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The President today announced the appointment of C. William Kontos, of Chicago, Illinois, as Special Representative of the President and Director of the United States Sinai Support Mission. This is a new position created by Executive Order 11896 of January 13, 1976. He is currently a member of the Policy Planning Staff in the Department of State.

Mr. Kontos was born on August 10, 1922, in Chicago, Illinois. He attended the University of Chicago and received his B.A. degree in 1947 and his M. A. in 1948. During 1948-49, he did additional graduate work at the London School of Economics and Political Science of the University of London. From 1943 to 1946, he served in the United States Army.

In 1949, Mr. Kontos joined the Agency for International Development Mission in Greece as a staff member in the Civil Government Division. He became the Special Assistant to the Chief of the Mission in 1952. From 1953 to 1956, he was Program Budget Coordination Officer and Chief Management Analyst of AID in Washington. In 1956, he became Regional Executive Officer for the Africa-Europe Bureau, serving until 1959. He served as Deputy Director of the AID Mission to Ceylon from 1959 to 1961, and became Deputy Director of the Mission in Nigeria from 1961 to 1964.

In 1964, Mr. Kontos attended the National War College prior to becoming Director of Personnel for the Agency for International Development in Washington. He was named Director of the Mission to Pakistan with the personal rank of Minister in 1967. During 1970, he was Director of the Joint State/AID Office for Nigerian Affairs, while serving as Director of Program Evaluation for AID from 1969 to 1972. He served as Deputy Commission General of UNRWA at the United Nations from 1972 to 1974.

Mr. Kontos is married and has two children. They reside in the District of Columbia.

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