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The President today announced his intention to nominate Wiley T. Buchanan, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Austria. He will succeed John P. Humes who has resigned.

Mr. Buchanan is currently engaged in private investment business. He is also on the executive committee and is a Partner and is on the Board of Directors of L'Enfant Plaza Properties, Inc. From 1957 to 1961 he was Chief of Protocol of the United States with the rank of Ambassador, after having served as Ambassador to Luxembourg from 1955 to 1957. He was appointed Minister to Luxembourg in 1953. From 1950 to 1952 he was head of the Metal Cutting Tool Department of the National Production Authority. He was Secretary Treasurer, of the National Agrol Company from 1942 to 1950 and from 1943 to 1946 he was Vice President of Berks Parachute Company of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Buchanan was born on January 4, 1914, in Myrtle Hill, Texas. He attended Southern Methodist University and George Washington University. He has received Honorary Degrees--LL.D. from Alam College and H.H.D. from Dickinson College. He has been decorated by the Governments of Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Philippine Islands, and Thailand. He received the Legion of Honor (France) and Knight Commander Order of Merit (Germany). Mr. Buchanan is a former member of the Advisory Board of Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He is author of "Red Carpet at the White House".

Mr. Buchanan is married to the former Ruth Elizabeth Hale and they have three children.

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