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The President today announced his intention to nominate Peter R. Taft, of Santa Monica, California, to be an Assistant Attorney General. His area of responsibility will be Land and Natural Resources. He will succeed Wallace H. Johnson, Jr., who resigned effective September 2, 1975.

Since 1969, Mr. Taft has been a partner in the firm of Munger, Tolles and Rickshauser in Los Angeles. From 1963 to 1968 he was with Williams, Connally & Califano in Washington, D.C. During 1962-63, he was a law clerk to Judge Richard T. Rives of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 1961-62.

Mr. Taft was born on March 3, 1936 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He received his B.A. degree from Yale University in 1958 and his LL.B. degree in 1961 from Yale University Law School.

Mr. Taft resides in Santa Monica, California.

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