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The President today announced his intention to nominate Richard C. Atkinson, of Stanford, California, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation. He will succeed Raymond L. Bisplinghoff who resigned effective December 30, 1974, to accept the Presidency of the University of Missouri at Rolla.

Since 1963, Dr. Atkinson has been Professor of Psychology at Stanford, University. He also has been Associate Director of the Institute for Mathematical Studies in the Social Sciences at Stanford since 1961. In 1973 he became the Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences at Stanford. From 1968 to 1974 he was Chairman of the Department of Psychology. In 1957 he became an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of California at Los Angeles after having been a lecturer at Stanford in Applied Mathematics and Statistics Laboratories from 1956 to 1957.

Dr. Atkinson was born on March 19, 1929 in Oak Park, Illinois. He received his Ph. B. degree from the University of Chicago in 1948 and his Ph. D. degree from Indiana University in 1955. He was a Guggenheim Fellow from 1967 to 1968.

Dr. Atkinson is married to the former Rita Loyd and they have one child.

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