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The President today announced his intention to nominate Thomas J. Houser, of Woodstock, Illinois, to be Director of the Office of Telecommunications Policy. He will succeed Clay T. Whitehead who resigned effective November 15, 1974. Mr. Houser has been a partner in the law firm of Sidley and Austin in Chicago, Illinois since January, 1973.

Mr. Houser was born on June 28, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Hanover College and received his A. B. degree in 1951. He did additional graduate work at the Advance School of International Studies during 1951-52. He received his J. D. degree from Northwestern University School of Law in 1959.

In April, 1959, Mr. Houser joined the Association of Western Railways as an attorney. He became Commerce Counsel for the Burlington and Quincy Railroad in December, 1961. He was appointed Campaign Manager of Charles H. Percy's senatorial campaign in March, 1966. He became Special Counsel to Senator Percy in March, 1966, and was Counsel to the firm of Leibman, Williams, Bennett, Baird and Minow during 1968-69.

Mr. Houser became Deputy Director of the Peace Corps in 1969, prior to becoming appointed a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission in January, 1971.

Mr. Houser is married to the former Joann Ochsenhirt and they have three children.

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