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Office of the White House Press Secretary

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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced the appointment of Malcolm Toon, now serving as Ambassador to Israel, as Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. He succeeds Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., who was appointed Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany on September 16, 1976. This is a recess appointment.

Born July 4, 1916 in Troy, New York, Mr. Toon received his A.B. degree in 1937 from Tufts University and an M.A. in 1938 from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. In 1950-51 he attended Middlebury and Harvard University taking Russian Area and Language Training. Mr. Toon entered Government service with the National Resources Planning Board in 1939-42. He has been Ambassador to Israel since 1975.

Mr. Toon is married to the former Elizabeth Taylor and they have three children.

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MALCOLM TOON

Position Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Present Position: Ambassador to Israel

Office Address: American Embassy Tel Aviv, Israel

Born: July 4, 1916, Troy, New York

Legal Residence: Bethesda, Maryland

Marital Status: Married

Family: Wife: former Elizabeth Taylor  
Children: Alan  
Barbara  
Nancy

Home Address: Care of American Embassy Tel Aviv, Israel

Education: A.B. 1937, Tufts University  
M.A. 1938, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy  
1950-51, Middlebury and Harvard University, Russian Area and Language Training

Language Ability: Russian 4/4; German 2/3; French 2/4; Italian 2/3; and Czech 2/2

Experience:

Government 1939-42	Research Technician, National Resources Planning Board
Military 1942-46	United States Navy, PT Boat Commander as Lieutenant Commander
Government 1946-49 1949-50 1951-52 1952-53 1953-56	Administrative Officer, Warsaw; FSO-6 Political Officer, Budapest; FSO-5 Consular and Political Officer, Moscow Political Officer, Rome; FSO-4 Political Officer; Chief, Consular Affairs, Berlin
1956-58	Deputy Director, East West Contacts Staff; FSO-3
1958-60	Special Assistant, Eastern European Affairs and Adviser to U.S. Test Ban Treaty Delegation, (Geneva, 1958); to U.S. Berlin Four Power Conference (Geneva, 1959); to U.S. Disarmament Delegation (Geneva, 1960)
1961	FSO-2
1960-63	Political Officer, Eastern European Affairs, London
1963-65	Political Counselor, Moscow
1965	FSO-1
1965-68	Director, Soviet Affairs, Department
1968-69	Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs
1969-71	Ambassador to Czechoslovak Socialist Republic
1971-75	Ambassador to Yugoslavia
1973	FSO-Career Minister
1975 to present	Ambassador to Israel