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The President today announced his intention to nominate Edward A. Mason, of Lexington, Massachusetts to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, for a term of three years. The Commission was established by Public Law 93-438 of November 11, 1974, which also provided for the abolishment of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Mr. Mason is currently Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Chairman of the Department of Nuclear Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, after serving in the Nuclear Engineering Department since 1957. From 1953 to 1957 he was Director of Research, Ionics, Inc. In 1950 he became Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering at M.I.T., serving until 1953. He had previously been a Research Assistant at M.I.T. from 1947 to 1950.

Mr. Mason was born on August 9, 1924, in Rochester, New York. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Rochester in 1945 and his S.M. degree from M.I.T. in 1948. He received his Sc.D. in 1950 also from the M.I.T. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946.

He is married to the former Barbara Earley and they have six children. They reside in Lexington, Massachusetts.

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