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The President today announced his intention to nominate Raymond Telles, of El Paso, Texas, to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the remainder of a term expiring July 1, 1978. He will succeed Lowell W. Perry who resigned effective May 15, 1976. Mr. Telles was appointed in September, 1971, to the EEOC.

Mr. Telles was born on September 5, 1915, in El Paso, Texas. He attended International Business College in El Paso and the University of Texas at El Paso from 1935 to 1939. He served in the U. S. Air Force from 1941 to 1947 and during the Korean War during 1951 to 1952.

In 1934, Mr. Telles joined the Department of Justice as an accountant. After completing service in the Air Force, he returned to the Justice Department during 1947 to 1948. He was elected County Clerk in El Paso, Texas in 1948 and served as Mayor of El Paso from 1957 to 1961. He was appointed U. S. Ambassador to Costa Rica in 1961 and became Chairman with the rank of Ambassador of the United States Section of the U. S. Section of the U. S. /Mexico Commission for Border Economic Development and Friendship in 1967. He was a consultant to various companies in private industry from 1969 to 1971, prior to his appointment to the EEOC.

Mr. Telles is married to the former Delfina Navarro and they have two children. They reside in Bethesda, Maryland.

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