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The President today announced his intention to nominate Edward W. Mulcahy, of Claypool, Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia. He will succeed Talcott W. Seelye who is being reassigned. Mr. Mulcahy has been Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs since 1974.

Born in Malden, Massachusetts on June 15, 1921, Mr. Mulcahy graduated from Tufts College with a B. A. degree in 1943. He received his M. A. in 1947 from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a Lieutenant from 1943 to 1946.

After joining the Foreign Service in 1947, Mr. Mulcahy served in Mombasa, Kenya, as Consular and Economic Officer and later as Principal Officer. During 1949-50, he was Consular Officer in Munich, Germany and from 1950-52 he was Principal Officer in Asmara, Ethiopia. He returned to the Department of State in 1952 to serve in the Near Eastern and South Asian Office of Personnel, and later as Officer in Charge of Trusteeship Affairs.

In 1956, Mr. Mulcahy went to Athens as Political Officer and later served in Salisbury as Deputy Principal Officer. He returned to the Department of State as Officer in Charge of Rhodesian and Nyasaland Affairs. He was appointed Deputy Director of the Office of Eastern and South African Affairs in 1964 and was appointed Country Director for East Africa in 1966. He attended the Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy at the Foreign Service Institute during 1966-67. From 1967 to 1970 he served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Tunis, Tunisia. In 1970, he became Deputy Chief of Mission in Lagos. He served as Ambassador to Chad from 1972 to 1974.

Mr. Mulcahy is married to the former Kathleen Lyon and they have five children.

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