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ROY L. ASH  
Biographical Data

Roy L. Ash has been Director of the Office of Management and Budget since February 3, 1973.

Mr. Ash was President of Litton Industries, Inc., of Beverly Hills, California from 1961 to 1974. He co-founded the company in 1953. From April, 1969, to May, 1971, Mr. Ash served as Chairman of the President's Advisory Council on Executive Organization. During its two years the Council, informally known as the Ash Council, made recommendations on Executive Branch organization in a series of meetings with the President. The Council's recommendations led to the President's reorganization plans of 1970 and 1971. Among them was the plan which created the Office of Management and Budget out of the former Bureau of the Budget.

Mr. Ash was born October 20, 1918, in Los Angeles and is a lifelong resident of that city. Although he had no undergraduate work, Mr. Ash graduated first in his class when he received his MBA degree from the Harvard School of Business in 1947.

He was with the Bank of America from 1936 to 1942 and from 1947 to 1949. During World War II, he served with the Air Force and attained the rank of Captain. From 1949 to 1953, Mr. Ash was chief financial officer of the Hughes Aircraft Company.

Mr. Ash has been co-chairman of the Japan-California Association, and immediate past president of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council; trustee of the California Institute of Technology, the Committee for Economic Development and the Urban Institute; and a member of the executive committee of the U. S. -Japan Advisory Council.

Mr. Ash is married to the former Lila M. Hornbeck. They have five children, two of whom are married.

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