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The President today announced his intention to nominate Francis E. Meloy, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon. He will succeed G. McMurtrie Godley who has resigned. Mr. Meloy has been serving as Ambassador to Guatemala since December, 1973.

Mr. Meloy was born on March 28, 1917, in Washington, D. C. He received his B.A. degree from American University in 1939 and his M. A. from Yale University in 1941. He served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1946.

In 1946, Mr. Meloy became a Political and Economic Economic Consular and later Principal Officer in Dhahran. From 1949 to 1953, he served at the Department of State as a member of the Policy Reports Staff; and as Assistant to the Director and Deputy Coordinator of International Conferences in the Executive Secretariat. He was a member of the Tenth NATO Council meeting in Paris during 1952. He was Chief of the Political Section in Saigon from 1953 to 1955 and a Political Officer in Paris from 1955 to 1959. He became Special Assistant in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs in 1960 and was named Director of the Office of Western European Affairs in 1962. From 1964 to 1969, he was Deputy Chief of Mission in Rome and served as Ambassador to the Dominican Republic from 1969 to 1973.

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