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The President today announced his intention to nominate Phillip V. Sanchez of Fresno, California, to be Ambassador to Colombia. He will succeed Viron V. Vaky, who is being reassigned. Mr. Sanchez has been serving as Ambassador to Honduras since 1973.

Born July 28, 1929, he received his B. A. in 1953, from Fresno State College and an M. A. from Fresno State University. From 1956 to 1962, he was an Administrative Analyst, Fresno County Government, California. He served as Administrator, Fresno County, California, from 1962 to 1971. In May, 1971, he was named Assistant Director of Office of Economic Opportunity for Operations and, from September, 1971 to May, 1973, he was Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity. On May 30, 1973, he was appointed Ambassador to Honduras.

He was named one of California's "Five Outstanding Young Men" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1963.

He is married to the former Juanita Martinez and they have four children.

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