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The President today announced his intention to nominate Richard L. Thornburgh, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General (Criminal Division). He will succeed Henry E. Petersen who resigned effective December 31, 1974.

Since 1969, Mr. Thornburgh has been United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He practiced law with the firm of Kirkpatrick, Lockhart, Johnson and Hutchinson from 1959 to 1969. He was Staff Counsel from 1957 to 1959 for the Aluminum Company of America.

Mr. Thornburgh was born on July 16, 1932 in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, and received his B.E. degree from Yale University in 1954. He attended the University of Pittsburgh Law School and received his LL.B. degree in 1957.

Mr. Thornburgh is married to the former Virginia Walton Judson and they have four children.

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