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The President today announced his intention to nominate Ronald J. James, of Chicago, Illinois, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. He will succeed Betty Southard Murphy who became Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board on February 7, 1975.

Since 1973, Mr. James has been serving as Regional Attorney for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Regional Litigation Center in Chicago, Illinois. During 1972, he was a trial attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the Department of Transportation, after having served as Special Assistant to Donald Rumsfeld, in 1971. He served at the Office of Economic Opportunity as Special Assistant to the Director in 1970-71. He was with the Urban Coalition Action Council in the spring of 1970. From 1967 to 1969 he was Assistant State's Attorney for Iowa.

Mr. James was born on April 8, 1937, in Centerville, Iowa, and received his B. A. degree from the University of Missouri in 1959. He served in the United States Army as a Lieutenant from 1960 to 1963. He was Legislative Assistant to Congressman James Bromwell of Iowa during 1963-64. While on the staff of the United States Commission on Civil Rights during 1965-66 he received his J. D. degree from American University Law School in 1966. He also did additional graduate work at Georgetown University Law School. He attended Southern Illinois University and received his M. A. in 1972.

Mr. James is married to the former Patricia S. O'Donnell and they have four children.

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