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### SECRETARY UDALL NAMES BOARD TO ADVISE HIM ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today announced the appointment

of a five-member advisory board to assist him in formulating wildlife management

programs and policies on lands administered by his Department.

Secretary Udall said he will ask the group to review existing policies and

programs on wildlife and game management to determine their adequacy under

constantly changing ecological conditions and intensified pressures from various

land use factors.

The public lands require this scientific reappraisal if they are to remain

as a priceless heritage, he said.

The first meeting of the board will be in Washington April 27.  Secretary
Udall expressed the hope that "this blue-ribbon committee can lay down guidelines
that will command the respect of all those interested in the land areas adminis-
tered by our Department." He added that he will ask the board's views on wildlife
and game matters in areas which may be recommended for addition to the park and
wildlife systems supervised by agencies of the Interior Department.

Board members include:

Chairman - Dr. A. Starker Leopold of Berkeley, Calif., assistant to the
Chancellor, University of California, Berkeley; Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Vienna, Va.,
resident of the Wildlife Management Institute and a former director of the U. S.
Fish and Wildlife Service; Dr. Clarence Cottam, Sinton, Texas, director of the
Welder Wildlife Foundation and a former assistant director of the Fish and Wild-
life Service; Thomas L. Kimball, McLean, Va., executive director of the National
wildlife Federation, and Dr. Stanley A. Cain, Ann Arbor, Mich., professor and
chairman of the Department of Conservation, University of Michigan.

Dr. Leopold is a professor of Zoology at the University of California.  He
was president of The Wildlife Society in 1957-58 and is a vice president of the
Sierra Club and on the councils of the Wilderness Society and the California

academy of Science. He is the author of numerous publications on game management and for more than 20 years has specialized on wildlife ecology. He is internationally recognized as one of the outstanding authorities in his field and recently returned from Tanganyika, Africa, where he participated in a study of wildlife problems.

Dr. Gabrielson has spent all of his adult life in the fields of wildlife management and conservation. He served as chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey--a predecessor organization of the Fish and Wildlife Service--and was that Service's director from the time of its establishment until 1946, when he retired from Federal service to accept the presidency of the Wildlife Management Institute.

Dr. Cottam, president of the National Parks Association, has been active for many years in wildlife research and management. He served as senior biologist with the Biological Survey and as assistant director and assistant to the director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. In 1954, he resigned from the Federal service to be dean of the College of Biological and Agricultural Sciences of Brigham Young University, and in 1955 became director of the Welder Wildlife Foundation.

Mr. Kimball was affiliated with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission from 1939 to 1952, and served as its director five of those years. He became director of the Colorado Game and Fish Department in 1952, and in 1960 left that post to serve as executive director of the National Wildlife Federation.

Dr. Cain received his Ph.D. in plant ecology from the University of Chicago. He taught at Butler University, the University of Indiana, the Waterman Institute, and the University of Tennessee, and served as botanist for the Cranbrook Institute of Science before becoming professor and chairman, Department of Conservation, University of Michigan in 1950. In 1960, he was appointed to the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments for a six-year term.

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