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HEARINGS

BEFORE THE

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
UNITED STATES SENATE

NINETY-SECOND CONGRESS

SECOND SESSION

ON

MAJ. GEN. VERNON A. WALTERS, U.S. ARMY, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, WITH GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL

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NOMINATION OF MAJ. GEN. VERNON A. WALTERS, U.S. ARMY, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WITH GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1972

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:05 a.m., in room 212, Old Senate Office Building, Hon. John C. Stennis (chairman) presiding.

Present: Senators Stennis (presiding), Smith, Thurmond, and Goldwater.

Also present: T. Edward Braswell, Jr., chief counsel and staff director; John T. Ticer, chief clerk; John A. Goldsmith, and Edward B. Kenney, professional staff members.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order.

We will start this meeting in open session. If anyone wants to discuss any matter that is classified regarding the CIA, we will go to closed session.

We meet today to consider among other things, the nomination of Maj. Gen. Vernon A. Walters for appointment as Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency. This nomination also includes his promotion to the grade of lieutenant general.

By way of background, General Walters has served on active duty in the Army for 31 years, and for the most part has been involved in serving at various embassies as well as an interpreter for high level officials.

General Walters, we are glad to have you here. We would be glad to receive any statement, that you might see fit to make. We do think you ought to tell us something about yourself and why you are willing to serve in this position if you are appointed. You have already been nominated, of course, subject to confirmation of the Senate. We are in open session now. If you want to go into any of the intimate thoughts that you have about the responsibilities, we will have a closed session.

(The nomination reference and biography of General Walters follow:)

NOMINATION REFERENCE AND REPORT

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION,
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
March 2, 1972.

Ordered, That the following nomination be referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

The following-named officer, under the provisions of title 50, United States Code, section 403, for appointment as Deputy Director, Central Intelligence

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Agency, a position of importance and responsibility designated by the President under the provisions of title 10, United States Code subsection (a) of section 3066, in grade as follows:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Vernon Anthony Walters, 065–09–5317, U.S. Army.

MAJ. GEN. VERNON A. WALTERS

Vernon A. Walters was born in New York City on January 3, 1917. He lived abroad with his parents and attended St. Louis Gonzaga School in Paris, France, and Stonyhurst College in England.

His military career began on May 2, 1941, when he entered the Army as an enlisted man. His first assignment was with the 187th Field Artillery at For Ethan Allen, Vt. In early 1942 he attended the Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., an graduated as a 2d lieutenant of infantry on May 29, 1942. He was assigned to the 85th Division as platoon leader of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon of Headquarters Company 338th Infantry. Subsequently, he was given additional duty of regimental S–2.

Late in 1942, he was assigned to Camp Ritchie, Md., and went overseas with the 9th Infantry Division, taking part in the assault landing at Safi in Morocco on November 8, 1942. For his part in this action, he was awarded the Legion of Merit and promoted to 1st lieutenant. After serving in Algeria and Tunisia, he returned to the United States as Chief of Section at the Intelligence School at Camp Ritchie. While serving there, he attended the special course for Brazilian Officers at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1943. Subsequently, he returned to Italy, serving as aide to Gen. Mark W. Clark, Commanding General of the 5th Army. Upon the arrival of the Brazilian Expeditionary Force in Italy, Captain Walters was assigned as combat liaison officer with the 1st Brazilian Infantry Division remaining with them until the end of the war. He was then assigned as assistant Army attaché in Brazil. He served there from 1945 to 1948.

During the visits of President Truman, General Marshall and General Eisenhower, he served as aide to interpret for them. In April 1948, he went to the 9th Pan American Conference at Bogota as aide to General Marshall, then Secretary of State. During this conference, a revolt occurred in which Fidel Castro was involved. For his work at Bogota, Lieutenant Colonel Walters received the Army Commendation Ribbon. In June 1948, he was assigned to Ambassador Averell Harriman as assistant military attaché-at-large with station in Paris, and in 1949 he was appointed Army attaché-at-large. Returning to the United States with Ambassador Harriman in June 1950, he became military assistant to the special assistant to the President. At this time, he accompanied Governor Harriman to Korea and to the meeting between President Truman and General MacArthur at Wake Island. In January 1951, he accompanied General Eisenhower on his visit to 12 NATO countries, and in February 1951 he was assigned to SHAPE Headquarters in Paris.

He served there as assistant executive for national military representatives, and subsequently as assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Administration. He also served as assistant to the President at the Geneva Conference in 1953. Returning to the United States in January, he was assigned to the U.S. element of the NATO Standing Group as public information officer and special projects officer. During this period, he had additional duties as staff assistant to the President of the United States, accompaning General Eisenhower on all of his foreign trips. He attended courses at Fort Bliss, Tex., and Sandia Base, N. Mex., and in May 1960 was ordered to Rome, Italy, as Army attaché, serving there until October 1962, when he was assigned to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as Army attaché, the post he held until May 1967. Subsequently, he performed temporary duty in Vietnam before reporting to his next assignment as Defense attaché in Paris, where he was stationed from July 1967 to March 1972.

