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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 5, 1977

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DOUGLAS P. BENNETT

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR 365

SUBJECT:

Board of Visitors to the

U.S. Military Academy (PA-WAE)

The President has reviewed your memorandum of January 4 on the above subject and has approved the appointment of the following as members to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Acamdemy:

William F. Gorog Douglas P. Bennett

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

January 4, 1977

Mr. President,

You had previously indicated that you would like to appoint Jack Marsh to the West Point Board of Visitors. After carefully analyzing his situation with respect to his membership as a trustee of the Virginia Military Institute, Jack decided that there could be a serious conflict-of-interest with his serving on both boards and hence declined. I am recommending Bill Gorog, who, as you know, is a 1949 graduate of the West Point Military Academy, and who in my judgement would be an excellent member of this Board.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

RICHARD B. CHENEY

FROM:

DOUGLAS P. BENNETT

SUBJECT:

Board of Visitors to the

U.S. Military Academy (PA-WAE)

This memorandum seeks your approval of the appointment of two members to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy.

The Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy inquires into the morale, discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and any other matters pertaining to the academy which the Board decides to consider. It consists of six members who are appointed for a term of three years by you and paid when actually employed. Effective December 30, 1976, two vacancies occurred on this Board and I recommend the following:

William F. Gorog (Resume at Tab A) Republican of Ohio. Mr. Gorog is Executive Director of the Council on International Economic Policy and Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs. Prior to his appointment at the White House, he was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Mead Technology Laboratories in Dayton, Ohio. He is a 1949 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Approve MC7

Disapprove

Douglas P. Bennett (Resume at Tab B) Republican from Maryland. Mr. Bennett, 34, is Director, Presidential Personnel Office, The White House. He is a 1964 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and until 1969 served as an officer in the United States Army.

Approve

Disapprove

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM F. GOROG

William F. Gorog is Executive Director of the Council on International Economic Policy and Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs. He also acts as Deputy Director of the President's Economic Policy Board.

A 1949 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Mr. Gorog holds an M.S. in Industrial Engineering from Ohio State University. He completed a five-year tour of duty in the Air Force during which he served in Korea and with Allied Air Forces Central Europe.

Prior to his appointment at the White House, Mr. Gorog was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Mead Technology Laboratories, Dayton, Ohio. He was one of the founders of the company, originally known as Data Corporation, which merged with Mead in 1968. The organization was principally known for its work in equipment for the aerospace industry and for the development of management information systems. He contributed greatly to the development and introduction of the computerized legal research system known as LEXIS, which is now in use by law firms and courts throughout the country.

Personal

A native of Warren, Ohio, Mr. Gorog is 51 and is married to the former Gretchen Elisabeth Meister. They have six children (three boys and three girls).

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Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of Douglas P. Bennett, of Bethesda, Maryland, as Director of the Presidential Personnel Office. He succeeds William Walker who was appointed on June 10, 1975, as Deputy Special Representative for Trade Negotiations.

Since January 1975, Mr. Bennett has been Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs at the White House serving as liaison with the House of Representatives. Prior to joining the White House staff, Mr. Bennett served as Special Assistant for Tax Folicy in Legislative Affairs for the Department of Treasury. From 1972 to 1974 he was Manager, Legislative Relations for the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. He served as Legislative Assistant to Congressman Alexander Prinia (R-N.Y.) from 1969 to 1972. He was an officer in the United States Army from 1964 to 1969.

Mr. Bennett was born on February 24, 1942 in White Plains. New York, He received his B.S. degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1964. He was awarded an M.B.A. degree cum laude from American University in 1971. He attended George Washington University Law Center and received his J.D. degree in January 1975.

Mr. Fennett is married to the former Sandra Fenedikt and they have two children. They reside in Bethesda, Maryland.