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The President today announced his intention to nominate John Hart Ely, of Brookline, Massachusetts, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation. He will succeed Rodney Eugene Eyster who resigned effective June 30, 1975.

Since 1973, Mr. Ely has been Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. From 1971 to 1973, he was Professor of Law at Yale Law School, after having served as an Associate Professor since 1968. He was a founding attorney with Defenders, Inc., serving with them from 1966 until 1968.

Mr. Ely was born on December 3, 1938 in New York City, New York. He received his A.B. degree summa cum laude from Princeton University in 1960, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his LL.B. degree magna cum laude in 1963 from Yale Law School. He was a Staff Attorney for the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy during 1964. He served as Law Clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren from 1964 to 1965.

Mr. Ely is married to the former Nancy Halliday and they have two children.

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