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WINTON M. BLOUNT: POSTMASTER GENERAL-DESIGNATE (PROFILE)

Mr. Blount, 47, past President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is well known as a business, civic and church leader. He is President and Chairman of the Board of Blount Brothers Corporation, a Montgomery, Alabama, construction firm specializing in advanced technologies.

He feels businessmen should get more involved in politics, whether they are Democrats or Republicans, and believes they have a responsibility in helping meet the domestic problems of the day.

Mr. Blount was instrumental in organizing the Montgomery City Commissioners' Committee on Community Affairs--a biracial group. He was its first Chairman when formed in 1964.

He believes thoughtful leadership from White and Negro communities must come together in an atmosphere of trust and understanding to solve mutual problems.

Born February 1, 1921, in Union Springs, Alabama, Mr. Blount attended public schools in that city. He graduated from Staunton Military Academy, in Virginia and attended the University of Alabama, before entering the Air Force in January 1942.

He served nearly four years as a B-29 pilot, leaving the service as a First Lieutenant.

After World War II Winton Blount and his brother, W. Houston entered the construction business in Tuskegee, later moving to Montgomery to develop a building division.

Their contracts have included space development projects at Cape Kennedy and elsewhere, building nuclear reactors in research facilities, and missile defense installations.

Mr. Blount is married to the former Mary Katherine Archibald. They have five children -- four sons and one daughter.

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