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The President today announced his intention to nominate Eugene V. McAuliffe, of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense. His area of responsibility will be International Security Affairs. He will succeed Robert Ellsworth who became Under Secretary of Defense on December 22, 1975. Mr. McAuliffe has been Ambassador to Hungary since March, 1975.

Ambassador McAuliffe was born on November 25, 1918, in Boston, Massachusetts. He received his A. B. degree from Boston College in 1940. He attended the National War College from 1962 to 1963. He served with the United States Army from 1942 to 1947.

In 1948, Ambassador McAuliffe entered the Foreign Service and was assigned as Consular and Political Officer in Berlin. He became Executive Assistant in 1954 and later Chief of Reports and Operations Staff of the Executive Secretariat for the Department of State. From 1958 to 1962, he was assigned as Political Officer in Mexico City.

During the period from 1963 to 1966, Ambassador McAuliffe served as Director of the Office of Public Services and then Executive Secretary of the Policy Planning Staff for the Department of State. He was Director of Atlantic Political and Military Affairs for the Department of State from 1966 to 1968. He served as Deputy Chief of Mission with the personal rank of Minister in Madrid, Spain until 1970. From 1970 to 1972, he was a Political Officer, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers in Europe. He was Deputy Chief of Mission of the United States, North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Brussels beginning in 1972 until his appointment as Ambassador to Hungary.

Mr. McAuliffe is married to the former Winifred Gallivan and they have eight children.

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