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The President today announced his intention to nominate Theodore Cooper, of Bethesda, Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He will succeed Charles C. Edwards who resigned effective January 5, 1975.

Dr. Cooper is presently the Acting Assistant Secretary for Health. In 1968, he became the Director of the National Heart and Lung Institute, after having been an Associate Director since 1967. From 1966 to 1968, he was Professor and Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, and Professor of Surgery at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. He was Director, Center for Cardiovascular Research, St. Louis University, from 1961 to 1965. He had been Assistant Professor of Surgery at St. Louis University from 1960 to 1962. During 1959 to 1960 he was a surgeon for the United States Public Health Service, National Heart Institute.

Dr. Cooper was born on December 29, 1928, in Trenton, New Jersey. He received his B.S. degree from Georgetown University in 1949 and his M.D. degree from St. Louis University in 1954. He received his Ph.D. degree from St. Louis University in 1956.

Dr. Cooper is married to the former Vivian Evans and they have four children.

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