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**JOHN C. BENNETT**  
Retired major general

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**Haig Gives Former Aide  
 White House Staff Job**

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Retired Army Major General John C. Bennett has joined the White House staff as chief deputy to General Alexander M. Haig, President Nixon's chief of staff, it was disclosed yesterday.

Gerald L. Warren, deputy White House press secretary, said Bennett, 48, who retired last August after 27 years in the military, had already taken up his duties. Haig will retire from the army August 1. He now also is Army Vice Chief of Staff.

The White House confirmed Bennett's appoint-

ment after it was reported in local newspapers.

Asked about the selection of two generals for what had been civilian White House posts, Warren said it was natural for Haig to call on former associates to aid him in his new post. The two served together at the Pentagon a few years ago.

Mr. Nixon brought Haig to the White House in May as an interim replacement for H. R. Haldeman who resigned April 30. Last week, Mr. Nixon announced that Haig's appointment would become permanent.

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