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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert J. McCloskey, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. He will succeed Kingdon Gould, Jr., who has resigned. Mr. McCloskey has been Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations since February 20, 1975.

Mr. McCloskey was born on November 25, 1922, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and attended Temple University where he majored in journalism and received his B. S. degree in 1953. He attended George Washington University during 1958-59. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945.

From 1945 to 1950, Mr. McCloskey was engaged in hotel work, and from 1952 to 1955, he was a newspaper reporter. He entered government service in 1955 as an investigator with the Refugee Relief Program in Hong Kong. In 1957, he became Publications Editor, Office of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the State Department. From 1958 to 1962, he was Press Officer, then Public Information Specialist of the News Division for the Bureau of Public Affairs. He was a Public Information Specialist, in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs from 1962 to 1964. He was named Deputy Assistant Secretary for Press Relations and Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, serving from 1969 to 1973. He was appointed Ambassador to Cyprus in 1973, prior to becoming Ambassador-at-Large in 1974. He was appointed to the position of Foreign Service Officer-Career Minister in 1974.

Mr. McCloskey is married to the former Anne Phelan, and they have two children.

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