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The President today announced his intention to nominate John L. Loughran, of Piedmont, California, to be Ambassador to the Somali Democratic Republic. He will succeed Roger Kirk who has resigned.

Since 1973, Mr. Loughran has been serving as Director of the Office of West African Affairs, Department of State. In 1970 he was Deputy Chief of Mission, Dakar, and later in 1972, he became the Alternate Director for Nigeria at the Department of State. From 1967 to 1970 he was Deputy Chief of Mission, Bathurst, after having been Supervisory Political Officer in Monrovia from 1966 to 1967.

Mr. Loughran joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in 1951, serving as an Administrative Assistant and later a Liaison Officer. He then went to the Department of State as an Intelligence Research Specialist and later became an Intelligence Research Officer from 1956 to 1960. From 1960 to 1966 he served in Bonn and Paris in overseas assignments. He was in private business from 1946 to 1950.

Mr. Loughran was born on May 27, 1921, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He received his B.S. degree in 1942 from Lehigh University and his M.P.A. degree from Harvard University in 1960. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a Captain from 1942 to 1946.

Mr. Loughran is married to the former Katheryne Straub and they have three children. They reside in Washington, D.C.

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