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The President today announced his intention to nominate John L. Petersen, of Aurora, Illinois, to be Administrator of the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration. This is a new position created by Public Law 93-498 of October 29, 1974.

Mr. Petersen is presently a partner in the law firm of Matthews, Jordan, Dean, Eichmeier and Petersen of Aurora, Illinois. He has been involved in fire prevention since 1961 when he joined the Sugar Grove Fire Department. He was appointed by Governor Richard Ogilvie of Illinois to the Illinois Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education Commission in January, 1972, and later reappointed to the Commission by Governor Daniel Walker in 1974. He has been Chairman of the Commission since January, 1972.

Mr. Petersen was born on March 24, 1936, in Aurora, Illinois. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois in 1958 and his LL.B. degree from DePaul University in 1961. He has been a lecturer and instructor at the University of Illinois Fire College and the Illinois Fire Chief's Advanced Training Seminars.

Mr. Petersen is married to the former Shirley Teichen and they have five children.

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