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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced the appointment of Lester E. Edmond, of Miami Beach, Florida, to be the Representative of the United States of America on the South Pacific Commission for a term of two years. He succeeds Stanley S. Carpenter who has resigned effective upon a date to be determined.

The President today also announced the appointment of D. Hebden Porteus of Honolulu, Hawaii, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America on the South Pacific Commission for a term of two years. This is a reappointment. He was appointed on November 13, 1973.

The Commission's purpose is to promote the economic and social advancement of the people in the area. The Commission's role in this task is entirely advisory and consultative, consisting of research, training, technical conferences, seminars, and other means of supplementing and complementing the programs carried on by the metropolitan powers and independent countries in the area.

Each of the Member countries appoint one representative and such alternates as they care to designate. The Member countries are:

Australia
France
New Zealand
United Kingdom

United States
Western Samoa
Nauru
Fiji
Papua New Guinea

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