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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The Defense Planning Committee of the North Atlantic Council has appointed Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, Jr., of the United States Navy, as Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, to succeed Admiral Ralph W. Cousins with the same powers and functions. The appointment of Admiral Kidd, which was recommended by President Ford, will become effective in May 1975.

The President had asked North Atlantic Council member governments to release Admiral Cousins from his assignment as Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. The Defense Planning Committee agreed to this request with great regret, and expressed to Admiral Cousins, in the name of the governments represented on the Committee, lasting gratitude for the distinguished service rendered by him during his tour of duty.

At the request of the Defense Planning Committee, President Ford submitted the nomination of Admiral Kidd for consideration by the Committee. Admiral Kidd was previously assigned as Chief of Naval Material.

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