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The President today announced his intention to nominate Wilfred J. Smith, of Alexandria, Virginia, to be a member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term of three years beginning October 22, 1976. This is a reappointment. He was appointed on August 23, 1974.

Born on March 21, 1909, in China, Mr. Smith received his A.B., A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. He served in the United States Air Force from 1942 to 1964 and retired as a Colonel.

In 1965, Mr. Smith became a consultant for the Rand Corporation and a short-term consultant for AID in Vietnam, prior to serving as a Senior Research Analyst for the Department of Defense during 1965-66. From 1966 to 1968, he was Research Director in Thailand and was program manager in Iran during 1968-69 for the Philco-Ford Corporation. He was Deputy AID Mission Director in Nepal until 1972, when he retired.

Mr. Smith is married and has two children.

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission was established by Reorganization Plan 1 of 1954 for the purpose of determining claims of United States nationals against foreign governments for losses and injuries sustained by them. The Commission consists of three members, appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate for staggered terms of 3 years. J. Raymond Bell is Chairman of the Commission.

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