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The President today announced his intention to nominate G. McMurtrie Godley, of Morris, New York, to be Ambassador to Ethiopia. He will succeed Arthur W. Hummel, Jr., who became Assistant Secretary of State on June 16, 1976. Mr. Godley served as Ambassador to Lebanon from February 1974 until his retirement in June 1976.

Born on August 23, 1917, in New York, New York, Ambassador Godley received his A.B. degree from Yale University and pursued graduate studies at the University of Chicago during 1939-40. He served in the United States Naval Reserve during 1939-40 and in the United States Marine Corps Reserve during 1945. Following his appointment as a Foreign Service Officer in 1941, Ambassador Godley served in Marseille and Berne until 1945 when he was Liaison Officer, San Francisco Conference. In 1946, he became Vice Consul and Second Secretary in Brussels, and from 1948 to 1952 he served in the Department of State.

Ambassador Godley was Consul and First Secretary in Paris from 1952 to 1955 and from 1955 to 1957 he was Counselor of Embassy and Deputy Chief of Mission in Phnom Penh. Prior to his assignment as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, he was a Foreign Affairs Officer in the Department of State (1957-59), Staff Coordinator, Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy, Foreign Service Institute (1960), Counselor of Embassy and Deputy Chief of Mission in Leopoldville (1961-62) and Director, Office of Central African Affairs (1962-64). He received the Meritorious Honor Award in 1965.

Ambassador Godley, a Career Minister in the Foreign Service, served from 1969 to 1973 as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Laos. From 1968 to 1969 he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs and during 1967 he was a Foreign Service Inspector. From 1964 to 1966 he was Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

He is married to the former Elizabeth McCray.

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