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1. WILLIAM CLARK, THE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER, HAS TODAY APPOINTED AS HIS DEPUTY, ROBERT C MCFARLANE WHO, UNTIL TODAY WAS COUNSELLOR AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. ADMIRAL NANCE THE PREVIOUS DEPUTY AND ACTING NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER DURING THE WEEKS LEADING TO RICHARD ALLEN'S DEMISE, WILL REMAIN ON THE STAFF WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS, AS YET UNSPECIFIED.

2. MCFARLANE, WHO IS 44, IS A FORMER US MARINE COLONEL WHO SERVED AS KISSINGER'S MILITARY ASSISTANT IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND SUBSEQUENTLY ON THE NSC STAFF UNDER BOTH THE FORD AND NIXON ADMINISTRATIONS. MCFARLANE WAS APPOINTED COUNSELLOR AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR AND HAS BEEN HAIG'S CLOSEST AND MOST TRUSTED ASSISTANT. HE WAS SENT TO ISRAEL IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ISRAELI BOMBING OF THE IRAQI NUCLEAR REACTOR TO TRY TO ESTABLISH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ISRAELIS ON THE FUTURE USE OF AMERICAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT. HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MOST OF THE MAJOR ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY DECISIONS EG ON POLAND. MCFARLANE'S APPOINTMENT REFLECTS CLARK'S DESIRE TO HAVE A THOROUGHLY SOUND AND KNOWLEDGEABLE DEPUTY WITH FOREIGN POLICY EXPERIENCE WHO, BECAUSE OF HIS RELATIONS WITH HAIG, WILL MINIMISE FRICTIONS BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE NSC.

3. CLARK HAS ALSO APPOINTED, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, THE CONSERVATIVE WRITER BILL BUCKLEY, THE VETERAN FORMER DIPLOMAT AND CONGRESSWOMAN CLARE BOOTHE LUCE, AND FORMER AIR FORCE SECRETARY THOMAS REED AS CONSULTANTS. THEY ARE TO SPEND A MONTH REVIEWING NSC OPERATIONS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE WHITE HOUSE HAS, FOR THE FIRST TIME, LAID DOWN IN PUBLIC HOW THE NSC COORDINATING MACHINERY WILL WORK. THE STRUCTURE (FULL TEXT BY BAG) IS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED FROM THAT INTRODUCED WHEN RICHARD ALLEN BECAME NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER. THERE ARE THREE SENIOR INTERAGENCY GROUPS (SIG'S) DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY, DEFENCE POLICY AND INTELLIGENCE.

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THE GROUPS ARE CHAIRED RESPECTIVELY BY STOESSEL, CARLUCCI AND CASEY AND STAFFED BY THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS. THE PURPOSE OF THESE GROUPS IS TO TRY TO RESOLVE AS MANY POLICY ISSUES AS POSSIBLE AT A LEVEL BELOW THAT OF THE FULL NSC WHICH IS CHAIRED BY THE PRESIDENT AND ATTENDED BY CABINET MEMBERS. THE COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURES OF THESE SENIOR INTERAGENCY GROUPS AS LAID DOWN IN THE NEW WHITE HOUSE DIRECTIVE GIVE CONSIDERABLE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS, BY CONTRAST TO THE PROMINENT ROLE TAKEN BY THE NSC UNDER BRZEZINSKI.

4. ALL THESE MOVES, STARTING WITH CLARK'S APPOINTMENT, ARE INDICATIVE OF A MAJOR FRESH ATTEMPT TO AVOID THE DAMAGING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND ADVICE WHICH CHARACTERISED THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, WHILE CORRECTING THE OBVIOUS INADEQUACY OF THE NSC UNDER ALLEN. MCFARLANE SHOULD BE A VERY IMPORTANT ASSET IN THIS RESPECT.

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PRESIDENT REAGAN'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER.

FOLLOWING SEVERAL DAYS OF AUTHORITATIVE PRESS SPECULATION THAT HE WAS TO BE REPLACED AS NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER, RICHARD ALLEN TODAY RESIGNED. A STATEMENT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THAT ALLEN AND THE PRESIDENT HAD AGREED THAT, IN VIEW OF RECENT CONTROVERSY, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF ALLEN LEFT HIS JOB. FOR THE TIME BEING, AT LEAST, HE WILL SERVE ON THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD. THIS IS PRESUMABLY A DEVICE TO LET HIM DOWN GENTLY; THE BOARD MEETS ONLY RARELY AND HAS HAD LITTLE INFLUENCE.

2. ALLEN HAS BEEN REPLACED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY WILLIAM CLARK. UNLIKE ALLEN, HE WILL HAVE DAILY, DIRECT ACCESS TO THE PRESIDENT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE JOB OF NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER HAS BEEN RESTORED TO THE PROMINENCE IT ENJOYED UNDER KISSINGER AND BRZEZINSKI EVEN THOUGH THE NEW INCUMBENT LACKS THEIR STANDING ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES.

3. NO SUCCESSOR TO CLARK AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS YET BEEN ANNOUNCED.

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