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The President today announced the appointment of five persons as Members of the Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services. They are:

Peter Safar, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; physician, and Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, University of Pittsburgh. This is a one year term.

John M. Waters, of Jacksonville, Florida; Director of Public Safety for Jacksonville. This is a three year term.

Barbara A. Watts, of Alexandria, Virginia; nurse and coordinator of Emergency Services, Alexandria, Hospital. This is a three year term.

Kenneth F. Kimball, of Kearney, Nebraska, is a surgeon and physician in private practice. This is a four year term.

David Stephen Nelson, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine and Chairman of the Disaster Committee at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. This is a four year term.

The Committee was established by the Emergency Medical Services Systems Act of November 16, 1973, and in addition to those named above includes the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, or his designee, who serves as Chairman, and appropriate scientific, medical, or technical representation from the Department of Transportation, the Department of Justice, the Department of Defense, the Veterans' Administration, the National Science Foundation, the Federal Communications Commission, the National Academy of Sciences, and such other Federal agencies and offices (including appropriate agencies and offices of the Department of HEW), as the Secretary determines administer programs directly affecting the functions or responsibilities of emergency medical services systems.

The purpose of the Committee is to evaluate the adequacy and technical soundness of all Federal programs and activities which relate to emergency medical services and provide for the communication and exchange of information necessary to maintain the coordination and effectiveness of such programs and activities, and make recommendations to the Secretary respecting the administration of the program of grants and contracts under this title (including the making of regulations for such program).

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