NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today designated Sheldon B. Vance of Austin, Minnesota, to be the Representative of the United States on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. He replaces John E. Ingersoll who resigned effective August 1, 1973.

Mr. Vance is currently the Senior Adviser to the Secretary and Coordinator for International Narcotic Matters, Department of State, Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Vance is attending the 26th session of the Commission in Geneva from February 17, 1975 through February 28, 1975 to consider among other things operations favored by the United Nations for drug abuse control, elicit traffic in drugs and poppy cultivation under controlled conditions so as to meet the worlds requirements for opium for scientific and medical purposes.