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The President today announced his intention to nominate Ronald D. Palmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Togo. He will succeed Nancy W. Rawls who was appointed Alternate Representative of the United States for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations on August 5, 1976. Mr. Palmer has been Deputy Coordinator for Human Rights at the Department of State since 1975.

Born on May 22, 1932, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Mr. Palmer received his B.A. degree in 1955 from Howard University. He attended John Hopkins University and received his M. A. in 1957.

In 1960, Mr. Palmer served as an Economic Officer in Djakarta, prior to becoming an Economic Officer in Kuala Lumpur in 1962. He was a Foreign Affairs Officer at the Department of State during 1963-64 and was appointed as a Staff Assistant in 1964. He served at the United States Information Agency in Copenhagen as a Cultural Attache from 1965 to 1967. From 1967 to 1970, he was a faculty member at the United States Military Academy. He served as International Relations Officer at the State Department during 1970, prior to becoming a Political Officer in Manila in 1971.

Mr. Palmer is married to the former Euna Scott and they have two children. They reside in Bethesda, Maryland.

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