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The President today announced his intention to nominate W. Beverly Carter, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Liberia. He will succeed Melvin L. Manfull who has resigned. Mr. Carter has been Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for African Affairs at the Department of State since 1975.

Born on February 11, 1921, in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Carter received his B.A. degree from Lincoln University in 1943.

In 1943, Mr. Carter became a reporter for the Philadelphia Tribune and was named City Editor of the Philadelphia Afro-American in 1947. He was Executive Director of the Council for Equal Job Opportunity during 1947-48. From 1948 to 1957, he was the owner of Journalists Associates and Assistant to the President of the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge and the Valley Forge Foundation from 1951 to 1954. From 1955 to 1962, he was Publisher of the Pittsburgh Courier. He was Publisher of the Chicago Courier and the Detroit Courier during 1963-64. During 1964-65, he was Sales Manager for the Fuller Products Co. Eastern Division.

Mr. Carter joined the United States Information Agency in 1965 and served as an Information Officer and later Public Affairs Officer in Nairobi until 1966. He was Deputy Public Affairs Officer and later the Public Affairs Officer Counselor in Lagos from 1966 to 1968. From 1969 to 1972, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs. He was appointed Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania in 1972.

Mr. Carter is married to the former Carlyn D. Brown Pogue and they have three children. They reside in the District of Columbia.

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