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The President today announced his intention to appoint Roderick M. Hills as Counsel to the President. Mr. Hills will succeed Phillip Areeda who recently resigned to return to his teaching duties at Harvard Law School. He will serve as Deputy to Philip W. Buchen.

Mr. Hills is a founding partner of the law firm of Munger, Tolles, Hills & Rickershauser, Los Angeles, California. Since January 1972, he has been on leave from the law firm to serve as Chairman of the Board of Republic Corporation (NYSE). His resignation from Republic Corporation is effective April 5, 1975.

Born on March 9, 1931, Mr. Hills received his BA (1952) and LLB (1955) degrees from Stanford University. In law school he was named to the Order of The Coif. During the period 1955-1957 he served as law clerk to Mr. Justice Stanley F. Reed, Supreme Court of the United States, and during 1969-1970 he was a visiting Professor at the Harvard Law School.

Mr. Hills is married to Carla Anderson Hills, the newly appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and they have four children. They reside in Washington, D. C.

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