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The President today announced his intention to nominate Anne Armstrong of Armstrong, Texas, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. She will succeed Elliot Richardson who resigned to become Secretary of Commerce.

Mrs. Armstrong was born Anne Legendre on December 27, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana. She graduated from the Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Virginia, where she was student body president and senior class valedictorian, and in 1949 from Vassar College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Mrs. Armstrong was named Counsellor to the President in 1973, with Cabinet rank, and served in that capacity until December, 1974. She was the first woman to hold that position. As Counsellor to the President, she served as a member of the Domestic Council, the Council on Wage and Price Stability, the Commission on the Organization of Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy, and as Chairman of the Federal Property Council. She also served as the President's liaison to women, young people, Hispanic Americans, and the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. Under her direction, the first Office of Women's Programs in the White House was established.

Mrs. Armstrong was a member of the United States Delegations to the World Food Conference in Rome, Italy, in 1974, and to the Conference for International Women's Year in Mexico City in 1975. In 1975, Mrs. Armstrong was elected a director of several corporations, and she has been active in civic organizations. She serves as a member of the Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year and as a member of the Advisory Council of the American Revolution Bicentennial.

In 1966, Mrs. Armstrong became Vice Chairman of the Texas Republican Party, serving until 1968, when she became Republican National Committee-woman from Texas. She became Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee in 1971 and was the first woman elected to that position. Mrs. Armstrong became the first woman to make a keynote address at a major political convention at the Republican National Convention in 1972 in Miami Beach.

Mrs. Armstrong is married to Tobin Armstrong and they have five children.

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