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CHARLES WILLIAM DUNCAN, JR.

Charles William Duncan, Jr., was sworn in as Secretary of Energy on August 24, 1979. He was nominated by President Carter on July 20, 1979, and confirmed by the United States Senate on July 31, 1979.

A native of Houston, Texas, Mr. Duncan attended the public schools in that city, was graduated from Rice University in 1947 with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering, and completed two years of graduate study in management at the University of Texas.

Following his graduation from Rice University, Mr. Duncan worked as a roustabout and chemical engineer for Humble Oil and Refining Company. During World War II, he served in the United States Army Air Corps.

Mr. Duncan joined Duncan Coffee Company, the predecessor of Duncan Foods Company, in 1948. He was elected administrative vice president in 1957, and president of the company in 1958. When Duncan Foods Company was merged into The Coca-Cola Company in 1964, he was elected to The Coca-Cola Company Board of Directors. For a period of three years, Mr. Duncan lived in London, England, and had responsibility for the company's European operation. He was elected executive vice president of Coca-Cola in May 1970, and President of the company in November 1971. He resigned this position in May 1974 to return to Houston. After returning to Houston, Mr. Duncan served as Chairman and Director of Robertson Distribution Systems and of Rotan Mosle Financial Corporation from May 1974 through 1976.

President Carter appointed Mr. Duncan to be Deputy Secretary of Defense and he served in that position from January 31, 1977, until he assumed his current position.

In addition to the above business affiliations, he has held key positions in a variety of civic, educational and charitable organizations.

Mr. Duncan was born September 9, 1926, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Duncan, Sr., of Houston. He and his wife, the former Anne Smith, have two children -- Charles William Duncan III, 19, and Mary Anne, 18.

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