Personal data: Born: January 3, 1917, New York City. Father: Frederick J. Walters (deceased). Mother: Laura P. Walters (deceased).

General Walters is unmarried.

Official Address: c/o the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20025.

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Chronological list of promotions:

2d lieutenant	May 29, 1942
1st lieutenant	Dec. 30, 1942
Captain	Apr. 20, 1943
Major	Sept. 30, 1944
Lieutenant Colonel	Nov. 3, 1950
Colonel	Apr. 25, 1960
Brigadier General	Feb. 1, 1965
Major General	Feb. 1, 1968

Citations and decorations: Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Bronze Star Medal; Air Medal; and Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Custer).

Service Medals: American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; European Theatre Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Army Occupation Medal (Germany); National Defense Service Medal; and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Foreign Decorations: France: Officer of the Legion of Honor, Croix de Guerre with Palms. Brazil: Combat Cross, Order of Military Merit, War Medal, Campaign Cross, and Southern Cross. Italy: Bronze Medal of Valor, Commander of the Crown of Italy, and Commander of Order of Merit of Italian Republic. Peru: Grand Cross of Order of Merit. Portugal: Military Merit. Spain: Military Merit.

Badges: DOD, White House.

Personal background material: General Walters is interested in languages and history. He speaks French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, and Russian. He enjoys swimming, skiing and chess.

Religion: Roman Catholic.

STATEMENT OF MAJ. GEN. VERNON A. WALTERS, U.S. ARMY, NOMINEE TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

The CHAIRMAN. General Walters, do you have a statement?

General WALTERS. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do.

The CHAIRMAN. Will you proceed.

General WALTERS. As you noted, Mr. Chairman, I have been in the Army for 31 years. I came into the Army as an enlisted man, and went to Officers Candidate School. Almost my entire commissioned career has been involved in intelligence, on the military side only.

I have served 24 years of those 31 outside the United States, which is a very considerable amount.

I do appreciate the nomination of the President. It has been my practice in the Army never to ask for and never to refuse any assignment.

I understand that this is the most responsible and the most challenging assignment I have ever had. And if the Senate confirms the President's nomination, I will do my best to deserve the trust and confidence that has been placed in me.

The CHAIRMAN. Of course, you know the present Director of the CIA, Mr. Helms.

General WALTERS. I think he is one of the great assets of the United States, Mr. Chairman. As I understand my position, the deputy is not in the chain of command, he only exercises such authority as is delegated to him by the Director.

The CHAIRMAN. It seems to me that is a mighty good attitude. And it is a necessary attitude, I think, but it doesn't always work.

General WALTERS. No.

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The CHAIRMAN. I believe you military men know far better than the average how to take orders as well as give orders.

General WALTERS. I know the difference between one and two, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. And that is a quality to be admired, frankly. You impressed me with that when you came by to say hello, the way you emphasized it.

By the way, I am not complaining about it but why does this carry the increase in grade to lieutenant general?

General WALTERS. It always has, Mr. Chairman, as far as I know.

The CHAIRMAN. Not written law, but it just goes with the position.

General WALTERS. I believe it has traditionally gone with the position.

The CHAIRMAN. This committee, as you know, is the parent committee so-called of the CIA. This committee back years ago wrote the first law. And it is to this committee that the CIA has the primary obligation of reporting. That doesn't mean that we try to have an exclusive on everything. But we are the primary one that is responsible to the Senate for the legislation and money for the CIA.

You fully realize that and appreciate it, do you not?

General WALTERS. I certainly do, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. We have briefings here for the entire membership from time to time. We also have a subcommittee on the CIA. You are already familiar with that?

General WALTERS. I am familiar with the mechanism and how it works.

The CHAIRMAN. Of course, it goes without saying, but I want to bring it up anyway. You will make yourself in harmony with the legislative pattern that we operate under as long as it doesn't contradict what you think is your duty in the office you hold, is that right?

General WALTERS. That is right, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. This appointment is not for a definite term, this is at the pleasure of the President, isn't it, Mr. Braswell?

Mr. BRASWELL. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Subject to the idea of the pleasure of the President, do you have any idea now or anything in mind about how long you will serve? I mean by that, are you just planning to serve a year or 2 years or anything of that kind? What is your idea about your tenure?

General WALTERS. I have no fixed idea on that, Senator I came into the Army hoping to make major, and I have gotten so much further than I have expected to go that I do not have any ambition beyond that.

The CHAIRMAN. You are not talking about major general, you are talking about the position just above the captain?

General WALTERS. Yes, sir. That was my initial ambition.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, that is a good way to put it.

You have familiarized yourself as far as you can with your duties already, to some extent?

General WALTERS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you think your past experience in intelligence is going to be of service to you in this assignment?

General WALTERS. Yes, I do.

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The CHAIRMAN. This is not a personal question, but as I understood, you said you didn't seek this position.

General WALTERS. I did not. I was told I was going to be nominated.

The CHAIRMAN. I wouldn't want anyone to serve that sought it.

Senator Smith?

