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The President today announced his intention to nominate James F. Scearce, of McLean, Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director. He will succeed W.J. Usery, Jr., who became Secretary of Labor on February 10, 1976. Mr. Scearce has been Deputy Director of Federal Mediation and Conciliation since April 1974.

Born on October 11, 1932, in High Point, North Carolina, Mr. Scearce received his B.S. degree from the University of North Carolina, in 1956. He attended Florida State University and received his M.S. degree in 1968.

In 1956, Mr. Scearce became industrial and public relations manager for the Douglas Aircraft Company. From 1965 to 1968, he was labor-industry relations advisor to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at the Kennedy Space Center. He was program manager for Spindletop Research of Lexington, Kentucky during 1968-69. From 1969 to 1973, he was Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Labor-Management Relations at the Department of Labor. During 1973-74, he was a labor advisor to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, prior to joining the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in 1974.

Mr. Scearce is married to the former Jewel Harris and they have two sons.

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