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The President today announced his intention to nominate Richard E. Bell, of Potomac, Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture (International and Commodity Programs). He will succeed Clayton Yeutter of Lincoln, Nebraska who was nominated on April 15 to be Deputy Special Trade Representative. (Domestic).

Since 1973, Mr. Bell has been Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs. From 1970 to 1973, he was Director of the Grain and Feed Division of the Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service, after having served as chief of the Division's grain marketing branch from 1968 to 1970. He served as Assistant Agricultural Attache in Ottawa, Canada and Brussels, Belgium before becoming the attache in Dublin, Ireland. He had joined the Department's Foreign Agricultural Service in 1959, and worked in the Africa, Middle East and East European analysis branches until 1961.

Mr. Bell was born on January 7, 1934, in Clinton, Illinois. He received his B.S. degree cum laude in 1957 and his M.A. in 1958 from the University of Illinois at Urbana. In May 1975, he received a Distinguished Service Award, the Department's highest honor for his international trade efforts.

The Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs directs the operations of the Foreign Agricultural Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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