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Carter Considers a Broader Vietnam Pardon

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President-elect Jimmy Carter said yesterday that his staff is considering whether to expand the categories of Vietnam war resisters he will pardon during the first week of his administration.

Standing outside the Plains Baptist Church, Carter indicated to reporters that a broader pardon is under consideration. He said, however, that no decision has been reached.

"We're trying to decide how to word the pardon," he said. "It's going to be done the first week I'm in office, but the different categor-

ies of violators is something we're assessing now. I don't know."

A handful of pickets favoring full amnesty, which Carter has not offered, also were outside the church.

Hamilton Jordan, Carter's chief personnel recruiter, confirmed that John Doar is one of several candidates under consideration for the job of attorney general and that representative Robert Bergland (Dem-Minn.) is on a list of possible agricultural secretaries.

Doar, who headed the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment staff and headed the Justice

Department civil rights division under the Johnson administration, is practicing law with the New York firm of Donovan, Leisure, Newton and Irvine. His daughter, Gael, 25, joined the Carter campaign last August and is now a secretary to one of Carter's top aides, Greg Schneiders.

During his election campaign, Carter limited his promise of pardon to those who fled the country to escape the draft.

He did not include among those eligible for general pardon the many military deserters or the servicemen who received less than honorable discharges for anti-war

activities. Those persons, he said, would be dealt with on an individual basis.

Some groups have criticized Carter's campaign proposals, saying they aid mostly the white upper and middle classes who had the financial option of escaping the country rather than getting drafted.

Carter's close adviser, Atlanta attorney Charles Kirbo, is preparing the pardon order with a team of lawyers that includes David Berg, a Houston, Tex., attorney who won a draft evasion case before the Supreme Court.

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