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White House Files Hold Data on 3,000 In Top U.S. Jobs

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Some 3,000 top-level Government employees have been advised that their names and other vital statistics — including ethnic background and political affiliations — are filed in a White House computer.

The names of another 3,000 persons who have applied for top Government jobs are also in the computer, and they have

also been notified, according to Samuel Schulhof, deputy special assistant to the President.

The letter states:

“Due to the current concern over Government data collection, I am writing to formally notify you of the computerized information kept by the White House personnel office on all full-time noncareer employees in the Federal Government. This information is kept as an incidental administrative action necessary for carrying out the constitutional and statutory functions of the Presidency.

“The computerized data are maintained for statistical reasons. Information is listed about your position, mailing and legal addresses, age, edu-

cational and work background, and, when available your ethnic and political background.”

The letter was signed by David J. Wimer, special assistant to the President.

Mr. schulhof said the two types of files had long enabled the White House to keep track of Presidential political appointees and potential candidates for top jobs, adding that putting the information on the computer makes them more useful.

Mr. Wimer's letter invites those whose names are in the computer to review the information—most of it usually supplied by them originally — to make sure it is accurate.