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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON J. EDWARD DAY

J. Edward Day newly-appointed Postmaster General was born in Jacksonville, Illinois on October 11, 1914. He attended public schools in Springfield, Illinois and was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1935. Day received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1938. After practicing law in Chicago for four years he entered the United States Navy serving as a Commanding Officer of a sub-chaser in the Pacific and later aboard a destroyer-escort in the Atlantic.

Mr. Day returned from the service in late 1945 and returned to the practice of law in Chicago in the same law firm with Adlai Stevenson. In 1950 Governor Stevenson named him Insurance Commissioner of Illinois.

In 1953 with the end of the Stevenson administration Mr. Day joined the Prudential Insurance Company of America at their home office in Newark, New Jersey. In 1957 he was named Vice-President in charge of western operations with headquarters in Los Angeles. Mr. Day served on two California commissions appointed by Governor Edmund Brown. He is the Vice-Chairman of the Governor's Committee on Metropolitan Area Problems. He is a member of the Governor's Business Advisory Council.

Mr. Day, a Democrat, was a delegate to the 1960 Democratic National Convention.

He married the former Mary Louise Burgess of Winetka, Illinois in 1941. They have three children: Geraldine, 17; Molly, 14; James Edward, Jr., 12. The family residence is located at 127 Fremont Place, Los Angeles.

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