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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
BILL SIMON

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Eleanor

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Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
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FOR INFORMATION:

Hamilton Jordan

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Secretary Califano memo 5/4 re appointment of Mr. Don I. Wortman as Deputy Commissioner of Social Security.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE STAFF SECRETARY BY:
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
DAY: Wednesday
DATE: May 11, 1977

ACTION REQUESTED:
X Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:
X I concur.
X No comment.

Please note other comments below:

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[Signature: John A. Califano Jr.]
RESUME

DON Y. WORTMAN

POSITION: Acting Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration

BIRTHPLACE AND DATE: Lakota, Iowa November 10, 1927 Married: Father of three sons

EDUCATION: B.A. Economics - Macalester College, 1951
M.A. Public Admin. - University of Minnesota, 1952
Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft McNair 1961-62

MILITARY SERVICE:
Army Specialist Training Program - July 1945--January 1946
Army Air Force - February 1946--November 1947

EXPERIENCE:
3/8/77-PRESENT Acting Admin., Health Care Financing Administration

1/77-3/8/77 Acting Admin., Social and Rehabilitation Service

7/76-1/77 Director, Office of Regulatory Review; Special Assistant to the Secretary for Regulatory Reform--Responsible for implementing Secretary's policies to achieve: a) improved public participation in development of regulations; b) better internal management of regulations to assure timely issuance; c) review of regulatory documents before Secretary's signature. This is a major reform effort in the Department.

1973-1/76 Deputy Asst. Secy for Program Systems, Dept. of Health Education and Welfare: Development and operation of Dept's policy planning and coordination activities; design of activities to strengthen capacity of state/local governments to plan and manage human resource programs; provision of and planning for data processing and statistical services. Served in a variety of special assignments for the Secretary: Conf. on Inflation, Energy Coordinator and Dir., HEW Refugee Task Force.

EXPERIENCE:
(Cont'd)

1965-1971
Office of Economic Opportunity/Controller; Dir.,
Office of Community Action Support; Assoc. Dir. for Prog.
Operations, Community Action Program; Deputy Asst.
Dir. for Research, Plans, Programs and Evaluation; Chief,
Programs and Evaluation Division—for first two years,
performed planning, program analysis, policy development
and budget responsibilities...For next four years, served
as an operating official in the Community Action Program
in administering programs through ten Regional Offices.
Concluded OEO phase as Controller.

1953-1965
Atomic Energy Commission/Dir., Requirements and
Facilities Division, Albuquerque Operations Office; Dir.,
Budget Division, ALO; Deputy Asst. Mgr. for Prog. Analysi,
and Budget, Div. of Military Application; Mgt Intern
through Senior Program Analyst—Develop professional
skills in budget in variety of assignments in atomic
weapons program both in Washington and Albuquerque.
Last assignment was directing staff of engineers in
assessing production capacities and capabilities in
meeting future workloads and new weapon designs.

HONORS AND
AWARDS:
1970 — Distinguished Citizen Award, Macalester College
1972 — Distinguished Service Award — Price Commission
1973 — Meritorious Service Award, Federal Government
Accountants Association
1975 — Distinguished Service Award, Federal Government
1975 — Certificate of Appreciation, the President of
the United States

CIVIC AND
CHURCH
ACTIVITIES:
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