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His appointment as Counselor to the President will most certainly be met with near universal approval.