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The President today announced his intention to appoint William R. Crawford, Jr. a career Foreign Service Officer now serving as Ambassador to the Yemen Arab Republic, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus. He will succeed Rodger P. Davies, a Foreign Service Career Minister who died August 19, 1974.

Born April 22, 1928 in Philadelphia, Mr. Crawford received an A. B. in 1948 from Harvard University and an M. A. in 1950 from the University of Pennsylvania. He was with the United States Navy from 1948-49 as an Ensign. He was appointed an FSO-6 in 1951 and assigned as Political and Petroleum Reporting Officer in Jidda. In 1954 he served as a Consular Officer in Venice. During 1955-57 he studied Arabic Language and Area Studies in Beirut and the Foreign Service Institute. From 1957-59 he was a Principal Officer in Aden.

During 1959-64 he was assigned to the Department where he served as Desk Officer for Arabian Peninsula, Desk Officer for Lebanon-Israel Affairs; Officer in Charge of Lebanon-Israel Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. He was promoted to FSO-3 in 1963. In 1964-67 he was Political Counselor, Rabat and during 1967-68 he attended the Woodrow Wilson Seminar, Princeton University. He was promoted to FSO-2 in 1968 and assigned as Deputy Chief of Mission, Nicosia. In 1972 he became Ambassador to the Yemen Arab Republic and in 1974 he was promoted to FSO-1. He received the Meritorious Service Award in 1959 and the William A. Jump Award in 1963. He is fluent in French and Arabic.

He is married to the former Virginia Lowry and they have a daughter Susan.

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