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The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert E. Hughes, of Ithaca, New York, to be an Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation. He succeeds Thomas B. Owen who resigned effective July 14, 1974.

Since 1964, Dr. Hughes has been Professor of Chemistry at Cornell University. In 1968, he was named Director of the Cornell Materials Science Center at Cornell University. From 1960 to 1964, he was Associate Professor of Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania after serving as an Assistant Professor from 1953 to 1960.

Dr. Hughes was born on May 24, 1924, in New York, New York. He received his B.S. degree from Lehigh University in 1949. He was a DuPont graduate fellow and received his Ph.D. from Cornell in 1952. Dr. Hughes served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946. He was a Senior National Science Foundation Fellow at Cambridge University from 1967 to 1968.

Dr. Hughes is married and has one son. He resides in Ithaca, New York.

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