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The President today announced his intention to nominate Wells Stabler of the District of Columbia, currently serving as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, to be Ambassador to Spain. He will succeed Admiral Horacio Rivero who has resigned.

He was Deputy Chief of Mission, with personal rank of Minister from 1969 to 1973 in Rome. From 1973 to 1974 he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs. In 1974 he was Acting Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs.

He was born on October 31, 1919, in Boston, Massachusetts and received his B.A. in 1941 from Harvard University. He was appointed to the Foreign Service Auxiliary the same year. From 1942 to 1944, he was Divisional Assistant, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs. In 1944 he was Desk Officer for Ecuador and the same year he served as Assistant to Executive Secretary for Political Affairs, Committee on Post War Programs. From 1944 to 1948 he was assigned to Jerusalem as Consular Officer. In 1948 he was American Representative, Amman and in 1949 he was Charge d'Affaires ad interim, Amman. From 1949 to 1952 he was Officer in Charge of Egypt and Anglo Egyptian Sudan Affairs. During 1952 to 1963 he was Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Near East Affairs. From 1953 to 1957 he was Political Officer, Rome. In 1957 he was assigned as Officer in Charge of United Arab Republic Sudan Affairs.

He was Officer in Charge of Swiss-Benelux Affairs in 1958 and in 1959 he was in Charge of Italian-Austrian Affairs. From 1960 to 1965 he was Political Officer, Paris. During 1965 to 1966 he attended the Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy, Foreign Service Institute. From 1966 to 1969 he was Country Director for Italy, Austria, and Switzerland.

He is married to the former Emily Atkinson and they have four children.

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