

**Biographies of Cabinet Department
Secretaries during the
Gerald R. Ford Presidency,
1974-1977**

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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Peter J. Brennan, 54, of New York, New York, to be Secretary of Labor. He will succeed James D. Hodgson, whose resignation the President accepted today with special regret. Mr. Hodgson's resignation will be effective upon the confirmation of a successor.

Mr. Hodgson has been Secretary of Labor since July 1, 1970, when he was sworn in at San Clemente, California. The President announced his intention to nominate Mr. Hodgson for the Cabinet position on June 10, 1970.

Mr. Brennan has been President of the New York City and New York State Building and Construction Trades Councils, AFL-CIO, for the last 15 years. He was elected President of the Council in New York City in 1957 and President of the Council in New York State in 1958.

Mr. Brennan was born May 24, 1918, in New York City. Following his graduation from Commerce High School, he started as an apprentice in the Painter's Union and became a master painter and official of his local union while attending classes at City College of New York.

Following service in the U. S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II, he resumed his union activities in New York City. In addition to his positions in the Building and Construction Trades Councils, he is a Vice President of the New York State AFL-CIO.

During his career as a union official, Mr. Brennan has served on many church, civic and youth groups on the local and state levels. He is currently a Vice President and Director of the Police Athletic League of New York and is active in Youth Council and Boy Scout activities in New York City.

Mr. Brennan was appointed by Governor Rockefeller to the New York State Job Development Advisory Committee and the New York State Labor Department's Safety Advisory Committee. On September 16, 1971, the President appointed Mr. Brennan to the National Advisory Committee for the Education of Disadvantaged Children for a term of two years.

The recipient of many local, national and international awards during his career in labor, Mr. Brennan worked with the Workers' Defense League to bring minorities into the apprenticeship training programs of the building and construction trades unions.

Mr. Brennan is married. He and his wife have three children and five grandchildren.



DECEMBER 7, 1972

Office of the White House Press Secretary
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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Claude S. Brinegar, of Rolling Hills, California, to be Secretary of Transportation. He will succeed John A. Volpe, who has been Secretary of Transportation since January 1969 and who will be nominated to be Ambassador to Italy.

Mr. Brinegar has been with the Union Oil Company of California since 1953. He is a Senior Vice President of the firm and is a member of Union Oil's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Mr. Brinegar also serves as President of the Union 76 Division of Union Oil.

He joined Union Oil as an Economic Analyst and held several positions in economics, planning and research until 1965, when he was elected Vice President for Corporate Planning. In that capacity he managed the merger between Union Oil and the Pure Oil Company. In October 1965 he was appointed President of Pure Oil and remained in that position until 1968 when Pure became Union 76 and he was elected to his current positions.

From 1950 to 1953, while pursuing graduate degrees, Mr. Brinegar was a Research Assistant with the Food Research Institute in Stanford, California, and an Economic Consultant to the Emporium-Capwell Corporation in San Francisco, California. He has been an extension instructor for the University of California at Los Angeles (1955-60), Whittier College (1956) and the California Institute of Technology (1957), and has contributed to several professional journals.

Mr. Brinegar was born December 16, 1926, in Rockport, California. He served in the U. S. Army Air Force from 1945 to 1947. Mr. Brinegar received three degrees from Stanford University, a B.A. in economics with Great Distinction in 1950, an M.S. in math ~~statistics~~ in 1951 and a Ph.D. in economic research in 1953. While at Stanford he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

He is a Director of the American Petroleum Institute and is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization and the American Statistical Association. Mr. Brinegar was a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Mental Health Association from 1964 to 1965.

Mr. Brinegar is married to the former Elva Jackson and they have three children. They are former residents of Yorba Linda, California, and now reside in Rolling Hills, California.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

EARL LAUER BUTZ
Biographical Data

Earl Lauer Butz has been Dean of Continuing Education at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana and Vice President of the University's Research Foundation since 1968. He was Dean of the School of Agriculture at Purdue from 1957 - 1968. From 1954 - 1957, Butz served as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for marketing and foreign agriculture at the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C.

Butz joined Purdue University in 1937 as an instructor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. He became head of the Department in 1946 and continued in that position until his appointment as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

During a leave of absence from Purdue from 1943 - 1945, Butz served as a research economist for the Brookings Institution and then as a member of the research staff of the National Bureau of Economic Research. He is the author of a book, "The Production Credit System for Farmers", published in 1944.

