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JOHN F. LEHMAN, JR.  
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

On January 23, 1981, President Reagan announced the selection of John F. Lehman, Jr., to be Secretary of the Navy. He was confirmed by the Senate on January 29 and took the oath of office on February 5, becoming the 65th Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Lehman is a businessman, a scholar, an author, a Naval Reserve Lieutenant Commander and Flight Officer and is one of the youngest men to be appointed Secretary of the Navy.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Lehman was President of Abington Corp., a Washington, D. C.-based management firm that specializes in defense matters.

Mr. Lehman has been involved intimately in defense and foreign affairs since the late 1960's, when he was a staff member of the Foreign Policy Research Institute from 1967 to 1969 at the University of Pennsylvania. From 1969 to 1974 he served as Special Counsel and Senior Staff Member to Dr. Henry Kissinger on the National Security Council, and from 1974 to 1975 was a Delegate to the Mutual Balanced Force Reduction Negotiations in Vienna. He became Deputy Director of the U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in 1975, holding that position until 1977.

Upon graduating from the La Salle College High School, Mr. Lehman enrolled in St. Joseph's College, where he earned a B.S. in International Relations in 1964. That same year, Mr. Lehman enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard. In November 1966 he transferred to the Air Force Reserve. He continued his education at Cambridge University in England as an Earhart Fellow and graduated in 1967, receiving a B.A. with Honours Law and an M.A. in International Law and Diplomacy. He left the Air Force Reserve and accepted a direct appointment in the rank of Ensign in the Naval Reserve in January 1968. He since has been promoted to Lieutenant Commander and designated a Naval Flight Officer (bombardier-navigator) with the Naval Air Reserve Unit, assigned to Medium Attack Wing One, Naval Air Station, Oceana, Virginia. In 1974 he earned his Ph.D. in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania and was a Visiting Fellow at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Lehman has authored or co-authored several publications on national and international defense and foreign affairs subjects. They include: The Prospects for Arms Control, ed. by J. E. Dougherty and J. F. Lehman, Jr. (McFadden: New York, 1965); Arms Control for the Late Sixties, ed. by J. E. Dougherty and J. F. Lehman, Jr. (Van Nostrand: Princeton, 1967); The Executive, Congress and Foreign Policy, by John Lehman, Praeger (New York, 1976); and Aircraft Carriers: The Real Choices, by John Lehman (Sage, 1978).

He was born on September 14, 1942, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is married to the former Barbara Wieland. They have two children, John F., III, 1½, and Alexandra, 3½. They reside in McLean, Virginia.

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