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The President today announced his intention to nominate Susan B. Gordon, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Her area of responsibility will be Public Affairs. She will succeed Lewis M. Helm who resigned effective February 28, 1976. Miss Gordon has been Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs for the U.S. Office of Education at HEW since December 10, 1975.

Miss Gordon was born on April 6, 1940, in Brooklyn, New York. She attended the University of New Mexico and received her B.S. degree (1961); M.A. degree (1968); and Ph.D. (1969).

In 1961, Miss Gordon became a teacher for the Los Alamos and Albuquerque, New Mexico public school systems. She was Curriculum Developer for the Southwest Cooperative Educational Laboratory from June, 1967, to September, 1967, prior to becoming a Research Assistant at the University of New Mexico during 1968-69. She was a Fellow for the U.S. Office of Education during September, 1969, to September, 1970. She served as a Consultant for the Institute for Advancement of Urban Education from September, 1970, until June, 1971, when she became a Consultant/Expert for the U.S. Office of Education. She was employed by the Institute for Educational Development as a Consultant/Expert in November, 1971. She returned to the U.S. Office of Education in February, 1972, as a Contractor for the National Center for Educational Research and Development.

Miss Gordon became Chief Consultant/Coordinator of a synthesis group for the Institute for the Advancement of Urban Education in July, 1972. From September, 1972, to December, 1972, she was a Consultant for the National Institute of Education, prior to becoming a Senior Associate. She served as Assistant to the Director of the National Institute from March, 1975, to December, 1975.

Miss Gordon resides in the District of Columbia.

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