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The President today announced his intention to nominate Alfred D. Starbird, of Alexandria, Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of Energy Research and Development. (National Security). This is a new position created by Public Law 93-438 of October 11, 1974.

Upon his retirement from the United States Army in March 1971, Mr. Starbird became Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering for Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense. While serving in the Army, he was SENTINEL (later SAFEGUARD) ABM System Manager from November 1967 until his retirement. He was Director, Defense Communications Agency, beginning in 1962, and later in September 1966 he became Director of the Defense Communications Planning Group.

Since World War II, General Starbird has served in various assignments in the Pacific, CONUS, and in Europe where he served as Secretary of SHAPE. After two years in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, he was named Director of Military Applications of the Atomic Energy Commission and served in that assignment from July 1955 to January 1961. In November 1961, he left his assignment as Division Engineer, North Pacific Engineer Division to organize Joint Task Force EIGHT and to command it during the planning, preparation, and execution of Operation DOMINIC, the 1962 nuclear test series.

Mr. Starbird was born on April 28, 1912, in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1933. He served in World War II from 1942 to 1945.

Mr. Starbird is married to the former Evelyn Wallington and they have three children.

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