president of the Association of Primary Dealers in U.S. Government Securities, and has been active in many public and private organizations, including serving as National Chairman of Fund Raising for the United States Olympic Committee, and Chairman of the Debt Management Committee of New York City. He is a trustee of Lafayette College, Mannes College of Music in New York City and Newark Academy.

He is married to the former Carol Girard and they have seven children. Mr. Simon and his family reside in McLean, Virginia.

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate W. J. Usery, of Macon, Georgia, to be Secretary of Labor. He will succeed John T. Dunlop who has resigned. Mr. Usery is currently Special Assistant to the President for Labor-Management Negotiations.

Mr. Usery was born on December 21, 1923, in Hardwick, Georgia. He attended Georgia Military College and Mercer University, and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Georgia Military College in 1971 for his work in labor-management relations. He served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946.

In 1949, Mr. Usery joined the Armstrong Cork Company as a maintenance machinist and remained with the firm until 1955. He became grand lodge representative of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), AFL-CIO in 1956. He was assigned as IAM's special representative at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Test Facilities in 1956, and from 1961 to 1967 he was the union's representative on the President's Missile Sites Labor Committee at the Kennedy Space Center and at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. He also served as coordinator for union activities at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas. Mr. Usery helped form the Cape Kennedy Labor-Management Relations Council in 1967 and became its Chairman in 1968.

Mr. Usery was appointed Assistant Secretary of Labor for Labor-Management Relations in February, 1969. He was appointed Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in February, 1973. He became Special Assistant to the President in January, 1974, and served until August of that year.

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JUNE 10, 1970

Office of the White House Press Secretary
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CASPAR W. WEINBERGER

Biographical Data

Caspar Weinberger was nominated as a Member and Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission on October 2, 1969. He was sworn into office at the White House on January 13, 1970. Prior to that he was Director of Finance of the State of California.

Weinberger was graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College where he was Phi Beta Kappa, with an AB in 1938. He received an LL. B. from Harvard Law School in 1941. He served in the Army four years, entering as a Private in the Infantry in 1941 and being discharged as a Captain in 1945. He served over three years with the Forty-first Infantry Division in the Pacific and on General MacArthur's Intelligence Staff.

Chairman Weinberger was a law clerk to the United States Circuit Judge William E. Orr, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He remained on Judge Orr's staff from 1945 to 1947, when he entered the private practice of law. He served as Vice Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of California from 1960 to 1962, and as Chairman from 1962 to 1964.

Weinberger was elected in November, 1952 to the Assembly of the California State Legislature. Originally elected from the Twenty-first District in San Francisco, he won reelection both in 1954 and 1956 without opposition.

While serving in the Assembly, Weinberger was Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Government Organization and Chairman of the Joint Assembly-Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control. He was selected the most able member of the State Legislature at the end of the 1955 session in a poll taken of all the newspaper correspondents who covered the legislative session.

For nine years, from 1959 to 1968, Caspar Weinberger was author of a semi-weekly column on California State Government and moderator of a regular weekly local public affairs television program. The column ran in numerous California newspapers. The television program was broadcast on KQED, San Francisco.

Weinberger served as Chairman of the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy, 1966-1968. He was appointed Director of Finance of California by Governor Reagan on February 1, 1968. He assumed his post March 1, 1968.

Caspar Weinberger was born in San Francisco in 1917. He is married to the former Jane Dalton. They have two children, a daughter and a son.