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PRECEDENCE LIST

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1. The President - *Ford*
2. The Vice President - *Rockefeller*  
(Governor of a State in his own State)
3. The Speaker - *Albert*  
The Chief Justice - *Burger*  
Ex-Presidents of the United States - *Nixon*
4. The Secretary of State - *Kissinger*
5. Secretary General of the United Nations - *Waldheim*  
Pres., UN General Assembly (*when assembly in session, outranks Secy. Gen.*)  
President of the UN Security Council  
President of the International Court of Justice (*according to UN precedence*)  
Ambassadors Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of Foreign Powers accredited to the U.S. (*in order of presentation of their Letter of Credence*)
6. Widows of Ex-Presidents - *Truman, Eisenhower, (Chassis), Johnson*
7. Envoys Extraordinary & Ministers Plenipotentiary of Foreign Powers accredited to the U.S. (*in order of presentation of Letter of Credence*)
8. Associate Justices of the Supreme Court (*according to date of their commission. Retired Associate Justices rank with but after active Associate Justices.*)
9. The Secretary of the Treasury - *Simon*  
The Secretary of Defense - *Rumsfeld*  
The Attorney General - *Levi*  
The Secretary of the Interior - *Kleppe*  
The Secretary of Agriculture - *Butz*  
The Secretary of Commerce - *Richardson*  
The Secretary of Labor - *Usery*  
The Secretary of H.E.W. - *Mathews*  
The Secretary of H.U.D. - *Hills*  
The Secretary of Transportation - *Coleman*  
Dir., Office of Management & Budget - *Lynn*  
Counsel - *Pres. E. A. Tamm*  
Counsellors to the President - *Hastings, Marshall*  
U.S. Rep. to the United Nations - *Scranton*  
~~Chmn., Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (ranks with, but not a member of the Cabinet)~~
10. Senators (*according to the length of continuous service*) *Eastland*  
(*President pro-tempore of the Senate ranks with, but before, his colleagues*)  
Governors of States (*when not in their own state, according to the date of admission to the Union*) (see No. 2)

*Brennan  
Stewart  
White  
Marshall  
Blackmun  
Powell  
Rehnquist  
Stevens*



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- 10. Acting Heads of Executive Departments  
(cont) Ex-Vice Presidents - Humphrey, Agnew
- 11. Members of the House of Representatives (according to length of continuous service)  
Delegates rank with, but after, Representatives  
Gov. of Puerto Rico -  
*White House - Scowcroft et al*
- 12. Charge d'Affaires en titre of Foreign Powers  
Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Foreign Powers  
Ex-Secretaries of State and their widows - *Rogers, Rusk, / Herter, Acheson, Marshall, Eyrnes*
- 13. The Deputy Secretary of State - *Robinson*  
The Deputy Secretary of the Treasury - *Dixon*  
The Deputy Secretary of Defense - *Clements*  
The Deputy Attorney General - *Tyler*  
The Under Secretary of the Interior - *Frizzell*  
The Under Secretary of Agriculture - *Knebel*  
The Under Secretary of Commerce - *Baker*  
The Under Secretary of Labor -  
The Under Secretary of H.E.W. - *Lynch*  
The Under Secretary of H.U.D. - *Rhineland*  
The Under Secretary of Transportation - *Barnum*  
Admr., Federal Energy Administration - *Zarb*  
Solicitor General - *Bork* *Admr. Energy Research & Dev. Admin. - Scowcroft*  
Admr., Agency for International Development - *Parker* *+ Nuclear Reg. Comm. - Anders*  
*(Both level 2)*  
Dir., U.S. Arms Control & Disarmament Agency - *JKI*  
The Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs - *Habib - Ec. Affs*  
The Ambassadors at Large - *Eunker - Johnson - McCloskey - Hearson*  
The Under Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs - *Yeo*  
The Secretary of the Army - *Hoffman*  
The Secretary of the Navy - *Middendorf*  
The Secretary of the Air Force - *Reed*  
Chmn., Council of Economic Advisers - *Greenspan*  
Chmn., Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (~~see also~~) - *Burns*  
Chmn., Council on Environmental Quality - *Peterson*  
Chmn., Export-Import Bank - *DuBrul*
- 14. Chmn., Joint Chiefs of Staff - *Brown*  
Chief of Staff of the Army - *Weyand*  
Chief of Naval Operations - *Hopper* *(in order of seniority in present position)*  
Chief of Staff of the Air Force - *Jones*  
Commandant of the Marine Corps - *Wilson*  
Five-star Generals and Admirals (in order of seniority) *Bradley (9-20-50)*  
The Secretary General of the OAS - *Orfila*  
*(Pan American Union) (ranks after the Representatives when the OAS sits as a body)*  
Representatives to the OAS  
Persons with Ambassadorial rank (Foreign non-accredited)



