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The President today announced his intention to nominate Albert C. Zapanta, of Los Angeles, California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior. His area of responsibility will be Management. He will succeed James T. Clarke who resigned effective April 1, 1976. Mr. Zapanta has been Southwest Coordinator of the President Ford Committee since 1975.

Born on March 8, 1941, in Los Angeles, California, Mr. Zapanta attended the University of Southern California and received his B.A. degree in 1966 and his M.A. in 1973. He is currently a doctoral candidate in public administration at U.S.C. He is a Major in the Army Reserve after having served in the U.S. Army from 1966 and 1970.

In 1973, Mr. Zapanta was selected to serve as a White House Fellow and was Special Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation. He was Vice President of Amex Systems, Inc. during 1974-75, until becoming President of The Energy Resource Group, Inc. of Beverly Hills, California, a firm of management consultants and oil and natural gas management representatives.

Mr. Zapanta is President of the Mexican-American Alumni Group, and a Director of the National Association of Spanish Speaking City Planners.

Mr. Zapanta is married to the former Rochelle M. Caouette and they have one child. They reside in Monterey Park, California.

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