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The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert V. Keeley, of Winter Park, Florida, to be Ambassador to Mauritius. He will succeed Philip W. Manhard who has resigned. Mr. Keeley has been Deputy Director of the Inter-Agency Task Force for Indochina Refugees for the Department of State since 1975.

Born on September 4, 1929, in Beirut, Lebanon, Mr. Keeley received his A.B. degree summa cum laude from Princeton University in 1951. He served in the United States Coast Guard from 1953 to 1955 as a Lieutenant, j.g. He was a Fellow at the National Institute of Public Affairs at Stanford University during 1965-66.

In 1956, Mr. Keeley joined the Foreign Service and served with the International Cooperation Administration in Washington, D. C. until 1957. From 1958 to 1970, he was Political Officer at the American Embassies in Amman, Jordan; Bamako, Mali; and Athens, Greece. During 1963-66, he served as Officer in Charge in Leopoldville and Brazzaville. He was appointed Deputy Chief of Mission in Kampala, Uganda and Phnom Penh, Khmer Republic beginning in 1970 until 1975.

Mr. Keeley is married to the former Louise Schoonmaker and they have two children. They reside in the District of Columbia.

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