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The President today announced his intention to nominate James Leonard Pate of Akron, Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs. He will succeed Sidney L. Jones who was appointed as a Deputy Assistant to the President on July 10, 1974.

Mr. Pate is currently the Director of Business Research and Chief Economist for the B. F. Goodrich Company in Akron. From 1965 to 1968, he served as a consultant to various private industries. In 1968, he became an economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, and later became the Senior Economist.

He was born in Mt. Sterling, Illinois, on September 6, 1935, and received his A. B. degree from Monmouth College in 1963. He received his M. B. A. degree in 1964 from Indiana University. He served as an Assistant Professor of Economics at Monmouth College from 1965 to 1968. Previously he had been a Teaching Associate at the Graduate School of Business at Indiana University from 1964 to 1965, where he had also been a Graduate Assistant.

He and his wife, Donna, have three children and they reside in Akron, Ohio.

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