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The President today announced the appointment of three individuals to serve as Executive Branch Commissioner-Observers to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Those individuals represent the Departments of State, Defense and Commerce.

Monroe Leigh, of Bethesda, Maryland, Legal Adviser, Department of State.

James G. Poor, of Alexandria, Virginia, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs).

Mansfield Sprague, of the District of Columbia, Counsellor to the Secretary of Commerce.

The purpose of the Commission is to monitor the acts of the signatories as they affect compliance with or violation of the articles of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in particular regard to the provisions relating to Cooperation in Humanitarian Fields. The Commission is also authorized to monitor and encourage the development of programs and activities of the U.S. government and private organizations with a view toward taking advantage of the provisions of the Final Act to expand East-West economic cooperation.