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The President today announced his intention to nominate John A. Knebel, of McLean, Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture. He will succeed J. Phil Campbell who has resigned.

Since April 1975, Mr. Knebel has been a partner in the law firm of Brownstein, Zeidman, Schomer and Chase. He was appointed in January 1973, as General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, after having served as General Counsel of the Small Business Administration since March 1971. Prior to joining the SBA, he served as Assistant Counsel to the House Committee on Agriculture. He also served as Legislative Assistant to former Congressman J. Ernest Wharton of New York during the 88th Congress (1963-64).

Born on October 4, 1936, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. Knebel was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1959 and received his M.A. degree from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska in 1962. He received his law degree from American University in 1965 and was engaged in the private practice of law with the Washington, D.C., firm of Howrey, Simon, Baker and Murchison, from 1965 to 1968. Mr. Knebel is a member of the American, Federal, and District of Columbia Bar Associations, and is chairman of the General Counsels Committee of the Federal Bar Association.

Mr. Knebel is married to the former Zenia Marks, of Wycoff, New Jersey, and they have three children.

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