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Making Way for the Supercrats

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Presidential assistant Peter M. Flanigan, the White House liaison in financial circles where offices are a status symbol, is reportedly miffed over an eviction notice moving him out of the prestigious West Wing.

Flanigan previously has occupied space in both the White House and the Executive Office Building next door.

Now, according to sources at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, he has been told to relinquish his third-floor White House office, useful for impressing visiting Wall Street tycoons and international bankers.

Flanigan, under orders from powerful presidential assistant H. R. (Bob) Haldeman, will shift to the EOB and make space within the White House for one of the new "supercrats."

Dignitaries here for the memorial service to the late President Harry S. Truman last week lunched at Blair House. Mid-way through the meal, someone brought Margaret Truman Daniel a message which was announced to the assembled guests. Her book on her father had

just made the top of The New York Times' best-seller list . . . Rep. Shirley Chisholm, protesting the exclusion of women journalists from Washington's Gridiron Club, regretted their annual dinner last year with a telegram that read: "Gentlemen, guess who ISN'T coming to dinner?" Then the Gridiron elected its first black member, columnist Carl Rowan, and he called the New York congresswoman to say: "Shirley, guess who IS coming to dinner this year?" For him, she has accepted this time . . .

When Chicago's W. Clement Stone gave a \$20,000 party for top Republican officials at the convention last summer, he presented male guests with a bronze likeness of himself imbedded in lucite and handsomely boxed. The souvenir has become a collector's item to those who treasure high camp and a Georgetown antique dealer offered one White House aide \$100 for his . . . Ohio Rep. J. William Stanton and his wife are Redskins fans and season-ticket holders. Nevertheless, because Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula once worked for Stanton in his car agency, the Stantons will go to the Superbowl to root against the Washington team . . .

Octogenarian matriarch Rose Kennedy, introduced to a visitor from Germany at a party in Palm Beach last week, startled the stranger by conversing in fluent German. "Oh, yes, I speak German," explained Mrs. Kennedy. "I was educated in Germany as a young girl. But, with two World Wars, I never had much chance really to use it" . . . Motion Picture Association president Jack Valenti is still unpacking his Christmas present from his wife. She bought him the entire Modern Library set from Random House, 168 volumes in seven crates . . .