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The President today announced his intention to nominate Walter L. Cutler, of Kennebunk, Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zaire. He will succeed Dean R. Hinton who is being reassigned.

Since 1974, Mr. Cutler has been serving as Country Director of Central African Affairs at the Department of State. From 1971 to 1973, he was International Relations Officer with the Department. He served as Political Officer in Saigon (1969-71); in Seoul (1967-69); in Tabriz (1965-67); in Algiers (1962-65). He was Staff Assistant to the Secretary of State during 1961. He was Foreign Affairs Officer to the Executive Secretariat in 1959, and was Consular Officer in Yaounde from 1957-59.

Mr. Cutler was born on November 25, 1931, in Boston, Massachusetts and received his A.B. degree in 1953 from Wesleyan University. He attended the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and received his M.A. He served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956.

Mr. Cutler is married to the former Sarah Beeson and they have two children.

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