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The President today announced his intention to nominate Charles A. James, of Sacramento, California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger. He will succeed L. Douglas Heck who has resigned. Mr. James has been Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs since 1975.

Born on June 6, 1922, in Washington, D. C., Mr. James received his B. A. degree in 1949 from Middlebury College and his LL. B. in 1952 from Yale University. He served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946. From 1952 to 1954, he was a Legal Assistant for a law firm and from 1954 to 1961, he was in private practice.

In 1961, Mr. James became Assistant Attorney General for the State of California. He joined the Peace Corps in 1964 and was Deputy Peace Corps Director in Accra from 1964 to 1966; and Director in Kampala during 1966-67. He was Deputy Assistant Director of the Office of Field Operations for AID in Bangkok during 1968-69 and attended the Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy at the Foreign Service Institute during 1969-70. From 1970 to 1973, he was Assistant Deputy for CORDS in Saigon and later was Acting Deputy and Assistant Director for Programs. He was stationed in Nairobi during 1973-74 as Director of AID and returned to Washington in 1974 to be Director of the Office of Near East Affairs for the Asia Bureau at AID.

Mr. James is married to the former Jane Woodley and they have four children. They reside in Bethesda, Maryland.

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