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The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert L. Hirsch, of Potomac, Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator of the Energy Research and Development Administration. His area of responsibility will be Solar, Geothermal and Advanced Energy Systems. He will succeed John Teem who resigned effective January 31, 1976. Dr. Hirsch has been Director of the Division of Controlled Thermonuclear Research for ERDA since 1972.

Born in Evanston, Illinois, on March 6, 1935, Mr. Hirsch received his B.S. degree from the University of Illinois in 1958. He attended the University of Michigan and received his M.S. in 1959. He was awarded his PH.D. from the University of Illinois in 1964.

In 1959, Mr. Hirsch joined Atomics International of Canoga Park, California, as an engineer for the Space Nuclear Systems Program. From 1964 to 1968, he was with ITT Industrial Laboratories as a physicist and later as Director of the Nuclear Engineering and Plasma Physics Department. He joined the United States Atomic Energy Commission in 1968 as a physicist and later became Senior Physicist of the Division of Controlled Thermonuclear Research. He became Director of the Division in 1972.

Mr. Hirsch is married to the former Evelyn Podhouser and they have three children.

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