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The President today announced his intention to nominate M. Alan Woods, of Mexico, Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). He will succeed William I. Greener who has resigned. Mr. Woods has been Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretaries of Defense since January, 1976.

Born on October 13, 1945, in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Woods received his B.A. degree from American University in 1967. He also studied at Park College in Parkville, Missouri.

In September, 1967, Mr. Woods joined the presidential campaign for Richard Nixon and served through the transition period until his appointment as Staff Assistant to the President in January, 1969, in the Office of the Press Secretary. From May, 1970, to November, 1970, he was Campaign Manager for the Bond-for-Auditor campaign in Missouri. He became Vice President of Bradley Woods & Company in December, 1970, prior to becoming Executive Assistant to Governor Christopher Bond of Missouri in January, 1973. He was named as a consultant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs in June, 1974, and served as a consultant and Deputy Director of the Presidential Personnel Office from October, 1974, to August, 1975. He became Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) in September, 1975.

Mr. Woods is married to the former Millicent Wasell. They reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

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