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The President today announced his intention to nominate Jack M. Eckerd, of Belleair, Florida to be Administrator of General Services. He will succeed Arthur F. Sampson, who resigned effective October 15, 1975.

Mr. Eckerd is currently Chairman of the Board of the Jack Eckerd Corporation in Clearwater, Florida. He was previously Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, which he organized in 1952. In 1975, he was appointed by the President as a member of the delegation to the funeral of President Chiang Kai Shek. In 1974, he served as Vice Chairman of the Governor's Management and Efficiency Study in Florida. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the U.S.O., as well as a member of the Educational and Manpower Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Mr. Eckerd was born on May 16, 1913, in Wilmington, Delaware. He attended the University of Pittsburgh and the Boeing School of Aeronautics. He served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945.

Mr. Eckerd is married to the former Ruth Binnicker and they have seven children.

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