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The President today announced his intention to nominate Kenneth Rush of Rye, New York, to be Ambassador to France. Mr. Rush will succeed John N. Irwin II.

Mr. Rush has served as Counsellor to the President for Economic Policy since May 25, 1974. He was the President's chief economic advisor and coordinator of domestic and international economic policy. In addition, he was a member of the Cabinet and the National Security Council.

Mr. Rush was Deputy Secretary of State from February 2, 1973 to May 25, 1974. He was Deputy Secretary of Defense from February 7, 1972 until he became Deputy Secretary of State. Prior to assuming his Defense Department position, Mr. Rush was Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany from July, 1969. As Ambassador he was the principal U.S. negotiator of the Quadripartite Agreement on Berlin. He was decorated by the German Government with the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit, and he is also the recipient of the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

He was born on January 17, 1910, in Walla Walla, Washington. Mr. Rush received his A. B. degree from the University of Tennessee in 1930 and an LL. B. degree from Yale University in 1932. From 1932 to 1936 he was an associate with the law firm of Chadbourne, Stanchfield and Levy, and during 1936-37 he was an Assistant Professor at Duke University Law School.

Mr. Rush joined Union Carbide Corporation in 1937 and was with the firm until 1969 when he became U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. While with Union Carbide, Mr. Rush served as Vice President from 1949 to 1961, as Executive Vice President from 1961 to 1966, and as President from 1966 to 1969. He also served as a Director (1958-69), as a member of the Executive Committee (1966-69) and as Chairman of the General Operating Committee (1965-69).

In addition to his affiliation with Union Carbide, Mr. Rush has also been a Director of Bankers Trust Company, American Sugar Company and Bankers Trust New York Corporation. Mr. Rush has also been active in civic affairs, has served the University of Tennessee as a member of the Development Council and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Yale Law School Association from 1952 to 1962.

Mr. Rush is married to the former Jane Gilbert Smith. They have four children.

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