

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 21, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary

---

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate John H. Reed, of Fort Fairfield, Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sri Lanka and the Maldives. He will succeed Christopher Van Hollen who has resigned. Mr. Reed has been Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board since 1969.

Born on January 5, 1921, in Fort Fairfield, Maine, Mr. Reed received his B.S. degree in 1942 from the University of Maine. He graduated from the Harvard Naval Supply School in 1944. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946.

In 1948, Mr. Reed became an Officer in Reed Farms, Inc. in Fort Fairfield, Maine. He served as a State Representative in the Maine Legislature from 1954 to 1956, and was elected to the State Senate in Maine in 1957. He was President of the State Senate during 1959-60. From 1960 to 1967, he served as Governor of the State of Maine. He was appointed as a member to the National Transportation Safety Board in 1967.

During 1965-66, Mr. Reed served as the Chairman of the National Governors Conference.

Mr. Reed is married to the former Cora Mitchell Davison and they have two children.

# # #