Born in Albion, Indiana on July 3, 1909, Butz earned a B.S.A. degree at Purdue University in 1932. He received his Ph. D. in 1937 from Purdue. From 1933 - 1934 he farmed in Noble County, Indiana, and upon the completion of his graduate work in 1937 served a year as a research economist with the Federal Land Bank in Louisville, Kentucky.

A past director of the Farm Foundation (1960-70), Butz has also served as Chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the Food and Agriculture Organization (U.N.) in Rome first in 1955 and again in 1957. He is a director of the Foundation for American Agriculture, Washington, D. C., a member of American Farm Economics Association, the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers and the International Conference of Agricultural Economists.

Butz and his wife, the former Mary Emma Powell, have two sons. They reside in Lafayette, Indiana.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JANUARY 14, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate William T. Coleman of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of Transportation. He will succeed Claude S. Brinegar who has resigned effective February 1, 1975.

Since 1952, Mr. Coleman has been with the law firm of Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish, Kohn and Dilks of Philadelphia. He was elected a partner in 1956. From 1949 to 1952 he was with the firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison of New York City.

Mr. Coleman was born on July 7, 1920, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his A. B. degree summa cum laude in 1941 from the University of Pennsylvania and his LL. B. degree magna cum laude from the Harvard University School of Law in 1946. He was a Langdell Fellow at Harvard Law School from 1946 to 1947. He then served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter from 1948 to 1949.

Mr. Coleman is married to the former Lovida Hardin and they have three children. They reside in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Frederick B. Dent, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, to be Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, with the rank of Ambassador. This is a new position reestablished by Public Law 93-618 of January 3, 1975. He will succeed William D. Eberle who resigned effective January 31, 1975.

Mr. Dent was President of Mayfair Mills in Arcadia, South Carolina from 1958 to 1972. During 1946 and 1947, he was with Joshua L. Baily & Company, Inc., in New York City. He joined Mayfair Mills in 1947.

He was a Director of Mayfair Mills, the General Electric Company and the South Carolina National Bank. Mr. Dent was Chairman of the Spartanburg County Planning and Development Commission from 1960 to 1972. He was a member of the Business Council and was a Trustee of both the South Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association and the American Textile Manufacturers Institute.

Mr. Dent was a member of the Commission on an All-Volunteer Armed Force (Gates Commission) from its inception in March 1969 until it reported to the President in February 1970.

He was born on August 17, 1922, in Cape May, New Jersey. He received his A.B. degree from Yale University in 1943 and served with the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946.

Mr. Dent is married to the former Mildred C. Harrison. They have five children.

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FEBRUARY 8, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary
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The President today announced his intention to nominate John T. Dunlop, of Belmont, Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Labor. He will succeed Peter J. Brennan who has resigned. Dr. Dunlop will continue as Coordinator of the President's Labor-Management Committee and will serve as a member of the Economic Policy Board.

Dr. Dunlop has taught economics at Harvard University since 1938 and was Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences from 1970 to 1973 and is currently a Lamont University Professor. He was Chairman of the Construction Industry Stabilization Committee from 1971 to 1973 and has served as a member of the National Commission on Productivity since 1970.

For the last 25 years Dr. Dunlop has served on numerous Presidential boards, panels, committees and commissions studying labor disputes and has had a long association with the Labor Department dating back to 1938. During World War II, he worked with the National War Labor Board, and was a consultant to the Office of Economic Stabilization and the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. Since that time he has served as a member or consultant to a number of State and Federal organizations on matters relating to labor relations and economics.

Dr. Dunlop is the author and editor of a number of books and has made contributions to other books as well as professional journals.

He was born in Flacerville, California on July 5, 1914. He is married to the former Dorothy Webb. They have three children and reside in Belmont, Massachusetts.

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APRIL 4, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary
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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Stanley K. Hathaway, of Torrington, Wyoming to be Secretary of the Interior. He will succeed Rogers C. B. Morton who the President intends to nominate as Secretary of Commerce.

In January 1967, Governor Hathaway began serving as Governor of Wyoming, a post he held until January 1975. A lawyer, he served as Goshen County Prosecuting Attorney in Wyoming from 1954 to 1962.

As Governor of Wyoming, Mr. Hathaway served as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Governor's Conference from 1968 to 1969 and was Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Management from 1973 to 1974. He was Vice Chairman of the Western Governors' Conference from 1969 to 1970 and Chairman from 1970 to 1971.

Governor Hathaway was born on July 19, 1924, in Osceola, Nebraska. He received his B. A. degree in 1948 and his LL.B. degree in 1950 from the University of Nebraska. He served in the United States Army Air Force from 1943 to 1945.

