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The President today announced his intention to nominate Fred P. Wacker, of McLean, Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). He will succeed Terence McClary who has resigned. Mr. Wacker has been Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Born on December 3, 1926, in Washington, D. C., Mr. Wacker received his B. A. degree magna cum laude in 1950 from American University and was awarded his M. A. in 1951 from George Washington University. He served in the United States Army from 1944 to 1946.

In 1951, Mr. Wacker joined the Department of Navy as a management intern and from 1951 to 1956 he was an accountant and budget analyst for the Navy's Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. He was a budget analyst in the Office of the Navy Comptroller until 1962. He was assigned to the Procurement Directorate in the budget office in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) in 1962, and became Director for Procurement in 1966. He was appointed Deputy Comptroller for Program/Budget in 1971, prior to becoming Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program/Budget) in June, 1973.

Mr. Wacker is married to the former Louise Ginn and they have three children.

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