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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has approved the designation of Philip W. Manhard as the U.S. Deputy Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations and also as Chairman of the NSC Under Secretaries Committee's Interagency Group for Micronesian Status Negotiations.

Ambassador Manhard has been a career Foreign Service Officer since 1948, with assignments in China, Korea, Japan and the East Asian and Pacific Bureau of the State Department. He has also served as Deputy Political Advisor to the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, and as an Advisor to the United Nations Delegation. Assigned to South Vietnam in 1967, he was held prisoner in North Vietnam 1968-1973, and received the State Department's Award for Valor in 1973. His last appointment was Ambassador to Mauritius, 1974-1976.

After graduating magna cum laude from the University of Southern California in 1943, he served as a Marine Corps Officer in the Pacific theater in World War II. He is married to the former Margaret Booth and they have three children.

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