Senator SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

General Walters, we are pleased to have you here this morning. From your background and experience it would be an indication that the President has chosen well. I have no questions. But I wish you the best.

General WALTERS. Thank you very much, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator Smith.

Senator Goldwater?

Senator GOLDWATER. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman. I just can't help but comment that this is one of the finest examples of America at work that I think I have ever seen. Here is a man who enlisted in the Army and is now being promoted to lieutenant general. He speaks eight languages. He has 13 foreign decorations and six U.S. decorations. And he has no college degrees.

I welcome you into that small fraternity. And I want to congratulate you for your achievements. I think they will serve as a great example to young Americans all over this country who might be feeling that the time is over when initiative and ambition amount to something.

General WALTERS. Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN. Go over those numbers on languages again. How many languages?

Senator GOLDWATER. Eight. I am counting English.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator, I am glad you brought that out.

By the way, there has been no objection filed here of any kind, and there has been no protest by any Senator.

We do have some questions from Senator Hughes. He is a member of our committee. He wants them put in the record for you to answer later. I haven't read those questions, and I don't know whether they should be in executive session or not. So, I will reserve judgment on that. (Submitted in executive session.)

Is there any thing else you wish to state?

General WALTERS. Yes, one more statement. I think in the present state of the world the responsibility of the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency is an enormously heavy one. The best I can tell, he has the confidence of the President and the Congress. My only ambition is to relieve him of any burdens of which he wishes to be relieved and to do anything I can to help him, because I think that confidence that he enjoys is a real asset to the American people.

The CHAIRMAN. That is the way I feel about it. And I think the membership feels the same way about it. Those of us who are here this morning have been around a good while, and we have seen many come and go. And without making any comparisons, he certainly does have our approval for his merit, and he has our confidence and esteem. He does an exceptionally good job in a very difficult task. It is a very difficult task. He is trained for it, and he is the product of the Intelligence Agency itself. And he is a striking illustration of a man coming up within the ranks of intelligence itself.

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If I didn't think that you would supplement and fit in with the Director, I just couldn't support you. Maybe I am a little sensitive about the CIA. But it functions in a fine way. Those who want to tear it apart, or change it all around, I think would destroy it. We would just have to repeal the law.

But I think you have those purposes in mind. And I am satisfied.

Is there anything else?

(No response.)

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Thurmond was unable to be here, and I want to insert in the record a short statement plus certain questions which he desires to be answered.

(The statement, with questions submitted by Senator Thurmond, and answers subsequently furnished follow:)

Senator THURMOND. General Walters, we are pleased to have you here today. You have a fine record and outstanding talents. I believe that your nomination to this post is appropriate recognition for the service which you have rendered to your country in the past, and it is my judgment that you are well qualified to render even greater service in your new capacity.

Mr. Chairman, the New York Times, on December 30, 1971, ran a fine article about General Walters, entitled "General May Get No. 2 Post in C.I.A.," and I ask unanimous consent that it be made a part of the committee record.

GENERAL MAY GET NO. 2 POST IN C.I.A.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29—President Nixon is reported to be considering the appointment of an Army major general, Vernon A. Walters, to be the next deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

General Walters, who is now defense attaché at the Embassy in Paris, would succeed Lieut. Gen. Robert E. Cushman Jr. of the Marine Corps, according to United States and foreign officials here. General Cushman has been named by President Nixon to be next commandant of the Marine Corps and is scheduled to take command Friday.

Spokesmen for the White House, State Department and the C.I.A. declined comment on the report concerning General Walters. Nonetheless, reliable informants said that the general, who has had extensive experience as an interpreter with both President Eisenhower and with President Nixon, was in line to be second ranking official at the agency.

President Nixon's reorganization of the United States Government agencies involved in foreign intelligence, announced Nov. 5, provided an "enhanced leadership role" for Richard Helms, Director of Central Intelligence. At the time, intelligence sources said that Mr. Helms would concentrate evaluating foreign intelligence for the President and on budget and management problems of the intelligence "community" at a whole.

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The Deputy Director, they said, would take over more of the day-of-day operations of the C.I.A., including control of clandestine collection of intelligence through secret agents and such electronic techniques as spy satellites and code-cracking.

Informants here noted that General Walters had served as Mr. Nixon's interpreter during the recent meeting with President Pompidou of France in the Azores. General Walters also served as interpreter for President Nixon early this month during the visit of President Emilio G. Médici of Brazil.

General Walters, whose nickname is Dick, is widely known for his extraordinary linguistic gifts. He is fluent in French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Dutch and Russian. He also speaks some Arabic and Greek. Languages are his hobby.

He was born in New York March 3, 1917, and grew up in Europe, where his father, an American businessman, lived. He attended French schools, and was

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graduated from Stonehurst College in England. He enlisted in the Army on May 2, 1941.

During World War II he was commissioned and assigned as a liaison officer with the Brazilian forces fighting in the United States Fifth Army in Italy under Gen. Mark W. Clark. His language abilities brought him to General Clark's attention and ultimately to the attention of Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, Fifth Army chief of staff.

