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William P. Clark, National Security Advisor to the President, announced the President's appointment of Robert C. McFarlane to be Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

McFarlane was Special Assistant for National Security Affairs in the White House from 1973 to 1977, serving under Presidents Nixon and Ford. He was later appointed by Senator John Tower of Texas to be minority staff member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services in 1979. Most recently he was Counselor at the State Department.

The appointment of McFarlane is the first structural and personnel change to be announced by Clark who was Deputy Secretary of State until called by President Reagan to become the National Security Advisor in January.

Clark also today appointed three consultants to assist him in restructuring the three National Security Council staff components of Defense, Intelligence and Policy Planning. They are Thomas C. Reed, of California, to be consultant for the Defense component, the Honorable Clare Boothe Luce, of Washington, consultant for the Intelligence component, and William F. Buckley, Jr., of New York, consultant for Policy Planning. Clark said the consultancies are effective immediately and shall extend for 30 days. Each consultant shall receive reasonable and necessary expenses.

Clark also announced the transfer from the State Department to the National Security Council staff of Jeremiah O'Leary, of Alexandria, Virginia. O'Leary is a former White House correspondent for the Washington Star and retired Marine Colonel. He will serve as a special assistant to Clark.

Clark also announced the appointment of Richard C. Morris, of California, to be a special assistant in the office of the National Security Advisor to the President. Morris has been serving as executive assistant to Clark at the State Department. He formerly was a research attorney for Clark when Clark was Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court.

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