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The President today announced the appointment of William E. Casselman, II, as a Counsel to the President. Mr. Casselman will be associated with Philip W. Buchen, who is Counsel to the President with Cabinet rank, and with Phillip E. Areeda, whose appointment as Counsel to the President and member of his senior staff has been announced to begin October 14th.

Mr. Casselman had served as Legal Counsel to the Vice President since December 12, 1973. From 1971 to 1973, he was General Counsel of the General Services Administration. In 1969, he was appointed Deputy Special Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations. From 1965 to 1969, he was Legislative Assistant to Congressman Robert McClory of Illinois.

Mr. Casselman is admitted to the District of Columbia and Virginia state bars and is a member of the American and Federal bar associations. He currently serves on the National Council of the Federal Bar Association and was the 1973-74 Chairman of the General Counsels Committee. He is a recent recipient of the Association's distinguished service commendation. From 1971 to 1973, he served as a member of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

Born on July 8, 1941, in Washington, Pennsylvania, and raised in Deerfield, Illinois, Mr. Casselman holds a J. D. degree from the George Washington University Law School and a B. A. degree in government from Claremont Men's College. He is married to the former Caroline Murfitt of Weston, Massachusetts. They have two daughters and reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

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