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The President today announced his intention to nominate John J. Bennett, of Alexandria, Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy. His area of responsibility will be Installation and Logistics. He will succeed Jack L. Bowers who has resigned effective August 28, 1976. Mr. Bennett has been Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installation and Logistics since January, 1975.

Mr. Bennett was born on September 4, 1923, in Camden, New Jersey. He received his M.B.A. degree from Michigan State University in 1961 and his D.B. A. degree from George Washington University in 1974. From 1942 to 1945 and from 1946 to 1969, he served in the United States Air Force.

During Mr. Bennett's career in the Air Force, he served in various management positions beginning in September, 1961, as Assistant to the Comptroller for Air Force Systems Command. From August, 1967, to August, 1969, he was Assistant to the Assistant of Air Force for Manpower and was Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

In August, 1969, Mr. Bennett became Executive Director of Mauchley Educational Institute and President of Syscom, Inc. From April, 1970, to January, 1975, he was Manager of Aerospace/Defense Practice for Peat Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

Mr. Bennett is married to the former Dolores Griffiths and they have three children.

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