

Future Chancellor McElroy resigns from National Science Foundation

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The following is a statement from Dr. William D. McElroy, director of the National Science Foundation and chancellor-designate for the University of California, San Diego.

The President of the United States has accepted my resignation as director of the National Science Foundation effective on or about February 1, 1972. While I would naturally like to assume my new post at an earlier date, I am convinced that I would be derelict in my duties to the President and to the Foundation and to the science community, if I did not remain here long enough to provide for an orderly succession. In the meantime, my wife and I look forward to moving to San Diego.

Although I am not yet familiar with all of the faculty, the administrative staff, and the student body, my assessment of those that I know leads to the firm conviction that I am inheriting an outstanding new family. The present excellence of UCSD and its graduate and undergraduate programs is evidence of the strong leadership of past chancellors. Since the beginning of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and the founding of the University of California at San Diego, this academic community has grown steadily in its contributions to higher education in this country. With the support and the assistance of the community, I hope we can lead it still further along that upward path.

Dr. McElroy had spoken at a morning colloquium at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory on the topic "The National Science Foundation - A Look Ahead."

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