

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY RUMSFELD

Upon the confirmation and appointment of Mr. Robert Ellsworth as the second Deputy Secretary of Defense, I designate Mr. William P. Clements, Jr., as the principal Deputy Secretary of Defense. Moreover, in accordance with section 134 of title 10, United States Code, precedence in the Department of Defense next after the Secretary of Defense, is established as follows:

- (1) Deputy Secretary of Defense - William P. Clements, Jr., and;
- (2) Deputy Secretary of Defense - Robert Ellsworth;

who in this order shall act for and exercise the powers of the Secretary of Defense when the Secretary is disable or there is no Secretary of Defense and who shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

Ronald R. Felt

