



Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

December 19, 1977

NOTE TO BOB LINDER

Attached is a copy of a letter of resignation from Alfred D. Starbird, Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs, to Secretary James R. Schlesinger in which he requests his resignation be effective December 31, 1977.

Secretary Schlesinger would very much appreciate a letter from the President to General Starbird thanking him for his service as an Assistant Administrator of the Energy Research and Development Administration the position he held prior to his present assignment as Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs.

I would appreciate the letter from the President to General Starbird being returned to me.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks.

Frank
Frank R. Pagnotta

Attachment



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Washington, D.C. 20545

14 December 1977

Honorable James R. Schlesinger
Secretary of Energy
Washington, D. C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

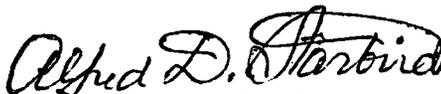
In September, when we spoke about my nomination to be Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, I advised you of a certain policy difference that might occur which could impair my ability to discharge the duties of that office in a manner consistent with Administration policy. Subsequently, I informed Mr. Thomas Reed that I preferred to stay on in my current position in an acting capacity for a period to assist in the transition and establishment of the Department. On September 28, 1977, you appointed me to be the Acting Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs. I understood at the time from Mr. Reed that you desired that I serve until a successor was nominated and confirmed.

I have since had a conversation with you and several with Under Secretary Dale Myers concerning possible successors and the length of my tenure.

I believe that the transition and integration into the DOE of the Defense Programs activities have been well begun and would best be taken over at this time by a permanent successor. I also believe it essential that a permanent successor be appointed as early as possible, so that he may have time to familiarize himself with the issues that will arise in the Defense Programs area early in the next year, and administer the Department's defense program in accordance with the policies of the Administration. Accordingly, for these and for other personal reasons, I have decided to resign the position of Acting Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, effective December 31, 1977.

I have felt that the assignment of Acting Assistant Secretary was extremely rewarding and have nothing but admiration for you and the organization you have formed. I wish you early and continued success in the meeting of your critically important energy responsibilities and your equally important defense assistance programs.

Sincerely,


Alfred D. Starbird
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Defense Programs



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Washington, D.C. 20585

February 10, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: James R. Schlesinger
FROM: Frank R. Pagnotta *FRP*
SUBJECT: Efficiency Report for
Major General Joseph K. Bratton, USA

General Alfred D. Starbird has prepared an endorsement to be signed by you with respect to Major General Joseph K. Bratton, USA.

General Starbird feels very strongly that the endorsement should be signed by only you as it will have a most important impact with the Department of Defense.

I have reviewed the report and it seems to be pro-forma and the language used by military personnel in the evaluations which carry weight in a military officers future career and advancement. The language provided by General Starbird does not exceed the general practice.