As defense attaché in Paris and previously in Rio de Janeiro, General Walters is a senior officer of the Defense Department's Intelligence Agency in both rank and experience. He also has a 20-year knowledge of North Atlantic Treaty Organization problems.

Under the National Security Act of 1947, which created the C.I.A. the positions of director and deputy director cannot be held simultaneously by military officers on active duty.

Richard Helms, who was named Director of Central Intelligence in 1966, is the first career civilian intelligence officer to have risen to the nation's top intelligence position. The tradition, however, is to name a military deputy when the director is a civilian—and vice versa.

Senator THURMOND. Now I have a few questions.

(Questions and answers follow.)

1. Question. General Walters, I think that many of us are concerned to see that our foreign intelligence-gathering program relies on a proper balance of factors, such as military data, economic data, political data, and so forth. Your career so far has been in Defense Intelligence. What differences in approach and function do you see between DIA and CIA?

Answer. The basic difference between DIA and CIA is that DIA is concerned with departmental intelligence—that intelligence, both strategic and tactical, which is required by the Military Establishment. Its mission is to serve the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. DIA is concerned primarily with military and military-related matters.

The CIA, as I understand it, is concerned with national intelligence—that intelligence required by the President and the National Security Council in the formulation of national policy. The CIA reviews the intelligence activities of the other Government departments and agencies and advises the National Security Council regarding these activities as they relate to the national security.

2. Question. What do you understand to be the new responsibilities in the post of Deputy Director as a result of the intelligence reorganization of last November?

Answer. As I understand my position, the Deputy Director of CIA is not in the chain of command. The only authority he has is that delegated to him by the Director.

3. Question. How do you evaluate the role of intelligence-gathering in the complex effort of today's international decisionmaking?

Answer. It is certainly my feeling that in this day of serious international tensions in many areas, and actual armed conflict in some, and of the steadily growing destructive capacity of modern weapon systems, the importance of accurate and timely intelligence has never been greater. I believe this intelligence is quite as important in the interest of preserving peace and of contributing to correct policy decisions as it is in assuring adequate national defense for war.

4. Question. Do you have any suggestions as to how our overall intelligence-gathering effort can be improved?

Answer. I think it would be presumptuous of me to offer an opinion on this very important subject at this stage. If confirmed, I will certainly devote close attention to this problem and perhaps in time be able to offer some constructive comments.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you for coming. And we will pass on this as soon as we reasonably can.

General WALTERS. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. That concludes our open session.

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(Whereupon at 10:18 a.m., the committee went into executive session.)

(The nomination of Maj. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, U.S. Army, to be Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency, with grade of lieutenant general, was subsequently approved by the committee in executive session and confirmed by the Senate on April 10, 1972.)

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THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1972

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 9:45 a.m., in room 212, Old Senate Office Building, Hon. John C. Stennis (chairman) presiding.

Present: Senators Stennis (presiding), Symington, Cannon, McIntyre, Byrd, Jr., of Virginia, Hughes, Bentsen, Smith, Dominick, Goldwater, and Saxbe.

Also Present: T. Edward Braswell, Jr., chief counsel and staff director; John T. Ticer, chief clerk; R. James Woolsey, general counsel; H. S. Atkinson, assistant chief clerk; L. R. Garcia, John A. Goldsmith, Hyman Fine, Don L. Lynch, Edward B. Kenney, Charles Cromwell, and George Foster, professional staff members; James Kendall, chief counsel, Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee and Ben Gilleas, director of investigations, Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee.

The CHAIRMAN. Our committee will come to order.

Prior to receiving the report of the Tactical Air Subcommittee the committee will have a brief open session to consider some important nominations.

The first of these is the Honorable John W. Warner, presently Under Secretary of the Navy, who has been nominated to be the Secretary of the Navy.

The second nomination is that of Mr. Frank P. Sanders, presently Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management, who has been nominated to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

The third nominee to be considered today is that of Robert D. Nesen who has been nominated to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management.

We will take these gentlemen in the order that I have called them.

(The nomination reference and biography of Mr. Warner follow:)

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NOMINATION REFERENCE

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION,
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
April 10, 1972.

Ordered, That the following nomination be referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

John W. Warner, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Navy, vice John H. Chafee, resigned.

JOHN W. WARNER

Present address: Milldale Farms, Box 24, White Post, Va. 22663.

Date and place of birth: February 18, 1927, Washington, D.C.

Marital status: Married to the former Catherine Conover Mellon. *Children:* Mary, Virginia and John William IV.

Education: 1946–49, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., B.S. degree (majoring in general engineering courses, physics, and mathematics); 1949–50, University of Virginia Law School; 1952–53, University of Virginia Law School, LL. B. degree.

Active and Reserve military service: 1944–46, U.S. Navy; 1950–52, U.S. Marine Corps; 1949–61 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Employment: 1954, law clerk to the Honorable E. Barrett Prettyman, former chief judge, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit; 1954, admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia; 1954, private practice; 1956, Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia; 1957, assistant U.S. Attorney, Department of Justice. Served as a trial lawyer in the U.S. Attorney's Office until April 1960; 1960, became associated with the law firm of Hogan & Hartson and in 1964 was admitted to the firm as a general partner; February 1969, appointed as Under Secretary of the Navy by President Nixon.

