

New Deputy APR 16 1975 Press Aide For Ford

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William I. Greener Jr., a former aide to White House staff chief Donald Rumsfeld, has taken over as President Ford's chief deputy press secretary.

Greener moved into the White House without announcement Monday, taking over the office held by Louis M. Thompson, who was fired Friday by press secretary Ron Nessen.

The 50-year-old Greener, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, was press officer for the Cost of Living Council when Rumsfeld was director.

White House sources indicated Thompson was fired because Nessen held him responsible for news leaks in the foreign policy-national security area.

The Des Moines Register, in an interview with Thompson, quoted him as saying he was not the source of a report last week by CBS News correspondent Bob Schieffer that a movement was under way in the White House to replace Henry Kissinger as chairman of the National Security Council.

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