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The President today announced his intention to nominate S. John Byington, of Annandale, Virginia, to be Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. He will succeed Richard O. Simpson whose term has expired. Upon confirmation by the Senate, the President will designate Mr. Byington as Chairman of the Commission. He is currently the Deputy Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Born on October 9, 1937, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Mr. Byington received his B.S. degree from Ferris State College in 1959. He attended the University of Michigan where he did additional graduate work during 1961. He received his J. D. from Georgetown University in 1963.

In 1961, Mr. Byington became the Director of Public Relations for the American Pharmaceutical Association. During 1964-65, he was in the private practice of law and also served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Grand Rapids, Michigan. From 1964 to 1968 he was Administrative Assistant to Governor George Romney of Michigan. He returned to the private practice of law in 1968. In December, 1968, he became Corporate Secretary and Assistant to the President for Synercom Communications Corporation. He was an Associate Attorney with the firm of Jenkins, Fortescue, Miller & Nystrom during 1972. He was also Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer for Intermart, Inc. in Birmingham, Michigan.

Mr. Byington was named Director of the Detroit District Office for the Office of Field Operations of the Department of Commerce in 1972. He became Deputy Director and National Export Marketing Director of OFO in 1973.

Mr. Byington is married to the former Sally Meyer and they have two children.

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