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**The President today announced his intention to nominate Peter B. Bensinger, of Chicago, Illinois, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement. He will succeed John R. Bartels who resigned effective June 9, 1975.**

Since 1974, Mr. Bensinger has been Chief of the Crime Victims Division of the Illinois Attorney General's Office in Chicago. Prior to his appointment he was Executive Director of the Chicago Crime Commission. He was Director of the Department of Corrections for the State of Illinois from 1970 to 1973. After serving as Administrative Assistant in 1969 to the Director of Public Safety for Illinois, he was named Chairman of the Illinois Youth Commission during 1969-70. From 1958 to 1968 he was with Brunswick International.

Born on March 24, 1936, in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Yale University and received his B.A. degree in 1958.

Mr. Bensinger and his wife Judith have two children.

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