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The President today announced his intention to nominate William H. Taft, IV, of Alexandria, Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He will succeed John Rhinelander who was appointed Under Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development on September 11, 1975. Mr. Taft has been Assistant to the Secretary of HEW since March 1973.

Mr. Taft was born on September 13, 1945, in Washington, D.C. He attended Yale University and received his B.A. degree in 1966. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1969.

In January 1970, Mr. Taft became an attorney-advisor in the Office of the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. He was appointed Special Assistant to the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget in August 1970. From August 1972 to March 1973, he was Executive Assistant to the Director of OMB.

Mr. Taft is married to the former Julia Vadala.

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