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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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DATE: JAN 13 78

FOR ACTION: HAMILTON JORDAN *concur*

JIM GAMMILL [?] *concur*

*Hamilton
will respond to
Kreps*

INFO ONLY: THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICK HUTCHESON WHITE HOUSE STAFF SECRETARY PHONE 456-7052

SUBJECT KREPS MEMO DATED 1/13/78 RE DR. GEORGE BENTON AS ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR FOR OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC SERVICE AT NOAA

RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE STAFF SECRETARY

BY 1200 PM MONDAY JAN 16 78

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STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD; DO NOT FORWARD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

JAN 13 1978

"ACTION"

Dear Mr. President:

Section 2(e) of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970 authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to appoint, subject to the approval of the President, three officers who shall be compensated at the rate provided for Level V of the Executive Salary Schedule, and shall perform such functions as the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall assign.

This is to request your approval of the appointment of Dr. George S. Benton, our candidate for the position of Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Services, utilizing one of the above three authorizations.

Dr. Benton of Baltimore, Maryland, is currently a Professor of Meteorology at The Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Benton has spent 26 years with The Johns Hopkins University in various positions, which have included Dean of the Division of Arts and Sciences and Vice President of the Homewood Division. He has also served three years as the Director of the Environmental Research Laboratories (ERL) in Boulder, Colorado. At that time ERL was part of the Environmental Science Services Administration, which is now the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Dr. Benton has administered programs in the scientific fields related to the environmental sciences. This very valuable experience effectively supports his credentials for the position for which he is proposed.

A biographical summary and a statement of proposed duties for Dr. Benton are enclosed. I heartily recommend your approval of this appointment.

Respectfully,


Juanita M. Kreps

Enclosures

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

APPROVED _____

DISAPPROVED _____

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JAN 13 1970

George S. Benton

<u>Date & Place of Birth</u>	<u>Local Residence</u>	<u>Marital Status</u>
September 24, 1917 Oak Park, Illinois	3925 Canterbury Road Baltimore, Maryland 21218	Married - 4 children

Education

S. B., Univeristy of Chicago, 1942 (Meteorology)
Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1947 (Meteorology)

Present Position

July 1977 - Present Professor of Meteorology, The Johns Hopkins University

Prior Experience

1939-1940 - Observer, U.S. Weather Bureau, Department of Commerce, Akron, Ohio
1940-1942 - Jr. Soil Conservationist, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.
1942-1944 - Instructor, Department of Meteorology, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
1945 - Operations Analyst, U.S. Army Air Force
1946-1947 - Instructor, Department of Meteorology, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
1947-1948 - Assistant Professor, Department of Meteorology, University of Chicago
1949-1960 - Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, The Johns Hopkins University
1958-1960 - Acting Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering and Professor of Meteorology, The Johns Hopkins University
1960-1966 - Chairman, Department of Mechanics, and Professor of Meteorology, The Johns Hopkins University
1966-1969 - Director, Environmental Research Laboratories, Environmental Science Services Administration (now NOAA), Department of Commerce, Boulder, Colorado
1967-1969 - Adjunct Professor, Department of Astrogeophysics, University of Colorado
1969-1970 - Chairman, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and Professor of Meteorology, The Johns Hopkins University
1970-1972 - Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science, The Johns Hopkins University
1972-1977 - Vice President for Homewood Division, The Johns Hopkins University

Honors and Professional Affiliations

American Meteorological Society, Fellow; President 1969-1970; President-Elect 1968-1969.
American Geophysical Union, Fellow.
American Association for the Advancement of Science, Fellow; Council Member.
Society for Natural Philosophy, Member.

Honors and Professional Affiliations (cont'd)

Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, Pi Tau Sigma.

Consultant, Member of National Sea Grant Advisory Committee, NOAA.

Consultant, National Science Foundation, Member of Advisory Committee for Research.

Member's Representative, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research; Past Chairman of Evaluation and Goals Committee; Past Vice-Chairman, Joint Evaluation Committee; Past Member of Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

Head, Scientific Delegation to the U.S.S.R. (Weather Modification, 1969)

Member, U.S. Committee on International Programs in Atmospheric Sciences and Hydrology.

Consultant, Office of Science and Technology; National Science Foundation (Advisory Committee for Atmospheric Sciences).

Consultant, E. I. duPont de Nemours; Philadelphia Electric Company

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Services

Executive Level V

The Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Services is one of the Executive Level Positions authorized under section 2e of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970. The primary role of this position is to administer programs to provide a wide variety of meteorologic, hydrologic, climatologic, map and chart, geodetic, and oceanographic data and services to government, industry, the scientific and engineering communities, and the general public. In this capacity establishes program policies and goals to be followed and executed by Major Program Elements such as the National Weather Service, the National Environmental Satellite Service, the National Ocean Survey, and the Environmental Data Service. Recommends and advises on the allocation of funds and/or manpower to achieve the organization's objectives in these areas. Responsible for recommending organizational changes necessary to bring about desirable new program emphasis and efficiencies in operation; and for consulting with the Assistant Administrators for other major NOAA components to design and execute research, technology transfer and services functions intended to meet the needs of these other elements of NOAA and their constituencies. Along with other policy level officers, will assist the Administrator in setting priorities for all NOAA programs.

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RECOMMEND PRESIDENT APPROVE SECRETARY KREPS' RECOMMENDATION.

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HAMILTON JORDAN
1/13/78