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The President today announced his intention to nominate Willard H. Meinecke, of Bethesda, Maryland, to be Assistant Director of ACTION (Administration and Finance). This is a new position created by Public Law 93-113 of October 1, 1973.

Mr. Meinecke has been Acting Assistant Director for Administration and Finance, ACTION, since February 1974. Prior to his appointment, he was Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Program and Management Services, United States Agency for International Development. Since 1962 he has been with United States Agency for International Development, serving as Deputy Director, then Director of the AID Mission in Ethiopia. He served successively as Director of the Office of North African Affairs and Director of the Office of South East Asia Affairs, Bureau for East Asia. From 1941 to 1962 he held various assignments with the General Mills, Inc.

Mr. Meinecke was born on August 19, 1916, in Marysville, Kansas. He received his B.S. degree from Kansas State University in 1941. He also has done additional graduate work at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and the Tacoma Vocational School of Tacoma, Washington.

Mr. Meinecke is married to the former Mary Jane Lewis and they have three children.

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