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The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert L. Hardesty, of Austin, Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the term expiring December 8, 1983. He will succeed Frederick Russell Kappel whose term expired on December 8, 1974. Mr. Hardesty has been Associate Deputy Chancellor at the University of Texas in Austin since April, 1976.

The President today also announced his intention to withdraw the nomination of Mr. D. C. Burnham, of Pennsylvania, as a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the term expiring December 8, 1983, which was sent to the Senate on April 10, 1975.

Born on June 4, 1931, in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Hardesty received his B.A. degree from George Washington University in 1957.

Mr. Hardesty was associated with several advertising agencies from 1957 to 1964. He became Special Assistant to the Postmaster General John Gronouski in 1964, prior to his appointment to the White House Staff as Assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson. He served as Special Assistant to the former President in Austin, Texas, from 1969 to 1972. He became Press Secretary to the Governor of Texas in January, 1973.

Mr. Hardesty is married to the former Mary Adelaide Roberts and they have four children. They reside in Austin, Texas.

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