Civil activities: Include serving as a member of the board of trustees of Washington and Lee University and the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation (Washington Cathedral).

John W. Warner maintains his legal residence in the State of Virginia on a farm near White Post in the Shenandoah Valley. He was born February 18, 1927, in Washington, D.C. His father was the late Dr. John W. Warner, a physican, whose family came from Amherst, Va., and his mother, Martha (Budd) Warner, was born in St. Louis, Mo.

He received his early education in the public schools in Washington, D.C., and, following a tour of active military service in the U.S. Navy, entered Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., in September of 1946. He majored in general engineering courses, physics, and mathematics and received his B.S. degree in June of 1949. The following September he entered the University of Virginia Law School. His law training was interrupted for a second tour of active military service in the U.S. Marines and he graduated from the law school with an LL. B. degree in 1953.

Mr. Warner enlisted in the Navy in December 1944, at the age of 17 and was released from active duty in June 1946. He attained the rank of electronic technician, 3d class, following completion of a 14-month course in electronics which concluded with graduation from the school at the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C.

He subsequently enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and was called to active duty as a 2d lieutenant in October 1950. After a tour of duty in Korea serving as communications officer for Marine Attack Squadron VMA–121 and later as communications officer for Marine Air Group 33, he was released from active duty in April 1952. He attained the rank of captain and remained in the Marine Corps Reserve until 1961.

Upon graduation from law school, he was appointed law clerk to the Honorable E. Barrett Prettyman, former chief judge, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. He was admitted to the bar in April 1954, and following a brief period in private practice was appointed a special assistant to the U.S. Attorney in 1956 and in 1957 was appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney, Department of Justice. He served as a trial lawyer in the U.S. Attorney's Office, Washington, D.C., until April of 1960 when he joined the campaign staff of then Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

In November 1960, he became associated with the law firm of Hogan & Hartson and in 1964 was admitted to the firm as a general partner, specializing in corporate and banking law.

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Mr. Warner was appointed Under Secretary of the Navy by President Nixon and sworn in on February 11, 1969, by Secretary of Defense Laird. He is the first Under Secretary to have served in the uniform of both the Navy and Marine Corps.

In addition to duties as Under Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Warner has been given assignments representing the Department of Defense. On July 15, 1971, he was appointed Director of Ocean Affairs with the primary responsibility of representing the Department in international affairs involving law of the sea. Recently the President designated him head of the U.S. delegation which met in Moscow on October 12, to discuss incidents at sea between United States and Soviet naval units. He has again been designated head of the U.S. delegation which will resume talks with a Soviet naval delegation in Washington, D.C. during May 1972.

Mr. Warner is married to the former Catherine Conover Mellon of Upperville, Va. They have three children: Mary, Virginia, and John William IV.

The CHAIRMAN. A valued member of our committee wishes to present Mr. Warner.

Senator Byrd?

Senator BYRD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee.

Three years ago I had the opportunity to present to this committee John W. Warner, the nominee for Under Secretary of the Navy. Today it is my privilege again to present to the committee John W. Warner, this time as the nominee for Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Warner is a native of Washington. He is now a resident of Virginia. During the past 3 years he has served the Department of the Navy with ability and diligence and dedication. He has recently completed a very important trip for our Government to the Soviet Union. And he has, so far as I can determine, rendered effective and able service in his capacity as Under Secretary.

I personally was very pleased that President Nixon chose Mr. Warner to be Secretary of the Navy to succeed Mr. Chafee, who has submitted his resignation. And I commend Mr. Warner to this committee. He has been a long-time friend. I have known him for many years. I have visited in his home, and he has visited in mine. I think he is a splendid individual. I am happy again to have the opportunity to present to this committee, John W. Warner.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator Byrd.

Mr. Warner, you come well recommended to be vouched for by Senator Byrd and backed by what I think is a good record already made.

You know, it is not necessary, but we really want you to make a statement and express your sentiments about the position you have been nominated for, and your general attitude.

STATEMENT OF JOHN W. WARNER, NOMINEE TO BE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Mr. WARNER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My statement will be brief, sir.

First, it is alarming to realize that 3½ years have passed so rapidly, since I appeared before the committee for confirmation.

I am fully aware of the enormity of the problems that are facing the future Secretary of the Navy, and I am prepared to shoulder these decisions with complete responsibility and courage.

Thank you.

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The CHAIRMAN. That is very fine. Some people get into the Pentagon and all do not know what they are getting into. But you know already from the up and down.

Mr. WARNER. Full well, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. We are proud that you are willing to undertake it.

Of course, you serve at the pleasure of the President. But how long do you plan to remain in this position?

Mr. WARNER. I would hope to remain in this Office, if confirmed, for as long as the President of the United States desires.

The CHAIRMAN. Very fine.

Senator Smith?

Senator SMITH. Mr. Chairman, I think that Senator Byrd's presentation and the Secretary's record of the last 3½ years is sufficient for me without asking any questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Very fine.

