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STELLA B. HACKEL IS SWORN IN  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF THE MINT

Stella B. Hackel was sworn in today as director of the Bureau of the Mint by Secretary of the Treasury W. Michael Blumenthal. Mrs. Hackel was nominated for the position by President Carter on October 26, 1977, and confirmed by the Senate on November 4.

From April, 1977 until her appointment, Mrs. Hackel was city attorney of Rutland, Vermont. Before that, she held many high-level positions in her native state of Vermont. She was elected state treasurer and served from 1975 to 1977 and was the Democratic candidate for governor in 1976.

Mrs. Hackel was elected city grand juror (city prosecutor) of Rutland in 1956 and was reelected every year through 1963. From 1963 to 1973 she was commissioner of the Vermont Department of Employment Security and chairman of the Employment Security Board, having been appointed by both Democratic and Republican governors.

In 1971 she was elected president of the National Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies and served in 1971-72 as ex-officio member of the National Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee and the National Employment Service Advisory Committee.

From 1973 to 1975 Mrs. Hackel was in private law practice as a member of the law firm of Ryan, Smith & Carbine Ltd.

Mrs. Hackel was born in Burlington, Vermont. She received a J.D. cum laude from Boston University School of Law in 1948. She is a member of the Vermont Bar Association and the Rutland County Bar Association and was its president in 1973.

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## BIOGRAPHY

### STELLA B. HACKEL

Stella B. Hackel was confirmed by the United States Senate on November 4, 1977 and sworn in by the Secretary of the Treasury as Director of the Mint on December 12, 1977.

Mrs. Hackel was born December 27, 1926, in Burlington, Vermont. She received a J. D. (cum laude) from Boston University School of Law in 1948.

In 1956, she was elected City Grand Juror (City Prosecutor) of Rutland, Vermont, and was re-elected annually through 1963.

From 1963 to 1973, she was Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Employment Security and Chairman of the Employment Security Board. In 1971-72, she held the elective office of President of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies.

In 1973, Mrs. Hackel became an associate of the law firm of Ryan, Smith & Carbine, Ltd. She was elected Treasurer of the State of Vermont in the 1974 statewide election and assumed the position in January, 1975.

Mrs. Hackel was the Democratic candidate for Governor of the State of Vermont in 1976. She won the primary election, but lost the general election.

From April, 1977 until her appointment by President Carter as the 29th Director of the Mint, Mrs. Hackel was the City Attorney of Rutland, Vermont. She is the fourth woman to fill the post of the Director of the Mint.

Mrs. Hackel is a member of the Vermont Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association.