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The President today announced his intention to nominate John Thomas Smith II, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce. He will succeed Karl E. Bakke who became Chairman and a member of the Federal Maritime Commission on November 13, 1975. Mr. Smith is an Associate with the firm of Covington and Burlington in Washington, D. C.

Born on November 22, 1943, in New York, New York, Mr. Smith attended Yale University where he received his B.A. degree in 1964. He was awarded his J.D. in 1967 from Yale Law School. He was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in 1968.

In 1967, Mr. Smith joined the Central Intelligence Agency and served until 1968. He served as an officer in the United States Air Force assigned to the CIA from 1968 to 1970. He became a Program Analyst with the Office of Planning, Programming and Budgeting at the CIA in 1970. In 1971, he became Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary and Comptroller at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He became Executive Assistant to the Secretary of HEW in 1972. He was Assistant to the Secretary of Defense from January to May, 1973, and was Executive Assistant to the Attorney General from May to October, 1973.

Mr. Smith is married to the former Linda Carol Kridel and they have two sons.

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