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The President today announced his intention to nominate William D. Rogers, of Great Falls, Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. He will succeed Charles Robinson who was appointed Deputy Secretary of State on April 7, 1976. Mr. Rogers has been Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs since October 1974.

Born on May 12, 1927, in Wilmington, Delaware, Mr. Rogers received his A.B. degree from Princeton University in 1948 and his LL.B. from Yale University in 1951.

Mr. Rogers was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in 1953 and joined the firm of Arnold, Fortas and Porter, of Washington, D.C. that year as a partner. He served as Special Deputy Attorney General of Hawaii, 1960-62; Special Counsel, United States Coordinator, Alliance for Progress, 1962-63; Deputy United States Coordinator for Alliance for Progress and also Deputy Assistant Administrator, Agency for International Development, 1963-65. He became a partner in the firm of Arnold and Porter in 1965.

In addition, Mr. Rogers was Alternate United States Representative to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, 1964-65, and president, Center for Inter-American Relations, New York City, 1965-70. He received the Distinguished Honor Award from the Agency for International Development in 1965 and is author of "The Twilight Struggle".

Mr. Rogers was a fellow in the Hudson Institute, a member of the American Society of International Law, serving as president, 1972-74, member of the Procedural Aspects of International Law Institute, serving as secretary-treasurer, and member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Rogers is married to the former Suzanne Rochford, and they have two children.

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