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Moving up ...

Citation of Merit for their successful efforts to broadcast the St. Michael's piece after reversing a New York State Supreme Court restraining order. "When the film was finally aired," Johnson recalls, "the administrative staff at St. Michael's was let go, and, until the agency closed, its staff was closely monitored by the New York City Bureau of Special Services for children."

John Johnson has deservedly earned a reputation as one of the few New York reporters whom people call upon in times of need as evidenced when a gunman, holding a 15-year-old boy hostage in a Harlem church on St. Patrick's Day, 1977, summoned Johnson to the scene. After nearly two hours with the abductor, Johnson brought the situation to a peaceful conclusion by successfully disarming the gunman. For his critical role in resolving the event, which was exclusively captured on film for EYEWITNESS NEWS, Johnson was honored by a Civilian Commendation Bar and a Certificate of Commendation from the New York City Police Department and a City Council of New York Commendation.

Other distinguished EYEWITNESS NEWS investigative stories on Johnson's record include his December, 1979 report in which he took a hard look at crime in the New York City subways; behind-the-scenes special reports on New York City firefighters and policemen; and a special five-part April, 1978, EYEWITNESS NEWS series "King and Country," which examined the life and death of the late civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and won top honors in the television news category from the Council of Churches of the City of New York in 1979.

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Turbie Honored at Somerset Sales and Marketing Meeting—Shown above during recent Somerset Importers, Ltd., biannual national sales/marketing meeting, held by Somerset at the Kauai Surf Resort, Hawaii, John E. Heilmann, left, president and chief executive officer of Somerset, congratulates Martin M. Turbee, sales activities coordinator, Eastern Division, as George L. Camisa, senior vice president, sales, looks on. Mr. Turbee was singled out for special recognition for having completed over 33 years with the company. He has been sales activities coordinator since 1978. In his assignment, Mr. Turbee is involved with the sales of Somerset's complete line of products. From 1975 to 1978, he had been director, special markets, East. Previously, he had been Somerset's national accounts manager from 1973 to 1975, and before that, he had been New York regional manager for two years. Earlier, he had served in various merchandising and sales positions since he joined the company over 33 years ago. Mr. Turbee, who attended the University of Hawaii for three years, also attended Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., and the New School of Social Research, N.Y.C. He is a member of the board of directors of the Harlem Dowling Children's Services, the Urban League of Bergen County, N.J., and the NAACP National Planning Staff, a member of the 369th Veterans Organization and vice president of the National Market Developers, New York Region. Mr. & Mrs. Turbee reside in Teaneck, N.J.

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Appointment of Robert L. Williams to sales promotion manager; Western Division, was announced today by George L. Camisa, senior vice president, sales, Somerset Importers, Ltd.

Somerset Importers, Ltd., a Norton Simon Inc. company, is exclusive U.S. importer of Johnnie Walker Red, Johnnie Walker 12-year-old Black Label, Crawford's and John Begg Scotch Whiskies, Tanqueray Gin, Wyborawa Polish Vodka, Pimm's, Hine Cognac, Mandarine Napoleon Liqueur, and Aalborg Akvavit. Somerset's domestic products include Old Fitzgerald, W. L. Weller, Weller 107, Cabin Still, Rebel Yell and Canada Dry bourbons, Canada Dry Vodka and Canada Dry Gin.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Williams had been district manager, Southern California, since he joined the company in 1977.

Prior to joining Somerset, Mr. Williams has been sales manager for Western Distributing Company, Los Angeles Calif., for four years. Earlier, he had been liquor sales representative for Young's Market Co., Los Angeles, for four years.

Mr. Williams attended San Diego City College and San Diego State College.

He and his family reside in Los Angeles, Calif.

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AUBREY C. LEWIS, 44, former FBI agent and now Vice President for Security and Administrative Services, U.S. Woolworth-Woolco Division, F.W. Woolworth Co., joined the firm in 1967 as a Personnel Representative. He moved up the ladder to Assistant Corporate Vice President of Career Development in 1970 and in 1972 Administrative Services.

Lewis, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame in 1958 was an All American high school athlete in football and track. Lewis was the rushing and scoring leader and broke three state track meet records in a single day. In 1956, while at Notre Dame, he became national collegiate 440-yard hurdles champion. The first black to be elected captain of a team at Notre Dame Lewis established another world record in the 60 yard dash. Lewis was starting half-back on the football team for three years. (1955-6-7) being named to the All Mid-West and All American squad.

As an F.B.I agent in 1962, he trained in Washington, D.C. and Quantico, Va. and served in Cincinnati and New York for 5 1/2 years in criminal intelligence matters.



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