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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of Donald R. Norland, of Mason City Iowa, as Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, the Kingdom of Lesotho, and the Kingdom of Swaziland. This is a recess appointment.

Born on June 14, 1924, in Laurens, Iowa, Mr. Norland attended the University of Minnesota where he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees. He joined the Foreign Service in 1952 and has been Deputy Director for Management Operations at the Department of State since 1975.

Mr. Norland and his wife, the former Patricia Bamman have three children and reside in Bethesda, Maryland.

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The President today announced the appointment of Lowell Bruce Laingen, of Butterfield, Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta. This is a recess appointment.

Born on August 6, 1922, in Odin Township, Minnesota, Mr. Laingen received his B.A. degree in 1943 from St. Olaf College and his M.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1949. He joined the Department of State in 1949 as a Foreign Affairs Analyst and has been Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of European Affairs since 1975.

Mr. Laingen and his wife, the former Penelope Babcock, have three children and reside in Bethesda, Maryland.

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The President today announced the appointment of James M. Wilson, Jr., of Bethesda, Maryland, as Coordinator for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. This is a recess appointment.

Born on July 8, 1918, in China, of American parents, Mr. Wilson received his B.A. degree from Swarthmore College and his M.A. degree in 1940 from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He served with the Department of Defense beginning in 1953 and has been Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs at the State Department.

Mr. Wilson and his wife, the former Joan Rathvon have five children.

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