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The President today announced his intention to nominate Dr. Dixy Lee Ray to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, and International, Environmental and Scientific Affairs. This is a new position created by Public Law 93-216 of October 18, 1973.

Dr. Ray has served as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission since February, 1973 and has been a member of the AEC since August, 1972. She came to the AEC from Fox Island, Washington, where she was Director of the Pacific Science Center and Associate Professor of Zoology at the University of Washington. Dr. Ray was associated with the University of Washington for 24 years. During that period she also served as a member of the Executive Committee of Friday Harbor Laboratories (1945-60); Special Consultant to the National Science Foundation (1960-62); and visiting professor at Stanford University (1964). She taught in the Oakland, California, public schools from 1938 to 1942.

Dr. Ray was born on September 3, 1914, in Tacoma, Washington. She received her B. A. (1937) and M. A. (1938) degrees from Mills College and her Ph. D. from Stanford University in 1945.

She has served on many scientific boards and commissions, including the Washington State Oceanography Commission and Oceanographic Institute; the Planetary Sciences Corporation, Inc.; the Committee on Public Understanding of the Sciences; the Committee of Corresponding Consultants for the World Report on the Environment, the Puget Sound Oceanographic Study Committee and the President's Task Force on Oceanography.

Dr. Ray has published numerous articles and scientific papers on marine biology and holds many honors in this field. She received the William Clapp Award in Marine Biology (1959), was a foreign member of the Danish Royal Society for Natural History (1963), and was named Maritime Man of the Year in 1966.

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