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MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD
FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT **DPB**
SUBJECT: Existing and Projected Vacancies
at the Department of Defense

This question may arise during your Hill courtesy calls or confirmation hearings. I thought this might be helpful.

1. Secretary of the Air Force (PAS, Level II)

This position will become vacant upon confirmation of John McLucas at FAA. Tom Reed of California, who is currently Director of Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems, has been advised of the President's decision but he called me yesterday asking that everything be held pending a discussion between the two of you.

2. Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics)
(PAS, Level IV)

This position has been vacant for some time and Mr. Gordon Knapp (resume, Tab A), a tough-minded conservative businessman, who ran against Pete McCloskey, is being considered for the position.
NOTE: Vacant since 3/31/75

3. Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security
(PAS, Level IV)

Bob Ellsworth has intimated that he will be leaving fairly soon, thus creating a significant vacancy.



4. General Counsel of Defense (PAS, Level IV)

This position is currently vacant and Richard Wiley has been approved by the President and cleared but not nominated. Mr. Wiley is an able, impressive man who has been very successful in his law practice. (Resume, Tab B). He feels you would want to talk with him before any further steps are taken.

NOTE: Vacant since 8/5/75

5. Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Finance and Management (PAS, Level IV)

This position has not been filled for quite a long time, and we are currently searching for a woman who has had financial experience to consider for this post.

NOTE: Vacant since 8/1/75

