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FAA administrator - Undated story says the White House decided "this week" to name Charles Conrad Jr., former astronaut, to head the FAA, according to "Government sources," but is reconsidering because of the Senate vote 20 May against reinstating Butterfield as a retired colonel. "These sources said that the vote reflected strong opposition to naming another retired military man, and that there was considerable doubt whether Mr. Conrad could be confirmed."

NYT 23 May 75, Richard Witkin

Butterfield }
Charles Conrad Jr. } See entry, FAA administrator

Helen McCain Smith, Mrs. Nixon's former press secretary, has been appointed as assistant information officer at the U.S. Embassy in London (no date). Her appointment is protested today by the American Foreign Service Association, which charges that this was done under pressure from the White House and that normal procedures for entering the foreign service have been violated. Mrs. Smith left WX 21 May to assume the post in London.

Story says she continued to work at the White House for Mrs. Ford after Ford became President.

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