

White House Job-Filling Speeds Up

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Over the last few days, the White House has been announcing appointments — management positions in the Department of Defense, assistant secretaries in the departments and others — just as if the government were functioning under normal conditions.

The reason is that Roy L. Ash, director of the Office of Management and Budget, has been moved in to fill one vacuum left by the resignations on April 30 of H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, the two top presidential aides forced out of office by the Watergate disclosures.

Final approval of appointments to scores of vacant posts in the government had piled up unattended for weeks as Haldeman and Ehrlichman, who had authority for final clearance, were preoccupied with Watergate problems.

Ash said more appointments will continue over the next few weeks.

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