- 14. Apostolic Delegate (*Catholic*) *Judok*  
 (cont) Heads of International Organizations such as NATO, CENTO, SEATO, etc.,  
 and other international intergovernmental organizations, i.e.,  
 Managing dir., International Monetary Fund; Pres., International  
 Bank for Reconstruction and Development, etc. - *McNamara*  
*man - 3. 20*
- 15. Dir., of Central Intelligence - *Bush*  
 Admr., General Services Administration - *Eckert*  
 Dir., U.S. Information Agency - *Keogh*  
 Admr., National Aeronautics & Space Administration - *Fletcher*  
 Admr., Federal Aviation Agency (*now under Department of Transportation*)  
 Chmn., Civil Service Commission - *Hampson*  
~~Dir., Atomic Energy Commission - *Adm. Energy Research & Dev. Bd.*~~  
 Dir., Defense Research & Engineering - *Currier*  
 Dir., ACTION - *Balzano*  
~~Dir., Office of Economic Opportunity~~ - *Samuel R. Martinez*  
 Dir., Office of Telecommunications Policy - *slat*  
 Admr., Environmental Protection Agency - *Train*  
*admiral, adm. & center for adm. & warner*
- 16. American Ambassadors on State and Official Visits (*see 20 also*) (*rank with the*  
*Chief of Protocol except that, outside of Washington, they shall be*  
*preceded by the Chief of Protocol*)  
 The Chief of Protocol (*see 20 also*) (*when at the White House, accompanying the*  
*President, and on State and Official Visits*) - *Catto*  
 Ambassadors of Career Rank on duty in the United States  
 Special Representative for Trade Negotiations (*rank of Ambassador*) *See # 9*  
 U.S. Rep. to the Plenipotentiary Conf. on Definitive Arrangements for Int'l. Telecommunica-  
 tions Satellite Consortium (*rank of Ambassador*) *Washburn*
- 17. White House Assistants to the President, etc. (*see White House Chart*)
- 18. The Chief Judge & Circuit Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District  
 of Columbia, according to length of service  
 Governor of Guam  
 Governor of the Virgin Islands
- 19. Chief Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals, according to length of service
- 20. *acting ch. of Protocol*  
 All Deputy Under Secretaries of the Executive Departments  
 The Under Secretary of State for Coordinating Security Assistance Programs - *man (see 14)*  
 Dep. Admr., Agency for International Development - *Murphy*  
 Dep. Dir., U.S. Arms Control & Disarmament Agency -  
 Commandant of the Coast Guard - *Siler*  
 U.S. Charges  
 All Assistant Secretaries of the Executive Departments (*including the Legal Adviser*  
*and the Counselor of the Department of State*)  
 Under Secretaries of the United Nations - *Morse*  
 Deputy U.S. Representative to the OAS  
 Dep. Dir., Central Intelligence Agency - *Walters*  
 The Chief of Protocol (*see 16 also*) - *Catto*  
 Dep. Dir., Office of Economic Opportunity  
~~Dep. Dir., Office of Emergency Preparedness~~  
 Dep. Dir., ACTION - *Garley*  
 Dep. Dir., OMB  
 Asst. Dir., OMB



