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The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert Ellsworth, of Katonah, New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. This is a new position created by Public Law 92-596 of October 27, 1972.

Since June 5, 1974, Mr. Ellsworth has been an Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. Prior to his appointment, he was a general partner of Lazard Freres International, and Vice President of Lazard Freres Company. From 1969 to 1971 he served as U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank of Ambassador, after serving during 1969 as Assistant to the President. He was National Political Director of the Presidential Campaign in 1968. From 1961 to 1967 he served as a Member of Congress from Kansas. In Congress he was a Member of the Joint Economic Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee, Post Office and Civil Service Committee and House Republican Task Force on NATO.

He was born on June 11, 1926, in Lawrence, Kansas. Mr. Ellsworth received his B.S. degree from the University of Kansas in 1945, and his J.D. from the University of Michigan School of Law in 1949. From 1944 to 1946 and from 1950 to 1953 he served in the United States Navy. From 1949 to 1950 he was an attorney with the firm of Chapin & Neal in Springfield, Massachusetts, and during 1954 he was an attorney with the Maritime Administration in the Department of Commerce. From 1955 to 1960 he was in the private practice of law in Lawrence, Kansas.

Mr. Ellsworth is married to the former Vivian Sies. They have two children.

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