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The President today announced his intention to nominate Monroe Leigh of Bethesda, Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. He would succeed Carlyle E. Maw who became Under Secretary for Security Assistance.

He was associated with the law firm of Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson and Shorb and successor firms from 1947 to 1951. He was a Member of the United States Mission to the North Atlantic Council, London and later Paris from 1951 to 1953. In 1953 he became Deputy Assistant General Counsel for International Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense. From 1954 to 1956 he was Counsel for the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and from 1955 to 1959 he served as Assistant General Counsel for International Affairs, Office of Secretary of Defense.

He was born July 15, 1919 in South Boston, Virginia. Mr. Leigh received a B.A. (magna cum laude) in 1940 from Hampden-Sydney College. He received his LL.B. degree in 1947 from the University of Virginia Law School. He served with the United States Army Air Force as Captain from 1942-46.

He joined the law firm of Steptoe and Johnson in 1959 and has been a partner since 1961. From 1964 to the present he has been a Lecturer on Legal Problems of International Trade, University of Virginia Law School.

He is married to the former Mary Gallaher and they have three children. They reside in Washington, D. C.

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