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The President today announced his intention to nominate Richard B. Parker, of Manhattan, Kansas, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.

In 1974 he became Chief of the United States Interests Section in Algiers and on November 12, 1974 he became Charge d'Affairs ad interim in Algiers. From 1970 to 1974 he was Deputy Chief of Mission in Rabat. In 1967 he was named Country Director for the United Arab Republic, serving until 1970. He became Counselor of Political Affairs in Cairo in 1965, after serving as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Princeton University. He was a Political Officer in Beirut from 1964 to 1965. He was a Libyan Desk Officer from 1958 to 1961 and served as International Relations Officer from 1957 to 1958 in the Department of State.

From 1949 to 1957 he served in the Foreign Service assigned to Sydney, Australia, and later Beirut and finally Amman. In 1948 he served as Executive Secretary for the Kansas City Commission for UNESCO.

Mr. Parker was born on July 3, 1923 in the Philippines. He received his B.S. degree in 1947 and his M.S. in 1948 from Kansas State College. He served in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant from 1943 to 1947.

He is married to the former Jeanne Jaccard and they have four children. They reside in Algiers, Algeria.

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