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The President today announced the appointment of Robert A. Collier, of Alexandria, Virginia, to be Vice Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. He succeeds Leonard W. Mayo, who resigned.

Born on April 3, 1917, in Wichita Falls, Texas, Mr. Collier was graduated from the University of Texas in 1937 and received his LL.B. degree from the University of Texas Law School in 1940.

He served as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, from 1941 to 1951. In 1952 and 1953, he was Chief Counsel of the Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives. He was a Legal Consultant for the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations from 1953 to 1956. In 1955 and 1956, he served as a Legal and Management Consultant for the Administrator of Veterans Affairs. Mr. Collier has been in the practice of law since 1956, and is presently senior partner in the law firm of Collier, Shannon, Rill and Edwards of Washington, D.C.

Mr. Collier is married to the former Jeanne Claybrook and they have two children.

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