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The President today announced the appointment of Jeanne M. Holm, Major General USAF (Retired) as Special Assistant to the President for Women. She will succeed Patricia S. Lindh who has resigned to become Deputy Assistant Secretary of State.

General Holm was born in Portland, Oregon and was a professional silversmith before enlisting in the armed forces during World War II. She is a graduate of Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

At the time of her retirement from the Air Force in June last year, General Holm was the highest ranking woman ever to serve in the U.S. armed forces, and had served as Director of the Air Force Personnel Council in the Office of the Secretary. During her military career she served in a variety of staff and command assignments here and overseas. From 1965 to 1972 she held the post of Director, Women in the Air Force. She is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, has received the Legion of Merit and has twice been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

In 1975, she was the recipient of the Ladies Home Journal Woman of the Year award in Government and Diplomacy. She has also received the Citation of Honor from the Air Force Association.

General Holm is a member of the boards of advisors of Who's Who in America, Catalyst, Outstanding Young Women of America and has served as a member of the Boards of Camp Fire Girls of America, and Air Force Historical Foundation. She is a member of the Executive Women in Government (founding member), Air Force Association, American Newspaper Women's Club (associate member), National Women's Political Caucus, Women's Hall of Fame and the U.S. Strategic Institute. She is currently serving as a consultant to the Defense Manpower Commission.

She resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

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