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The President today announced his intention to nominate William L. Fisher, of Austin, Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Interior. His area of responsibility will be Energy and Mineral Resources. He will succeed Jack Carlson who resigned effective January 15, 1976. Mr. Fisher has been Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interior for Energy and Mineral Resources since April 1975.

Mr. Fisher was born on September 16, 1932, in Marion, Illinois. He received his B.A. degree from Southern Illinois University in 1954. He attended the University of Kansas and received his M.S. in 1958 and his Ph.D. in 1961.

In 1964, Mr. Fisher became Professor of Geological Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin, teaching geologic aspects of energy and mineral exploration. From 1970 to 1975, he was State Geologist of Texas and Director of the Bureau of Economic Geology for the Texas State Geological Survey.

Mr. Fisher is married and has three children. They reside in Reston, Virginia.

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