Senator Symington?

Senator SYMINGTON. Mr. Chairman, I have talked to Secretary Warner and I think his record is clear. And I have met his mother, a native of St. Louis, Mo., who is present here today with the Secretary's three children, so it would be difficult for me not to join with Senator Byrd in recommending his nomination.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Senator Hughes, as you know, this is the Honorable John W. Warner, presently Under Secretary of the Navy, and now nominated to be Secretary of the Navy. He has just made a brief statement. He has been introduced by Senator Byrd. And, so far, he has the support of two out of two of the members who announced themselves.

Senator SYMINGTON. Three out of three.

The CHAIRMAN. Four out of four?

Senator HUGHES. Make it five out of five.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Secretary, the indications are that the vote is not going to be close with respect to you.

Mr. WARNER. Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. I want to say one more word with emphasis, that those of us at the table here appreciate the value of the experience you have already had over there. We appreciate your good record. There is no way to calculate the value to the Government of the experience that you bring with you to the position. And it all adds up to the fact that you won't have any excuse now.

Mr. WARNER. The "buck" now stops with me.

The CHAIRMAN. We appreciate your coming in and we will pass on this in due course. Thank you very much.

Senator BYRD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

(The nomination of Mr. Warner to be Secretary of the Navy was subsequently approved by the committee in executive session and confirmed by the Senate on April 25, 1972.)

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The CHAIRMAN. Members of the committee we have another gentleman here of proven worth, fine experience and great value, Mr. Frank Sanders. He is presently Assistant Secretary of the Navy, he has now been nominated to be Under Secretary.

You recall, too, that before he went to the Pentagon he served in an outstanding way here on the Hill. He was with the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. I came in contact with his work there and I was so well impressed with it that I tried to induce him to come over here and be on this committee's staff.

We are very much pleased to see that you have been nominated for this position now, Mr. Sanders. You are familiar with the work over there already. And we would appreciate anything that you might see fit to say.

(The nomination reference and biography of Mr. Sanders follow:)

NOMINATION REFERENCE AND REPORT

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION,
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
April 10, 1972.

Ordered, That the following nomination be referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

Frank P. Sanders, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, vice John W. Warner, elevated.

FRANK SANDERS

Present address: 12413 Overridge Road, Potomac, Md. 20854.

Date and place of birth: July 30, 1919, Tarboro, N.C.

Marital status: Married to the former Mary Ellen Gilbert. *Children:* Two sons.

Education: Graduate, Armstrong Junior College, Savannah, Ga., and Law School, George Washington University (juris doctor). Completed course work, with honors, for masters degree, government and politics, University of Maryland; thesis under preparation.

Military service: 1941 entered Army as a private, discharged as captain 1945. Member Army ORC 1945 to present with grade at present of lieutenant colonel. 1965 transferred to Inactive Reserve. Decorations, Bronze Star and European theater ribbon with three battle stars.

Employment: 1938–1940, Surveying, engineering and draftsman work, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission; 1946–49, administrative assistant, Hon. John H. Kerr, Member of Congress; 1949–68, staff, Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives; 1968–71, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Logistics); 1971, present Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management).

Other activities: Past president, board of trustees, Gospel Mission, Washington, D.C.; member, board of trustees, Washington Bible College; member and elder, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Md.; associate member, Institute for Strategic Studies, London; and member, Psi Sigma Alpha (political science honorary fraternity).

BIOGRAPHY FRANK SANDERS

Mr. Frank Sanders was born in Tarboro, N.C., on July 30, 1919.

He graduated from Armstrong Junior College, Savannah, Ga., and the George Washington Law School. He completed the course work for a masters degree in government and politics at the University of Maryland with honors and is currently preparing his thesis.

Prior to being appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management) on August 2, 1971, Mr. Sanders was Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Logistics) for 2½ years.

Before that appointment, Mr. Sanders was a member of the staff of the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives for 19 years. During

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this period he was assigned as staff assistant to subcommittees particularly involved with appropriations for various functions of the Department of Defense.

Mr. Sanders entered the Army as a private in 1941 and was discharged as a captain in 1945. As a member of the Army Officer Reserve Corps since that time he has advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel. During World War II he served in the intelligence and survey section of the division artillery staffs of the 85th and 34th Infantry Divisions. His personal decorations include the Bronze Star and the European Theater Ribbon with three battle stars.

Mr. Sanders is a past president, board of trustees, Gospel Mission, Washington, D.C.; member of the board of trustees, Washington Bible College; member and elder, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Md.; associate member, Institute for Strategic Studies, London; and member, Psi Sigma Alpha political science honorary fraternity.

He currently resides in Potomac, Md., with his wife, the former Mary Ellen Gilbert. They have two sons, Douglas and Frank, Jr.

