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The President today announced his intention to nominate Frederick Irving, of Providence, Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. He will succeed Dixy Lee Ray who resigned effective June 20, 1975. Mr. Irving has been Ambassador to Iceland since September, 1972.

Born on May 2, 1921, in Providence, Rhode Island, Mr. Irving received his B.A. degree from Brown University in 1943. He served in the United States Air Force from 1943 to 1945. He received his M.A. from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1946. He attended the National War College during 1959-60.

Mr. Irving became an Economist in the International Division of the Bureau of the Budget in 1946. He joined the Department of State in 1951, where he served as Chief of the Western European Post Management Section in the Bureau of European Affairs. In 1952, he entered the Foreign Service and served as Deputy Director of Administration at the Embassy in Vienna. He held other overseas assignments as Chief of the Economic and Commercial Section in Wellington (1960-62) and Deputy Chief of Mission in Vienna during 1967-68.

After returning to the Department of State, Mr. Irving held several positions including Deputy Executive Director for European Affairs; Director of the Office of the Budget; Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs; Executive Director of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; Executive Director of the Bureau of European Affairs; and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations.

Mr. Irving is married to the former Dorothy Jean Petrie of Williamstown, Massachusetts. They have three children.

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