21. Dep. Assistants to the President & other WH staff – see WH Chart  
Asst. Admrs., Agency for International Development  
Asst. Dirs., Office of Emergency Preparedness  
Comptroller General of the U.S. - *Staats*  
Members of Environmental Quality Council  
Court of Military Appeals  
Members of the Council of Economic Advisers (*rank alphabetically*)
22. American Ambassadors & Ministers, either Designate or in the United States  
under normal orders or on leave. (*Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions*)
23. Mayor Commissioner of the District of Columbia - *Washington (higher)*  
High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of Pacific Islands
24. Under Secretaries of the Army, Navy & Air Force - *Staudt, Potter, Plummer*  
Ministers of Career rank of the U.S.  
Acting Assistant Secretaries of Executive Departments
25. Four-star Generals and Admirals (*in order of seniority*)  
(*Air Chief Marshals*)  
Governor of the Territory of American Samoa
26. Assistant Secretaries of the Army, Navy & Air Force  
Dir., Selective Service System - *Pepitone*
27. Lieutenant Generals and Vice Admirals (Air Marshals) (*in order of seniority*)  
(*retired officers rank with, but after, active*)
28. Chairman of the American Red Cross
29. Bishops of Washington
30. Ex-American Ambassadors and Ministers  
(*Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions*)
31. Special Assistants to the President & other WH Staff - *See WH Chart*  
*Control Gen. - Staats*  
x Heads of certain independent establishments, according to date of establishment ✓  
Treasurer of the United States - *Neff*  
Dir., U.S. Mint - *Brooks*  
x Chairmen, Bureaus, Boards and Commissions, Librarian of Congress, etc. - *Doerstin*  
Vice Chmn. & Members of the Bd. of Governors of the Federal Reserve System  
Deputy Special Representatives for Trade Negotiations  
Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution - *Ripley*
32. Non-accredited Ministers of Foreign Powers assigned to foreign  
Diplomatic Missions in Washington *Horwitz*  
~~Deputy Mayor, District of Columbia (Asst. to the Commissioner)~~  
Chmn., D. C. Council - *Neivus*



33. Deputy Assistant Secretaries of State  
Deputy Chiefs of Protocol  
Chiefs of Bureaus of Executive Departments  
Directors of Offices of Executive Departments  
~~Exec. Secy., National Security Council~~
34. Counselors of Embassies or Legations of Foreign Powers  
Consul General of Foreign Powers
35. Major Generals & Rear Admirals - upper half (*Air Vice Marshals*)  
(*retired officers rank with, but after, active officers - in order of seniority*)  
Dir., National Security Agency  
Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service
36. The Chief Judge and Associate Judges of the U.S. Court of Claims
37. The Chief Judge and Associate Judges of the U.S. Court of Customs & Patent Appeals
38. The Chief Judge and Judges of the Tax Court of the U.S.
39. The Chief Judge and Judges of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia
40. Brigadier Generals and Rear Admirals - Lower Half and Commodores  
(Air Commodores)
41. Senior Secretaries of Embassies or Legations of: Foreign Powers when there is  
no Counselor  
Assistant Chiefs of Protocol  
Secretary of the Senate - *Valco*
42. Members of Bureaus, Boards, Commissions, etc.
43. Subordinate Government Officials

NOTE: Husbands and wives have equal rank regardless of which holds the official position.



Department of State

Kissinger, Dr. Henry A.

Secretary of State

Robinson, Charles W.

Deputy Secretary of State

Habib, Philip C.

Under Secretary for Political Affairs

Rogers, William D.

Under Secretary for Economic Affairs

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Under Secretary for Security Assistance

Eagleburger, Lawrence S.

Deputy Under Secretary for Management

Johnson, Amb. U. Alexis

Ambassador at Large

Bunker, Amb. Ellsworth

Ambassador at Large

Learson, Amb. T. Vincent

Ambassador at Large

Martin, Graham A.

Ambassador at Large

Sonnenfeldt, Helmut 1-7-74

Counselor

Leigh, Monroe

Legal Adviser

Schaufele, William E., Jr.

Asst Secy for African Affairs

Hummel, Arthur W., Jr.

Asst Secy for East Asian & Pacific Affairs

Hartman, Arthur A. 1-14-74

Asst Secy for European Affairs

Shlaudeman, Harry W.

Asst Secy for Inter-American Affairs

Atherton, Alfred L.

Asst Secy for Near Eastern & South Asian Affairs

Thomas, John

Asst Secy for Administration

Katz, Julius L.

Asst Secy for Economic & Business Affairs

Richardson, John, Jr.

Asst Secy for Educational & Cultural Affairs

Lewis, Samuel W.

Asst Secy for International Organization Affairs

Irving, Frederick

Asst Secy for Oceans & International Environmental & Scientific Affairs

Reinhardt, John E.

Asst Secy for Public Affairs



State - continued

Shaw, John A.

Inspector General of Foreign Assistance

Black, Amb. Shirley Temple

Chief of Protocol

Walentynowicz

Admr., Bureau of Security & Consular Affairs

Lord, Winston

Dir., Policy Planning Staff

Sayre, Robert M.

Inspector General, Foreign Service

Saunders, Harold H.

Director of Intelligence and Research

Vest, George S.

Dir., Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs

