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The President today announced his intention to nominate David S. Smith, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Sweden. He will succeed Robert Strausz-Hupe who became United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on March 3, 1976. Mr. Smith has been a Partner in the firm of Martin, Whitfield, Thaler and Bebhick in Washington, D. C. since 1975.

Born on January 25, 1918, in Omaha, Nebraska, Mr. Smith attended the Sorbonne in Paris and received the Degre Superieur in 1938. He received his B. A. from Dartmouth College in 1939, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He attended Columbia University Law School and received his J. D. in 1942. From 1942 to 1946, he was in the United States Naval Reserve and served in the United States Air Force Reserve from 1955 to 1973.

Mr. Smith entered the private practice of law in 1946 and joined the firm of Chapman, Bryson, Walsh & O'Connell in New York and Washington, D. C. In 1954, he was named Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State and later became Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, serving until 1959.

In 1959, Mr. Smith became Associate Dean of the Graduate School of International Affairs at Columbia University and also served as Director of the International Fellows Program. He joined the firm of Baker & McKenzie in New York and Washington in 1964.

Mr. Smith is married to the former Mary Edson and they have four children.

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