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The President today announced his intention to nominate William Holmes Cook, of Carbondale, Illinois, to be a Judge of the Military Court of Appeals for a term expiring May 1, 1991. He was appointed on August 20, 1974. This is a reappointment.

Born on June 2, 1920, in Carbondale, Illinois, Mr. Cook received his B.A. degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois and his J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1947 he was admitted to the Illinois Bar and to practice before the Supreme Court in 1956.

Mr. Cook became engaged in the private practice of law with Judge John T. Kincaid in 1948. In 1954, he took a leave of absence to serve as a staff member of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency. He was named Assistant to the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission in 1957, after having served as an attorney with the Commission from 1954. In 1959 he became Assistant Counsel to the Bureau of Naval Weapons. He was then appointed Associate Counsel for Property and Special Matters of the Bureau of Naval Weapons, before assuming the position as counsel for the House Armed Services Committee in 1963.

Mr. Cook resides in the District of Columbia.

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