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The President today announced his intention to nominate Thaddeus A. Garrett, Jr., of Akron, Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 1975. He will succeed Richard Simpson whose term has expired. Mr. Garrett has been Special Assistant to the Vice President since April, 1975.

Born on May 18, 1948, in Akron, Ohio, Mr. Garrett received his B.A. degree from the University of Akron. He was awarded a D.D. degree from the Howard University Graduate School of Religion. He is an ordained minister in the A.M.E. Zion Methodist Church.

In 1967, Mr. Garrett was Legislative Assistant to then Congressman William H. Ayres, prior to assuming teaching responsibilities at the University of Akron and Buchtel High School in 1970. From 1971 to 1975, he was Assistant and Advisor to Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm. He was a Public Consumer Affairs Consultant for the Welcome Radio Corporation during 1973-74.

Mr. Garrett resides in the District of Columbia.

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