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VIRGINIA H. KNAUER
Biographical Data

Mrs. Virginia H. Knauer has been Special Assistant to the President since February 5, 1973. In this position she also serves as Executive Secretary of the Consumer Advisory Council.

In February, 1968, she became Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection, the Department of Justice, of the State of Pennsylvania. She is the only woman in the United States who actually administered such a bureau, devoted to consumer protection and consumer education. She also directed the operation of five branch offices in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Erie and Scranton.

Born and educated in Philadelphia, Mrs. Knauer won a Board of Education scholarship to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and did postgraduate work at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Florence, Italy.

She was the first Republican woman elected to the Philadelphia City Council as a Councilman-at-Large in 1960.

She is married to Wilhelm F. Knauer, a Philadelphia attorney, and they have two children.

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