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The President today announced his intention to nominate Francis Hughes, of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. His area of responsibility will be Financial Management. He will succeed William Woodruff who resigned effective July 31, 1975. Mr. Hughes has been an independent consultant in Hilton Head, South Carolina since November 1975.

Born on August 12, 1921, in Washington, D.C., Mr. Hughes attended Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, D.C. and received his B.S. degree in 1947. He received his M.S. in 1948 from Southeastern University in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hughes was Customer Engineer for International Business Machine in Washington, D.C. from 1943 to 1945. He was Manager of Price Waterhouse & Co. of Washington until joining the Texas Gulf Producing Company of Houston, Texas in May 1956. He served successively as Director, Secretary-Treasurer and Vice President until April 1965. He became Financial Vice President of W.R. Grace & Co. of New York, New York in April 1965. From 1967 to November 1975, he was Executive Vice President and Director of the National Data Corporation of Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Hughes is married to the former Jeannette A. Jones and they have three children.

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