STATEMENT OF FRANK P. SANDERS, NOMINEE TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Chairman, I feel as Mr. Warner does. It seems as if it was just a short time ago when I was here before you on my nomination to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Logistics) but it was 3½ years ago, and then just a few months ago I had the privilege to appear before you again on my nomination to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management). On both occasions I made the same statement, that this country and my God have been very good to me and that I consider this an opportunity to further serve them. I am very honored to be nominated by the President to serve as a career Government employee in these positions. If approved, I intend to give this new position my utmost dedication. I will do anything that I can to further communications and relationships between the Navy, this committee and the Members of the Congress, so that we can work together as a team to solve many of the national security problems which face us, as well as some of the other problems which the services have which are all too common to the social problems today, such as those Senator Hughes has discussed with the Under Secretary and myself.

I am most grateful and humble that the President has given me an opportunity to serve in this position subject to your decision.

The CHAIRMAN. That is a very fine statement Mr. Sanders. I know you mean every word of it, too. And I am gradually deciding that what we have more of in this vast military program is men of your ability and qualifications, as career men in this Secretariat level, or whatever you want to call it, and not just sojourners for a year or two. You exemplify the best in that field.

Mr. SANDERS. Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What are your present intentions about serving? Of course, you serve at the pleasure of the President. You have no plans to leave?

Mr. SANDERS. Sir, I have no plans to leave. My only plans are to serve as long as the President and the Congress desire me to serve.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Senator Smith?

Senator SMITH. Mr. Chairman, I approved the nomination of Mr. Sanders before when he came up, because I have such high respect for his experience and his background which I think that, with his continuity of service in this position, must be very valuable.

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I am very glad to have you here, Mr. Secretary. And you have my best wishes.

Mr. SANDERS. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Symington?

Senator SYMINGTON. Mr. Chairman, I think this is a fine appointment. I am for Mr. Sanders; he has a background that I think is very necessary.

Just one observation. I think a viable economy and a sound dollar is just about as important to national defense as physical security.

We have gotten to a point now where weapons systems that could be justified perhaps on the basis of what is needed, cannot be justified because the economy cannot afford it. Knowing of your tremendous experience in this field, and remembering some of your discussions, I would hope that you would get rid of all of the unnecessary costs that you can in order that the country may have the best possible security, economic plus physical.

Mr. SANDERS. I intend to do that to the best of my ability, Senator Symington.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Goldwater, this is Mr. Frank Sanders, presently Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and now nominated to be Under Secretary.

Senator GOLDWATER. I have no comments, Mr. Chairman, except to say that I look forward with pleasure to voting for him. He has done a good job and will do a good job.

Mr. SANDERS. Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Byrd?

Senator BYRD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Sanders has my full support.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Hughes?

Senator HUGHES. Likewise.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much. Is there anything further you wish to say?

Mr. SANDERS. Not a thing, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. There is one point that I meant to mention originally. All three of these gentlemen whose nominations are before us have cleared our Chief of Staff with reference to the total conflict of interest. They do not have stocks that are subject to our rule. Mr. Nesen, who is coming up, has indicated that he owns four stocks now on the so-called defense master list, which will be sold in the event he is confirmed.

Thank you very much, Mr. Sanders. We appreciate your coming in. That will be all for this time.

(The nomination of Mr. Sanders to be Under Secretary of the Navy was subsequently approved by the committee in executive session and confirmed by the Senate on April 25, 1972.)

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The CHAIRMAN. We will pass now to Mr. Nesen.

(The nomination reference and biography of Mr. Nesen follows:)

NOMINATION REFERENCE AND REPORT

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION,
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
April 13, 1972.

Ordered, That the following nomination be referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

Robert D. Nesen, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, vice Frank P. Sanders.

ROBERT D. NESEN

Present address: 85 Avocado Place, Camarillo, Calif. 93010.

Born: January 22, 1918, St. Louis, Mich.

Marital status: Married to Delta Electa Hudson Nesen. *Children,* William Gregory 32, Randall Russell 23, and Gary Dean 19.

Education: Tri-State Engineering College, 1935–36, Angola, Ind.; Curtis-Wright Tech, 1940–41, Glendale, Calif.; aeronautical engineer diploma (graduated honor student). Courses taken in Naval Reserve Officer School, Los Alamitos during last 8 years: International relations (2 years); international law (1 year); counter insurgency (1 year); and ABC warfare (1 year).

Military service: U.S. Naval Reserve 1942–66, active duty January 1943–February 1946; retired status February 1, 1967, Lieutenant Commander, USNR, 21 years, 7 months, 15 days, satisfactory service, USNR; aviation-flying (Navy wings 1943).

Employment: 1936–40, U.S. Post Office Department, St. Louis, Mich.; March 1942–July 1942, Air Research Corp., Inglewood, Calif.; July, 1942–December 1942, Air Service Command, Army Air Corps; 1942–46, U.S. Navy (active duty); 1946–47, owner-manager, Coast Aero Flying School, Oxnard, Calif.; February 1971 to present, owner-president, R. D. Nesen Oldsmobile-Cadillac, Inc., Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Oxnard, Calif., 1948–71).

