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The President today announced his intention to nominate Holsey G. Handyside, a career Foreign Service officer now serving as a Member of the Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy, Foreign Service Institute, to be Ambassador to Mauritania. He would succeed Richard W. Murphy who was appointed Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic.

Born August 23, 1927, in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Handyside received a B. A. in 1950 from Amherst College and a M. P. A. in 1953 from Princeton University. He attended the Universite de Grenoble in France during 1950-51. He served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1945 to 1947.

In 1952 he was appointed Administrative Aide, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior. From 1953 to 1955 he was Staff Assistant to Military Adviser, Foreign Operations Administration. From 1955 to 1957 he was Political Officer in Cairo. From 1957 to 1959 he took Arabic Language and Area Training in Beirut. From 1960 to 1962 he was Commercial Attache, Baghdad.

From 1962 to 1964 he was Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs. During 1964-65 he was Post Management Officer, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs. From 1965 to 1970 he was Chief of Political Section, Tripoli (Libya). From 1970 to 1974 he was Director, Office of Atomic Energy and Aerospace, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. In 1972 he was promoted to FSO-2.

He is fluent in French and speaks Arabic (Eastern). He is single and resides in the District of Columbia.

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