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The President today announced his intention to nominate Donald R. Norland, of Mason City, Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana. He will succeed David B. Bolen who has resigned. Mr. Norland has been Deputy Director for Management Operations at the Department of State since 1975.

Born on June 14, 1924, in Laurens, Iowa, Mr. Norland received his B. A. degree in 1948 and his M. A. in 1950 from the University of Minnesota. He did additional graduate work at the University of Michigan during 1951 to 1952. He served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946.

In 1952, Mr. Norland joined the Foreign Service and was assigned to Rabat as the Public Affairs Officer and later became a Political Officer. He was an International Relations Officer for North African Affairs during 1956 to 1957 and was the Moroccan Desk Officer during 1957 to 1958. From 1958 to 1960, he served as Charge d'Affaires to Upper Volta, Niger and Dahomey. He became Political Officer in Paris and was associated with the U. S. Delegation to NATO from 1961 to 1963.

Mr. Norland was on the staff of the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base during 1963 to 1964. From 1964 to 1969, he was Political Officer and later Counselor for Political Affairs at the Hague. He attended Stanford University during 1969 to 1970, as a State Department Fellow, prior to becoming the Deputy Chief of Mission in Conakry in 1970. He returned to the State Department in 1972 to serve as Political-Military Affairs Officer and became Personnel Officer in 1973.

Mr. Norland is married to the former Patricia Bamman and they have three children. They reside in Bethesda, Maryland.

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