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The President today announced his intention to nominate Gorman C. Smith of Arlington, Virginia to be Assistant Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration. He will succeed John W. Weber, who has resigned.

Mr. Smith is presently Acting Assistant Administrator, Operations, Regulations and Compliance at FEA, a position he has held since April 2, 1974. He was Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission from September 1973 to April 1974. He was Vice President of Information Concepts, Inc. in New York from 1969 to 1973 and served as Director of Compensation and Career Development, U.S. Army, from 1966 to 1969.

He was in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1966, and received the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Legion of Merit after serving as an officer in the Korean Conflict. He left the Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He was born in Durant, Oklahoma on September 24, 1928. He attended Southeastern State College at Durant and was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1951. He received his M.A. from Columbia University in 1956 and his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1964.

He is married to the former Mary James and they have two children.