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The President today announced his intention to nominate Thomas Sowell, of Pacific Palisades, California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the unexpired term of seven years from September 29, 1969. He will succeed Lew Engman who resigned effective December 31, 1975. Mr. Sowell has been Professor of Economics at the University of California since September, 1974.

Born on June 30, 1930, in Gastonia, North Carolina, Mr. Sowell received his A.B. degree magna cum laude from Harvard College in 1958. He received his A.M. in 1959 from Columbia University and his PH.D. in 1968 from the University of Chicago.

In 1961, Mr. Sowell became an Economist for the Department of Labor, prior to becoming an Instructor at Rutgers University in 1962. He was a lecturer at Howard University on economics during 1963-64 and joined the American Telephone and Telegraph Company as an Economic Analyst in June, 1964. From 1965 to 1969, he was an Assistant Professor at Cornell University before becoming an Associate Professor at Brandeis University in 1969. He served as Project Director for the Urban Institute from August, 1972, to July, 1974.

Mr. Sowell resides in Marina del Rey, California.

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