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The President today announced his intention to nominate Nathaniel Davis of Hoboken, New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. He will succeed Donald B. Easum who will receive an important diplomatic assignment abroad. Ambassador Davis is currently Director General of the Foreign Service.

Ambassador Davis was appointed as Foreign Service Officer in 1947. Since then, he has had assignments in Prague, from 1947 to 1949; Florence, from 1949 to 1952; Rome, from 1952 to 1953; Moscow, from 1954 to 1956; and Caracas, from 1960 to 1962. He served from 1956 to 1960 as Deputy Officer-in-Charge of Soviet Affairs in the Department of State and from 1962 to 1965 as Special Assistant to the Director of the Peace Corps and as Deputy Associate Director for Program Development and Operations. During this period, he also served as Acting Director of the Peace Corps in Chile.

In 1965, Ambassador Davis was appointed Minister to Bulgaria. From 1966 to 1968, he served as a Member of the Senior Staff, National Security Council, the White House. He was appointed Ambassador to Guatemala in 1968 serving until 1971, and as Ambassador to Chile from 1971 to 1973. He was promoted to the Class of Career Minister in 1971. Since 1973 he has been serving as Director General of the Foreign Service.

Nathaniel Davis was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on April 12, 1925. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brown University. He also holds the degree of Ph. D. in history from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. In World War II he served with the United States Navy.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Creese and they have four children. They reside in Washington, D. C.

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