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The President today announced his intention to nominate Edward Aguirre, of San Mateo, California, to be U.S. Commissioner of Education. He will succeed Terrell H. Bell who has resigned. Mr. Aguirre has been the Regional Commissioner of Education with the U.S. Office of Education in San Francisco, California since 1973.

Born on September 14, 1929, in Miami, Arizona, Mr. Aguirre received his B.A. degree in 1952, his M.A. in 1958, and Ph.D. degree in 1962, from Arizona State University. From 1955 to 1959, Mr. Aguirre was a teacher with the Department of Interior, Phoenix Indian School, in Phoenix, Arizona and from 1959 to 1963, he was on the faculty of the Phoenix Union High School District in Phoenix.

In 1963, Mr. Aguirre became an Associate Professor at San Diego State University in San Diego, California where he remained for the next six years. From 1969 until 1971, he was Deputy Associate Manpower Administrator for the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D. C. and then Regional Manpower Administrator for the Labor Department in San Francisco, California. He served as Regional Director for the Labor Department during 1971-72, and in 1972 was appointed Chairman of the Federal Regional Council in San Francisco.

Mr. Aguirre is married to the former Deluvina Maldonado and they have two children.

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