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The President today announced his intention to nominate General Bernard W. Rogers, United States Army, to be Chief of Staff, United States Army. He will succeed General Frederick C. Weyand who has retired effective October 1, 1976. General Rogers has been Commanding General of the U.S. Army Forces Command since November, 1974.

Born on July 16, 1921, in Fairview, Kansas, General Rogers received his B.S. degree from the U.S. Military Academy and attended Oxford University in England and received his B.A. and M.A. degrees. He did additional graduate work at the U.S. Army War College and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

In September, 1962, General Rogers became Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and later was Executive Officer in the Office of the Chairman. From November, 1966, to August, 1967, he was Assistant Division Commander for the 1st Infantry Division for the U.S. Army. He was Commandant of the Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy from September, 1967, to September, 1969. He was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado as Commanding General of the 5th Infantry Division during September 1969-70. He became Chief of Legislative Liaison in the Office of the Secretary of the Army in January, 1971, prior to becoming Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel for the Army in November, 1972.

General Rogers is married to the former Ann Ellen Jones and they have three children. They reside at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

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