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NATIONAL GALLERY NAMES E. JAMES ADAMS
SECRETARY AND GENERAL COUNSEL;
JOSEPH G. ENGLISH BECOMES ADMINISTRATOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. May 20, 1971. E. James Adams has been elected Secretary and General Counsel of the National Gallery of Art, it was announced today by the Gallery's Director, J. Carter Brown. The appointment was made at a Board of Trustees meeting last week and became effective immediately.

As Secretary and General Counsel, Mr. Adams serves as secretary to the Board and as the Gallery's staff legal advisor.

Mr. Adams, who has been with the Gallery since 1950, has been the Administrator since 1965, prior to which he held the position of Deputy Secretary, Treasurer and General Counsel.

Born in Los Angeles in 1916, Mr. Adams attended public schools in California, Chicago and Cleveland. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1938 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Michigan Law School in 1941.

From 1942 to 1946 he served as an officer in the United States Coast Guard in the North African, European, Pacific and American theaters, receiving five battle stars, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Bronze Star.

After the war he joined the Office of the General Counsel in

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the United States Treasury Department, and in 1950 came to the National Gallery as Assistant Secretary and General Counsel.

In 1941 Mr. Adams married the former Kathryn P. Johnson, and they have three children, Linda (Mrs. Russell Bronstein), Douglas, and Brian. He lives in Rockville, Maryland.

Mr. Adams' successor as Administrator is Joseph G. English, who joined the Gallery's staff in 1970 as Deputy Administrator. In his new position Mr. English has charge of personnel, security, maintenance and general operations of the Gallery.

Mr. English, who is 33 years old, entered Government service in 1963 with the Bureau of the Budget (now Office of Management and Budget). Prior to this he was a staff assistant for special projects with the Polaroid Corporation in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Mr. English, a 1958 graduate of Harvard University with a degree in economics, is the son of a New Hampshire state senator, Robert English, and the grandson of the Ambassador to Japan at the outbreak of World War II, the late Honorable Joseph C. Grew.

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