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The President today announced his intention to nominate Edward E. Masters, of Savannah, Ohio, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh. He will succeed Davis Eugene Boster who was recently nominated to be Ambassador to Guatemala. Mr. Masters has been Deputy Chief of Mission in Bangkok since 1971.

Born on June 21, 1924, in Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Masters received his A. B. degree in 1948 from George Washington University and his M. A. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. From 1943 to 1946, he was in the United States Army.

Mr. Masters entered the Department of State in 1949 as a clerk-typist, and later became an Intelligence Research Analyst. From 1950 to 1952, he was Resident Officer and then was Military Liaison Officer in Frankfurt. He was Political Officer in Karachi during 1953-54. From 1955 to 1958, he was Political Officer in Madras and served as Intelligence Research Specialist from 1958 to 1960 and from 1960 to 1962 he was Chief of Indonesia-Malaya Branch of the Office of Intelligence Research Analysis for Asia, prior to becoming an International Economist at the State Department. He became Officer in Charge of Thailand Affairs in 1962, and during 1963-64, attended the National War College.

In 1964, Mr. Masters became Counselor for Political Affairs in Djakarta. From 1968 to 1970, he was Country Director for Indonesian Affairs and during 1970-71, he was Director of the Office of Regional Affairs in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Mr. Masters is married to the former Allene Roche and they have two children.

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