Governor Hathaway is married to the former Roberta Harley and they have two children.

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FEBRUARY 13, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Carla Anderson Hills, of California, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. She will succeed James T. Lynn who was sworn in as Director of the Office of Management and Budget on February 10, 1975.

Since April, 1974, Mrs. Hills has been Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, for the Department of Justice. From 1962 to March, 1974, she was a partner with the law firm of Munger, Tolles, Hills & Rickershauser of Los Angeles. During this time she also was adjunct professor at the University of California at Los Angeles in the spring of 1972. She served as Assistant United States Attorney in Los Angeles from 1959 to 1961.

She was born on January 3, 1934, in Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Hills studied at Oxford University during 1954 and received her A. B. degree from Stanford University in 1955 and her LL. B. degree from Yale University Law School in 1958. She was admitted to the California State Bar in 1959. She is also a member of the Supreme Court Bar of the United States. She is the co-author of FEDERAL CIVIL PRACTICE (1961) and the editor and co-author of ANTITRUST ADVISOR (1971).

Mrs. Hills is married to Roderick M. Hills and they have four children. They reside in Washington, D. C.

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DECEMBER 18, 1974

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THE WHITE HOUSE

HENRY A. KISSINGER
Biographical Data

Henry A. Kissinger was sworn in as the 56th Secretary of State on September 27, 1973. Secretary Kissinger also serves as Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, serving until September 19, 1974. Since 1954 he had been a member of the faculty of Harvard University both in the Department of Government, and at the Center for International Affairs. He was Associate Director of the Center from 1957 to 1960. He served as Study Director, Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy, for the Council on Foreign Relations from 1955 to 1956, and Director of the Harvard International Seminar in 1951.

Secretary Kissinger is the author of six books and over forty articles on foreign policy. He is a recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship (1965-66) and the Woodrow Wilson prize (1958) for the best book in the fields of government, politics, and international affairs.

A Summa Cum Laude graduate of Harvard College, he received his M. A. in 1952 and Ph. D. in 1954 from the Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the Army Intelligence Corps and from 1946 to 1949 he was Captain of the Military Intelligence Reserve. Born May 27, 1923 in Furth, Germany, Secretary Kissinger is the father of two children, Elizabeth, and David, and is married to the former Nancy Maginnes. They reside in Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Thomas S. Kleppe, of Bismarck, North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior. He will succeed Stanley K. Hathaway who resigned effective on the appointment and qualification of a successor.

Since January 1971, Mr. Kleppe has been Administrator of the Small Business Administration. He was elected to the 90th Congress from North Dakota's Second Congressional District in November 1966. After his election to the 91st Congress in 1968, he served as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Republican Policy Committee. From 1950 to 1954 he was Mayor of Bismarck.

In 1946, Mr. Kleppe joined the Gold Seal Company in Bismarck, North Dakota and became Treasurer of the firm and served as President and Treasurer from 1958 to 1964. He became Vice President of J. M. Dain & Company, an investment banking firm headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, serving until 1966.

Mr. Kleppe was born on July 1, 1919, in Kintyre, North Dakota, and attended Valley City Teachers College. He served in the United States Army as a warrant officer from 1942 to 1946.

He is married to the former Glendora Loew and they have four children. They reside in Kensington, Maryland.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today has appointed John A. Knebel as Secretary of Agriculture. This is a recess appointment.

Since December 1975, Mr. Knebel has been Under Secretary/Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. From April 1975 until his appointment as Under Secretary, he was a partner in the law firm of Brownstein, Zeidman, Schomer and Chase. He was appointed in January 1973, as General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, after having served as General Counsel of the Small Business Administration since March 1971. Prior to joining the SBA, he served as Assistant Counsel to the House Committee of Agriculture. He also served as Legislative Assistant to former Congressman J. Ernest Wharton of New York during the 88th Congress (1963-64).

Born on October 4, 1936, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. Knebel was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1959 and received his M.A. degree from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska in 1962. He received his law degree from American University in 1965 and was engaged in the private practice of law with the Washington, D.C., firm of Howrey, Simon, Baker and Murchison, from 1965 to 1968. Mr. Knebel is a member of the American, Federal, and District of Columbia Bar Associations, and is chairman of the General Counsels Committee of the Federal Bar Association.

Mr. Knebel is married to the former Zenia Marks, of Wycoff, New Jersey and they have three children. They reside in McLean, Virginia.

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