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The President today announced his intention to nominate Everett T. Keech, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. His area of responsibility will be Financial Management. He will succeed Francis Hughes who has resigned. Mr. Keech has been Deputy Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget since 1974.

Mr. Keech was born on February 23, 1940, in Rochester, New York, and received his B. A. degree in 1961 from the University of Rochester. He attended Wharton School of Finance and received his M.B.A. in 1969. From 1961 to 1967, he served as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy.

During 1968, Mr. Keech engaged in several consulting assignments including the conversion of the Federal National Mortgage Association from a government agency to a corporation. From 1969 to 1972, he was Senior Associate with the consulting firm of Cresap, McCormick and Paget, Inc., in New York. He became Director of the Office of Management Consulting for the Department of Interior in 1972, prior to joining the Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Keech is married and has two children.