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ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON

24TH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Elliot L. Richardson was nominated as Secretary of Commerce by President Ford on November 3, 1975. The U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination on December 11, and he took the oath of office on February 2, 1976.

Mr. Richardson, who had served as Ambassador to Great Britain since February 20, 1975, succeeds Rogers C. B. Morton, who was named Counselor to the President with Cabinet rank.

As Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Richardson also will serve as Chairman of the Energy Resources Council, which is charged with developing national energy policies designed to make America less dependent on foreign fuel sources and mineral supplies.

Secretary Richardson served as Attorney General from May 1973 until October 1973, then was a Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. before being named Ambassador to Great Britain.

Richardson was the 11th Secretary of Defense, assuming that office on January 30, 1973. He previously had served as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, taking over that Cabinet post on June 24, 1970. Before heading up HEW, Richardson was Under Secretary of State from January 24, 1969.

In 1966, Richardson was elected Attorney General of Massachusetts, serving until 1969, and establishing the Nation's first State-level organized crime-fighting unit. Prior to that, he was Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, being elected to that office in 1964.

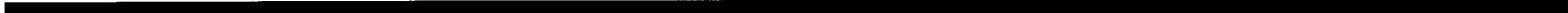
From September 1961 to January 1962, and from January 1963 to December 1964, Secretary Richardson was a partner in the Boston law firm of Ropes & Gray. He headed the Greater Boston United Fund Campaign in 1963.

Richardson was United States Attorney for Massachusetts from 1959 to 1961, and in 1961 became a Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States.

He was Acting Secretary of HEW from April to July in 1958, serving as Assistant Secretary of HEW for Legislation from 1957 to 1959. From 1955 to 1956, he was Assistant to Massachusetts Governor Christian A. Herter, and prior to that, from 1953 to 1954, he served as Assistant to Massachusetts Senator Leverett Saltonstall. From 1949 to 1953, he was an associate in the Boston law firm of Ropes, Gray, Best, Coolidge & Rugg.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 20, 1920, Richardson graduated cum laude from Harvard College in 1941, and received his law degree cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1947, where he was president of the Law Review. Upon graduation, he served for a year as law clerk to Judge Learned Hand of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The following year he was a law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter. Richardson is the author of numerous articles on law and public policy.

Enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1942 as a private, Richardson was a first lieutenant at the time of his honorable discharge in 1945. He served in the European Theater of Operations as a litter-bearer platoon leader with the 4th Infantry Division and took part in the Normandy landing on D-Day. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroic Service and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, and is entitled to wear the Combat Medical Badge and the European Theater ribbon with arrowhead and five battle stars. He is a member of the National 4th (IVY) Infantry Division Association, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Richardson has received honorary degrees from Massachusetts College of Optometry, Springfield College, Emerson College, the University of New Hampshire, Lowell Technological Institute, Harvard University, the University of Pittsburgh, Yeshive University, Brandeis University, Ohio State University, Lincoln University, Temple University, Whittier College, and Michigan State University.

He is a member of the American Law Institute, the American Bar Foundation, Council on Foreign Relations, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has served as a member of the Board of Overseers, Harvard College, and of the Overseers Committees to Visit the John F. Kennedy School of Government, the Harvard Law School, Medical School, and School of Dental Medicine, the Department of Government, and the Harvard University Press. He was also a Director of the Harvard Alumni Association from 1957 until 1960.

Richardson is a former trustee of Radcliffe College and the Massachusetts General Hospital, President of the World Affairs Council of Boston, Board of Directors of the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies, the Massachusetts Bay United Fund, and United Community Services of Metropolitan Boston. He was a member of the Advisory Committee, Massachusetts Council for Public Schools, and the Executive Board, Boston Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Richardson and his wife, the former Anne F. Hazard of Peace Dale, Rhode Island, have three children: Henry, 21, Nancy, 19, and Michael, 16.



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ELLIOT LEE RICHARDSON SWORN IN
AS UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Elliot Lee Richardson, former Lt. Governor and Attorney General of Massachusetts, was sworn in today as Under Secretary of State.

Over the past twenty years Mr. Richardson has had wide experience both in the law profession and in State and National Government. Mr. Richardson was graduated from Harvard in 1941 with an A.B. degree and following three years service as a 1st Lieutenant in the Infantry during World War II he returned to Harvard, earning the LL.B. degree in 1947. From 1947 to 1949 he served as law clerk for Judge Learned Hand and Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter successively. In 1949 he was made an Associate to the law firm of Ropes, Gray, Best, Coolidge and Rugg of Boston, a firm with which he has twice been affiliated. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1950.

In 1953 Mr. Richardson left private legal practice to serve for two years as Assistant to Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts. After a renewed association with Ropes, Gray, Best, Coolidge and Rugg in 1955-56, Mr. Richardson was appointed Assistant Secretary for Legislation in the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He held this position until 1959 when he became United States Attorney for Massachusetts. In 1961 he served for two months as Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. In the years 1961 through 1965 he was a partner in the law firm of Ropes and Gray of Boston. In 1964 Mr. Richardson was elected Lt. Governor of Massachusetts. Since 1967 until his swearing-in as Under Secretary of State he has held the office of Attorney General of Massachusetts.

Mr. Richardson was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 20, 1920. He married the former Anne Francis Hazard on August 2, 1952, and has three children, Henry, Anne, and Michael.

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