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The President today announced his intention to nominate William A. Anders, of McLean, Virginia, to be Ambassador to Norway. He will succeed Thomas R. Byrne who has been reassigned. Mr. Anders has been Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission since January 19, 1975.

Mr. Anders was born on October 17, 1933, in Hong Kong of American parents. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1955. He received his M.S. degree from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1962, while serving in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1969.

In 1963, Mr. Anders was a nuclear engineer, prior to becoming an astronaut with NASA at the Manned Spacecraft Center. He was the back-up pilot for the Gemini II Mission and became the Lunar Module Pilot for the Apollo 8 Mission in 1968. He served on the back-up crew from the Apollo II Mission in 1969 and retired from the Air Force during that year.

Mr. Anders became Executive Secretary of the National Aeronautical and Space Council in 1969. He served on the Atomic Energy Commission from 1973 to 1975, prior to his appointment as Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 1975.

Mr. Anders is married to the former Valerie Hoard and they have six children.

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