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The President today announced his intention to nominate Melvin A. Conant of New York, New York, to be an Assistant Administrator for International Affairs of the Federal Energy Administration. He has been Senior Government Relations Counsellor of the Exxon Corporation since 1961.

Before joining the Exxon Corporation in 1961, Mr. Conant was a Professor of International Security Affairs for the United States National War College. From 1955 to 1960 he served as Associate Administrative Director for the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

He was born on March 20, 1924, in New York, New York. He received his A.B. from Harvard College in 1949 and his M.A. from Harvard University in 1951. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946. He has lectured at the Royal Naval College in England, and the National Defense College in Canada, and the United States Air Command and Staff College.

He is married to the former Christa Gaul and they have three children. They reside in Arlington, Virginia.