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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Willard A. De Pree, of Zeeland, Michigan, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Mozambique. He is the first United States Ambassador to Mozambique.

Since 1972, Mr. De Pree has been a member of the Policy Planning Staff of the Department of State. During 1971-72, he was Deputy Coordinator of the Senior Seminar at the Foreign Service Institute, after having attended the Institute in 1970-71. He became Deputy Chief of Mission in 1968 in Freetown and was there until 1970. From 1964 to 1968 he was a Political Officer in Accra. While at the Department from 1961 to 1964, he was an Intelligence Research Specialist.

Mr. De Pree was assigned to the African Area Training at Northwestern University in 1960. During 1958-60, he was an Economic Officer in Nicosia after having been a Consular Officer in Cairo in 1957-58.

Born November 1, 1928, in Zeeland, Michigan, Mr. De Pree received his B.A. degree in 1950 from Harvard College. He attended the College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Wales during 1950-51. He received his M.A. in 1952 from the University of Michigan. In 1951-53 he was a teaching fellow at the University of Michigan. He served in the United States Army from 1954-56.

Mr. De Pree is married to the former Elizabeth Pierrau and they have six children.

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