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The President today announced his intention to nominate Ralph E. Becker, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Honduras. He will succeed Phillip Sanchez who became Ambassador to Columbia on June 16, 1976. Mr. Becker has been with the law firm of Becker, Channell, Becker and Feldman, since 1948 and is presently a Senior Partner.

Born on January 29, 1907, in New York, New York, Mr. Becker received his L.L.B. degree in 1928 from St. John's University. He served as a Captain in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1929 and the United States Supreme Court in 1940.

While being associated with the law firm of Becker, Channell, Becker and Feldman as Senior Partner, Mr. Becker has served on several boards. He has been General Counsel and Trustee for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; General Counsel and Secretary for the Albert Schweitzer Fund during 1955; and the L. B. J. Memorial Grove on the Park. He was designated by the President as his Representative with the rank of Special Ambassador to the Independence Ceremonies in Swaziland in 1968.

Mr. Becker is married to the former Ann Marie Watters and they have four children. They reside in the District of Columbia.

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