

Ford aides get 'Cabinet-rank' posts

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WASHINGTON — With President Ford looking on, Robert T. Hartman took the oath yesterday as presidential counselor with Cabinet rank.

Hartman, one-time chief of the Washington bureau of the Los Angeles Times and a Ford aide since 1966, was sworn in by John J. Ratchford, executive clerk of the White House, in Ford's office.

The President said he and his staff had put in a full day of work and declared, "We're moving along."

He described Hartman, his staff chief when he was vice president, as invaluable.

Earlier, Ford announced that John O. Marsh Jr., a former Democratic congressman from Virginia, and a member of the vice presidential staff, also would become a Cabinet-rank counselor.

Press Secretary Jerald F. terHorst said Hartman and Marsh will not have specialized responsibilities.