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CASPAR W. WEINBERGER

## Biographical Data

Caspar Weinberger was nominated as a Member and Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission on October 2, 1969. He was sworn into office at the White House on January 13, 1970. Prior to that he was Director of Finance of the State of California.

Weinberger was graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College where he was Phi Beta Kappa, with an AB in 1938. He received an LL. B. from Harvard Law School in 1941. He served in the Army four years, entering as a Private in the Infantry in 1941 and being discharged as a Captain in 1945. He served over three years with the Forty-first Infantry Division in the Pacific and on General MacArthur's Intelligence Staff.

Chairman Weinberger was a law clerk to the United States Circuit Judge William E. Orr, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He remained on Judge Orr's staff from 1945 to 1947, when he entered the private practice of law. He served as Vice Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of California from 1960 to 1962, and as Chairman from 1962 to 1964.

Weinberger was elected in November, 1952 to the Assembly of the California State Legislature. Originally elected from the Twenty-first District in San Francisco, he won reelection both in 1954 and 1956 without opposition.

While serving in the Assembly, Weinberger was Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Government Organization and Chairman of the Joint Assembly-Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverage Control. He was selected the most able member of the State Legislature at the end of the 1955 session in a poll taken of all the newspaper correspondents who covered the legislative session.

For nine years, from 1959 to 1968, Caspar Weinberger was author of a semi-weekly column on California State Government and moderator of a regular weekly local public affairs television program. The column ran in numerous California newspapers. The television program was broadcast on KQED, San Francisco.

Weinberger served as Chairman of the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy, 1966-1968. He was appointed Director of Finance of California by Governor Reagan on February 1, 1968. He assumed his post March 1, 1968.

Caspar Weinberger was born in San Francisco in 1917. He is married to the former Jane Dalton. They have two children, a daughter and a son.