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The President today announced his intention to nominate Frank E. Maestroni, of Manchester, Connecticut, to be United States Ambassador to the State of Kuwait. He will succeed William A. Stoltzfus, Jr., who has resigned. Mr. Maestroni has been Deputy Chief of Mission in Cairo since 1974.

Born on December 20, 1922, in Springfield, Massachusetts, Mr. Maestroni received his B. A. degree from Yale University in 1942. He served in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant from 1942 to 1946. He was an underwriter for an insurance company from 1946 to 1948.

In 1948, Mr. Maestroni entered the Foreign Service and became a Consular Officer and later an Economic Officer. During 1949, he became a Visa Officer and later a Political Officer in Hamburg. He served as Executive Officer in Salzburg from 1954 to 1956. From 1956 to 1960 he was a Foreign Affairs Officer and later became an International Relations Officer at the Department of State. He served as Principal Officer in Khorramshahr from 1960 to 1962. He attended the Naval War College during 1962-63.

Mr. Maestroni became a Political Adviser on the International Staff in Paris for NATO in 1963. He was Chief of the Regional Affairs Division of the Office of Research-Analysis for Western Europe at the Department of State. From 1966 to 1968, he was Deputy Director of the Office of Research-Analysis for Western Europe at the Department. He went to Brussels in 1968 and became a Political Officer at NATO until 1971. From 1971 to 1973, he was Counselor for Political Affairs in Manila. He was a faculty adviser at the Naval War College during 1973-74.

Mr. Maestroni is married to the former Jo Colwell and they have two children.

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