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The President today announced his intention to nominate Richard L. Sneider, a career Foreign Service Officer, now serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to be Ambassador to Korea. He will succeed Phillip C. Habib who is now Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Born June 29, 1922 in New York, New York, he attended Brown University receiving an A. B. degree in 1943 and an MIA in 1948 from Columbia. He served with the United States Army as a First Lieutenant from 1943-46.

In 1941 he was a Research Intern with the Civil Service Commission. In 1947 he was a Junior Political Analyst, Council on Foreign Relations. In 1948-51 he was an Analyst, then Intelligence Research Specialist, Office of Intelligence, Department of State. From 1951-52 he was Far East Coordinator, Psychological Intelligence Program, Office of Intelligence Research. In 1952-54 he was a Foreign Affairs Officer, United Nations Affairs; 1954-58 he was assigned as Politico-Military Officer, Tokyo; 1958-61 he was Officer in Charge of Japanese Affairs, Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs, Department; 1962-65 he was Political Counselor, Karachi. He was promoted in 1963 to FSO-2. From 1965-1969 he served as Public Affairs Adviser, then Country Director for Japan in the Department. He was promoted to FSO-1 in 1968. In 1969 he was a Political Officer, National Security Council and from 1969-70 he was Special Assistant to Ambassador for Okinawan Affairs, Tokyo; 1970-72 he was Deputy Chief of Mission, Tokyo and from 1972 to present he was Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

He received the Superior Honor Award in 1970. He is married to the former Ruth Leah Tartalsky and they have three children, Daniel, Dena and David.

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