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The President today named George Bush of Houston, Texas, to serve as Chief, United States Liaison Office, the Peoples Republic of China. He succeeds David E. K. Bruce.

Born in Milton, Massachusetts, June 12, 1924, he was graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts in 1942; he received his B. A. in Economics from Yale University in 1948.

He was co-founder and served as director of Zapata Petroleum Corporation from 1953-59; he was president of Zapata Offshore Company, Houston, Texas, 1956-64, and chairman of the Board from 1964-66. He was a member of the 90th and 91st Congresses, representing the Seventh District of Texas. He was a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

He was U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations from 1970 to January 1973 and was named Chairman of the Republican National Committee also in January 1973, the position which he now holds.

He was a pilot in the U. S. Naval Reserve in World War Two, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He is married to the former Barbara Pierce and they have five children.

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