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KENNEDY C. WATKINS ELECTED SECRETARY OF NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

Washington, D.C. May 25, 1970. Kennedy C. Watkins has been elected Secretary of the National Gallery of Art, it was announced today by the Director of the Gallery, J. Carter Brown. Mr. Watkins has been deputy secretary of the Gallery since 1965.

Mr. Watkins' new executive position became effective May 11. He assumes responsibilities not only as Secretary to the Board of Trustees but also as the Gallery's in-house legal advisor.

Mr. Watkins is a graduate of Harvard University where he obtained his master's degree in law in 1937. He acquired his bachelor's degrees in arts and law from George Washington University in 1932 and 1936, respectively. He entered federal service in the Treasury Department, Bureau of Internal Revenue, in 1937. For two years during World War II, he served as an attorney in the Office of Chief of Ordnance, with the rank of

Major. After the war, he returned to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

In 1948, he was appointed assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. While in this capacity, he taught at George Washington University, lecturing on the subject of federal taxation as an assistant professor. In 1951, he attended the Industrial College of the Armed Services as the representative of the Treasury Department. In 1953, he left government service to become tax attorney with the Association of American Railroads. He joined the staff of the National Gallery in 1965 as deputy to Ernest R. Feidler, Secretary-Treasurer and General Counsel, who retired from the Gallery on May 8.

Mr. Watkins is a member of numerous professional organizations. A fourth generation Washingtonian, he is married and has three children.

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