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## 2 KEY AIDES QUIT JOHNSON'S STAFF

Goodwin and Busby Served  
as White House Idea Men

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 15—The White House announced today the resignation of two of President Johnson's key aides, Horace Busby Jr. and Richard N. Goodwin.

Both have been idea men and speech writers for Mr. Johnson in their \$28,500-a-year jobs as special assistants to the President.

Mr. Busby, a Texan who has long been an intimate of the President's, has been serving as Cabinet secretary, with responsibility for liaison between the Executive departments and the White House. Recently he was also assigned as deputy to McGeorge Bundy, Special Presidential Assistant for National Security Affairs.

Mr. Goodwin, an articulate man and a facile writer, has been a star in Mr. Johnson's firmament for a much shorter time than Mr. Busby. The President has come to rely heavily on him to translate the goals of the Great Society into platform English.

Mr. Goodwin has also been responsible for White House liaison in urban affairs, civil rights and the arts and humanities.

### Fellowship at Wesleyan

He will leave Sept. 20 to accept a fellowship at the Center for advanced studies at Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn. His White House duties will be taken over by Harry C. McPherson Jr., a special assistant to the President who formerly was Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

No arrangements have yet been made to replace Mr. Busby. Although his plans are not definite, he is expected to return to work as a management consultant.

It is known that President Johnson tried to persuade both men to stay on his staff. Both decided, however, that the time had come for them to return to private life.

Mr. Busby, who is 41 years old, first joined Mr. Johnson's staff in 1948, when the President was a Congressman. He has either been on Mr. Johnson's staff or close to him in

an advisory capacity ever since.

Mr. Busby was appointed a special assistant to the President in April of 1965. He had been running his own management consulting firm in Austin and Washington. The firm specialized in economic research and published a newsletter for businessmen.

Mr. Busby at first agreed to stay on the President's staff only through the election last November. Mr. Johnson persuaded him to stay longer, but Mr. Busby is understood to have decided finally to resign because he wants to increase his income and feels more comfortable running his own business than working for someone else.

There has been some gossip at the White House that Mr. Busby was disappointed when the President appointed Bill D. Moyers instead of Mr. Busby to take George E. Reedy's place as press secretary.

But Mr. Busby says he was relieved when he did not get the assignment because he feared that it would interfere with his plans to return to private business.

Mr. Goodwin, who is 33 years old, clerked for the late Justice Felix Frankfurter after graduating from Harvard Law School, then became special counsel for the House Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight.

He went to work for Senator John F. Kennedy in 1959 and wrote speeches for him during

his campaign for the Presidency.

Mr. Goodwin served for a while as assistant special council to President Kennedy, then took on assignments with the State Department and the Peace Corp. In March of 1964, he returned to the White House to work for President Johnson.

Mr. Goodwin has told friends that he had decided to return to a private career either in the law or business and that the Wesleyan fellowship offered an opportunity to make the transition.

He will be paid \$15,000 for the academic year ending in June, will occupy a house rent-free, and will be supplied with an office and secretarial assistance. He intends to do research and write. Neither Mr. Busby nor Mr. Goodwin, however, intend to write memoirs.

Mr. McPherson, who is 36 years old, was born in Tyler, Tex. After he graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1956, he joined the staff of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, which was headed by Mr. Johnson. He was named Deputy Under Secretary of the Army in 1963 and an Assistant Secretary of State in August of the next year.

The White House released a warm exchange of letters between the President and Mr. Busby and Mr. Goodwin.

To Mr. Busby, the President said:

"As a counselor you have been wise. As an administrator you have been unsparing to-

ward yourself. As a friend you have been, and you are, a never-failing source of strength to me."

Mr. Johnson wrote Mr. Goodwin that his service had been "a blessing to the country—for within the high councils of Government you have articulated with great force and persuasion man's hunger for justice and his hopes for a richer life."