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The President today announced his intention to nominate Abbott Washburn, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of seven years beginning July 1, 1975. This is a reappointment.

On June 30, 1974, Mr. Washburn was appointed to fill the unexpired term of H. Rex Lee on the Commission. Prior to his appointment, he served since 1971 as a Consultant for the Office of Telecommunications Policy, in the Executive Office of the President. From 1969 to 1971, he was Deputy Director of the United States Delegation INTELSAT Conference of the Department of State. He was President of Washburn, Stringer Associates, Inc. of Washington, D.C. from 1962 until 1969. In 1961 he joined Carl Byoir Associates, Inc. as Vice President for International Operations, serving until 1962.

In 1953, Mr. Washburn joined the United States Information Agency as its Deputy Director, after serving as Deputy to the Special Assistant to the President for Psychological Operations at the White House. During 1951 and 1952, he was on the campaign staff of Dwight Eisenhower.

Mr. Washburn was born on March 1, 1915, in Duluth, Minnesota. He graduated from Harvard University with a B.A. degree in 1937. He joined General Mills after graduation as manager of the Department of Public Services, serving until 1950. During this time he also served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1942 until 1945.

Mr. Washburn is married to the former Wanda Allender and they have three children.

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