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The President today announced today his intention to nominate John E. Reinhardt, of Bethesda, Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs. He is currently serving as Ambassador to Nigeria. He will succeed Carol C. Laise who will be named Director General of the Foreign Service. Mr. Reinhardt has served with the United States Information Agency since 1956, including assignment as Assistant Director for Africa and Assistant Director for the Far East.

Mr. Reinhardt was appointed Ambassador to Nigeria in 1971 and in 1973 he became a Career Minister. He was the recipient of the Career Service Award presented annually to ten outstanding Civil Servants by the National Civil Service League in 1971. He has served as First Vice President of the American Foreign Service. He received a Meritorious Honor Award for work with Japanese students and teachers in 1962.

He was born on March 8, 1920. Mr. Reinhardt received his A. B. degree in 1939 from Knoxville College and his M. S. degree in 1947 from the University of Chicago. He was awarded his Ph.D degree in 1950 from the University of Wisconsin. He served in World War II as a Lieutenant in the United States Army.

He is married to the former Carolyn Daves and they have three daughters: Mary (Mrs. Neil S. Lancefield), Alice Nichole and Carolyn Cecile. The Reinhardts reside in Lagos, Nigeria.

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