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Scowcroft To Retire On Dec. 1

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Brent Scowcroft, President Ford's new assistant for national security affairs, will formally retire from the Air Force on Dec. 1, White House press secretary Ron Nessen said yesterday.

Asked for details on exactly when Scowcroft had succeeded Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger as head of the National Security Council, Nessen said Scowcroft filed papers retiring as an Air Force general on Nov. 10 and would be technically on leave from that service until Dec. 1. The Pentagon announced last week that he was retiring as a lieutenant general.

The press secretary said the President signed Scowcroft's commission as a presidential assistant last Thursday, but the commission, as well as an oath Scowcroft signed on the same day, were dated on the day of filing for retirement, Nov. 10.

The date has a bearing on two contempt citations against Kissinger that the House intelligence committee had dropped. The committee is proceeding with a third citation on grounds that Kissinger has failed to turn over subpoenaed documents.

The committee dropped the two citations after Mr. Ford noted that Kissinger was not the right man to cite in the first place because he had not been head of the security council since Nov. 3.

The White House also announced that Mr. Ford has accepted the resignation of Jeffrey M. Bucher as a member of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System, effective Jan. 2.

Bucher became a governor of the central bank in mid-1972. No successor has been named.

Mr. Ford also accepted the resignation of William J. Janklow of Pierre, S.D., a member of the board of directors of the Legal Services Corp. effective at once.