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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced his intention to nominate Ross N. Sterling, of Houston, Texas, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. He will succeed Allen B. Hannay who retired effective August 6, 1975.

Since 1968, Mr. Sterling has been a member of the law firm of Vinson, Elkins, Searls, Connally and Smith in Houston, Texas.

A biographical sketch is attached.

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ROSS N. STERLING

Born: January 18, 1931 Houston, Texas

Legal Residence: Texas

Marital Status: Married Wife--Dakota Ann Ehman  
one child

Education: 1948-1951 University of Texas  
1954-1957 B.A.-1956, LL.B.-1957

Bar: 1957 Texas

Military Service: 1951-1954 United States Army

Experience: 1957-1958 Law Clerk for John R. Brown,  
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