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The President today announced his intention to nominate T. Frank Crigler, of Phoenix, Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda. He will succeed Robert E. Fritts who has resigned. Mr. Crigler has been Political Officer in Mexico City, Mexico, since 1974.

Born on October 17, 1935, in Phoenix, Arizona, Mr. Crigler received his A. B. degree in 1957 from Harvard College.

From 1957 to 1961, Mr. Crigler was in private business, prior to joining the Department of State as an Intelligence Research Specialist in 1961. During 1963 to 1964, he was a Political and Protection Officer in Guadalajara and from 1964 to 1966, he served as a Protection-Welfare Officer in Mexico. He served successively in Africa as Political Officer in Kinshasa (1966 to 1967); Principal Officer in Bakavu (1967 to 1968); Principal Officer in Kisangani (1968 to 1969), and Deputy Chief of Mission in Libreville (1969 to 1970).

Mr. Crigler served as Political Adviser to the United States Mission to the Organization of American States from 1971 to 1973. He was a Congressional Fellow at the American Political Science Association during 1973 to 1974.

Mr. Crigler is married to the former Bettie Morris and they have three children.

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