Memberships and other activities: Rotary, Oxnard, Calif., director, 1963 to present; Chamber of Commerce, Oxnard, Calif., director, 1950–71. B.P.D.E., Oxnard, Calif., 1947 to present, director; Motor Car Dealers of Southern Calif., president, 1948 to present; Masonic, Oxnard, Calif., 1957; Navy League of U.S., National Director, 1952 to present.

The CHAIRMAN. Members of the committee, this is Mr. Robert Nesen of California, who has been nominated to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management. He is to be the successor to Mr. Sanders.

Mr. Nesen served on active duty in the Navy during World War II, and has been in the automobile business since 1948 in California.

Mr. Nesen, you have four stocks that are on the master list that we go by. And you have said and say now that you will dispose of those if you are confirmed?

STATEMENT OF ROBERT D. NESEN, NOMINEE TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Mr. NESEN. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You have been here during the conversation and statements and questions of these other gentlemen. Do you have anything you would like to say or wish to say now?

Mr. NESEN. Mr. Chairman, it will be very short. I would only like to say that it is certainly a great honor to be nominated for this position. And with the consent of this committee, I will certainly do everything in my power to fulfill the Office that I am about to enter upon.

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The CHAIRMAN. You are appointed subject to the pleasure of the President. Would you expect to serve as long as it is the pleasure of the President, or do you have any intentions of leaving after a given time?

Mr. NESEN. No, at the pleasure of the President.

The CHAIRMAN. Would you give us just a little bit more about what you have been doing. You said you have been in the automobile business since 1948. Where, for instance?

Mr. NESEN. In Oxnard, Calif., and for the last 2 years in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

The CHAIRMAN. I see.

Mr. NESEN. I might say also that I had 19 years in the Naval Reserve—I am a Navy pilot—along with my active duty in the service.

The CHAIRMAN. You are a businessman, as we use that term, and you are familiar with finance?

Mr. NESEN. Yes, sir.

I am a founding director of a national bank, plus also a founding director of an insurance company, from which I will resign. I will resign both of those directorships.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you say founder and director of the national bank?

Mr. NESEN. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And a founder and director of an insurance company?

Mr. NESEN. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. How long have you been in that bank?

Mr. NESEN. The bank, 7 years, and the insurance company, 5 years.

The CHAIRMAN. They are located, of course, in California? What place?

Mr. NESEN. The bank is in Oxnard, Calif., and the insurance company is in Los Angeles.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you happen to know these gentlemen that have been here with you? Have you been in the Pentagon?

Mr. NESEN. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. I mean, have you had a position there?

Mr. NESEN. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. All right. Senator Smith?

Senator SMITH. Mr. Nesen, it is good to see you again and have you here. And you have my best wishes.

I have no questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Symington?

Senator SYMINGTON. Mr. Nesen, it is a pleasure to see you here, sir.

I see you have been president of the Motor Car Dealers of Southern California from 1948 until now, is that correct?

Mr. NESEN. No, sir; that is not correct. I have been a member of that since then. I was president in 1964 and 1965.

Senator SYMINGTON. I just wondered if there was any activity in that organization that you would have to give up?

Mr. NESEN. I am presently also chairman of the insurance trust of that organization, from which I will resign, also.

Senator SYMINGTON. Do you do any business with the Navy?

Mr. NESEN. No, sir.

Senator SYMINGTON. And you would be careful to maintain that status if you took this new position?

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Mr. NESEN. Yes, sir.

Senator SYMINGTON. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Senator Goldwater?

Senator GOLDWATER. I have known Mr. Nesen as a neighbor for some time. I am aware of his abilities. And I am aware of the fact that he has been raised on Arizona water. And that makes a pretty good man out of him.

Mr. NESEN. It is good water, too.

The CHAIRMAN. I am very happy to see him nominated for this, and it will give me a great deal of pleasure to support him.

Senator Cannon, you have just come in. Do you want to look that over a minute and pass it to Senator Byrd?

Senator CANNON. Yes; I pass for the moment, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. We will come back to Senator Cannon.

Senator Byrd?

Senator BYRD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no questions. I support the nominee.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Saxbe.

Senator SAXBE. I have no questions. I support the nominee.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Hughes?

Senator HUGHES. I have no questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Cannon?

Senator CANNON. Mr. Chairman, I have no questions.

The CHAIRMAN. I think you have very important duties over there. And I am sure your purposes are very fine.

I am just wondering, have they told you how you will get into this, and how you are going to start off?

Mr. NESEN. Yes, sir; we have been discussing it the last few days. It seems that they have a very capable staff over there, and they are going to start breaking me in. I think I can use my business principles and I hope to carry them on into this.

The CHAIRMAN. I am sure they will be of great value to you. And we certainly wish you well.

Thank you very much.

Mr. NESEN. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. We are glad to have our visitors here this morning, but we now will go into executive session, and will have to ask you to leave.

Senator BYRD. Mr. Chairman, I have to go to the Finance Committee. Would you vote my proxy?

The CHAIRMAN. I certainly will.

(Whereupon, at 10:10 a.m., the committee went into executive session.)

(The nomination of Mr. Nesen to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy was subsequently approved by the committee in executive session and confirmed by the Senate on April 25, 1972.)

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