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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MYER FELDMAN

Myer Feldman was named today by Senator Kennedy as Deputy Special Counsel in the White House. During the transition period until January 20, 1961 Mr. Feldman will assist David E. Bell in his liaison work with the Bureau of the Budget.

Since 1958, Mr. Feldman has served as Legislative Assistant to Senator Kennedy. After Senator Kennedy's nomination for the Presidency, Mr. Feldman was appointed Director of Research for the Kennedy-Johnson campaign.

Mr. Feldman was born in Philadelphia on June 22, 1917. He received his elementary and high school training at Girard College in Philadelphia and then attended the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance and Commerce (B.S. economics, 1937) and the University of Pennsylvania Law School (LLB, 1940). He graduated from both with honors. After graduation he taught at the University of Pennsylvania Law School while practicing law in Philadelphia.

On December 7, 1942 Mr. Feldman entered the U.S. Army Air Corps and he was discharged in March 1946 as a Staff Sergeant.

In 1946, Mr. Feldman was appointed attorney for the Securities and Exchange Commission and was successively promoted until, in 1952, he had the highest staff position in the agency, that of executive assistant to the Chairman. In 1953 he served as liaison between the Truman Administration and the Eisenhower Administration with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In 1955 he was appointed counsel to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, acting in that capacity in the stock market investigations and for the two years subsequent to that time.

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Mr. Feldman is married to the former Silva Moskovitz of Philadelphia and they have two children, Jane Margaret, 13, and James Alan, 10. The Feldmans reside in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Feldman is the author of numerous articles dealing with business, law and finance and is co-author of the four-volume work, "Standard Pennsylvania Practice." He has also taught law at American University Law School in Washington, D.C. From 1952 to 1959 Mr. Feldman was President of the University of Pennsylvania Law Alumni Association of the Washington, D.C. area.