



Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

January 18, 1978

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FROM: Frank R. Pagnotta *FR*
SUBJECT: Resubmission of Presidential Nominations
for the Department of Energy

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Jim Gammill's office is handling this matter and I strongly recommend that you sign the attached Memorandum to the President requesting the resubmission of the DOE nominations.

I will hand carry the Memorandum to Hamilton Jordan if you concur.

I have been informed that it is not expected that any nominations will be submitted to the Congress by the White House this week. Although, there is a slight possibility that a few nominations might go up on Friday.

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(Resource Applications)

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Department of Energy

These three nominations were submitted during the last
Session of Congress to the Senate but were not confirmed
prior to adjournment.

Pres. Nominees



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Linder
FROM: Frank R. Pagnotta
SUBJECT: Resignation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "FRP", written over the name "Frank R. Pagnotta" in the memorandum header.

Attached is the resignation of Mr. Thomas E. Noel who was appointed by the President as Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Resource Applications.

It would be appreciated if you could have a letter prepared for the President's signature accepting Mr. Noel's resignation which is effective 31 January 1978.

Many thanks.

Attachment



Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20461

January 12, 1978

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

Dear Mr. President:

I hereby submit my resignation as an Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy. I would like for it to be effective on January 31st. I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to serve in a variety of energy posts over the past three and one-half years, but am now ready to leave the government in order to pursue other interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Noel".

Thomas E. Noel
Acting Assistant Secretary
Resource Applications



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Hamilton Jordan

FROM: James R. Schlesinger

SUBJECT: Presidential Nomination for the
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Attached is my Memorandum to the President recommending Mrs. Goldie Lee Watkins for the position of a Commissioner on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mrs. Watkins is a Black, a Democrat and uniquely qualified for this position.

All the necessary documents required for the processing of her nomination are attached with the exception of her 1974 IRS Tax Forms which will be obtained.

Attachments



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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM SCHLESINGER
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Commissioner,
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Subject to your concurrence I am recommending Mrs. Goldie Lee Watkins for the position of Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mrs. Watkins is presently serving as the principal Radiological Health Specialist: Chief, Radioactive Licensing and Certification Section of the New York State Department of Health, Albany, New York.

She has served in this position since 1972 and has previous work experience particularly in the fields of radioactive materials, licensing and inspections while employed at the Atomic Energy Commission from July 1963 to August 1965 and again at the Atomic Energy Commission from August 1967 until July 1968.

Mrs. Watkins will fill an existing vacancy for a term that expires on June 30, 1978.

I am certain that Mrs. Watkins will be a valuable addition to your Administration.

Attachment: Biographic Material

DOE - Proceed to full

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United Press International

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