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The President today announced his intention to nominate Malcolm Toon, of Bethesda, Maryland, to be Ambassador to Israel. He will succeed Kenneth B. Keating who died on May 5, 1975.

Ambassador Toon is a Career Minister in the Foreign Service and has been Ambassador to Yugoslavia since 1971. From 1969 to 1971 he was Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. During 1969 he also served as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs. From 1965 to 1968 he was Director of Soviet Affairs for the Department of State. He served as Political Counselor in Moscow from 1963 to 1965. From 1960 to 1963 he was a Political Officer for Eastern European Affairs in London. He served in Geneva from 1958 to 1960 as Special Assistant, Eastern European Affairs and Adviser to the United States Test Ban Treaty Delegation; the United States Berlin Four Power Conference and the United States Disarmament Delegation.

In 1939, Ambassador Toon entered government service and served as an Administrative Officer in Warsaw. He was a Political Officer in Budapest from 1949 to 1950. He was a Consular and Political Officer in Moscow from 1951 to 1952. From 1953 to 1956 he was a Political Officer; Chief, Consular Affairs, Berlin. He was Deputy Director, East West Contacts Staff from 1956 to 1958.

Mr. Toon was born on July 4, 1916, in Troy, New York. He received his A.B. degree from Tufts University in 1937 and his M.A. degree from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1938. He did additional graduate work at Middlebury and Harvard University from 1950 to 1951.

Mr. Toon is married to the former Elizabeth Taylor and they have three children.

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