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The President today announced his intention to nominate Karl E. Bakke, of Falls Church, Virginia, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 1980. He will succeed Helen Delich Bentley whose term has expired. Upon confirmation by the Senate, the President will designate Mr. Bakke as Chairman of the Commission.

Since August 9, 1973, Mr. Bakke has served as General Counsel of the Department of Commerce and has been with the Commerce Department since 1968. From 1971 to 1973 he was Deputy General Counsel; from 1970 to 1971 he was Chief Counsel of the Office of Direct Foreign Investments and had been Deputy Chief Counsel of the Office of Direct Foreign Investments from 1969 to 1970.

Mr. Bakke joined the Government in 1960 as an attorney-adviser in the Office of the General Counsel of the United States Tariff Commission. In 1962 he became a Senior Attorney with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and in 1964 he was named Assistant Secretary of the Federal Reserve Board.

Mr. Bakke was born on July 3, 1930, in New Haven, Connecticut. He received his B.A. with honors, from Yale University in 1951 and his J.D. in 1957 from Georgetown University, where he was editor of the Georgetown Law Review. From 1951 to 1957 Mr. Bakke held various staff positions with the C&P Telephone Co., in Washington, D.C., and from 1957 to 1960 he was in the private practice of law in Washington.

He is married to the former Anne-Rosseau Holbein of Bronxville, New York. They have four children and reside in Falls Church, Virginia.

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