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The President today announced his intention to nominate Walter J. Stoessel, Jr. to be Deputy Secretary of State. He would succeed William P. Clark.

Mr. Stoessel is currently Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. Previously, he was Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany in 1976-80 and was Ambassador to the USSR in 1974-76. In 1972-74, Mr. Stoessel was Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs. He was Ambassador to Poland in 1968-72.

In 1965-68, Mr. Stoessel was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs and served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Moscow in 1963-65. He was a Political Officer in Paris in 1961-63. He held a variety of diplomatic positions in Caracas, Moscow, Bad Nauheim and Paris in 1942-61.

Mr. Stoessel graduated from Stanford University (1941). He was born January 24, 1920.

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WALTER J. STOESSEL, JR. SWORN IN AS  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Walter John Stoessel, Jr., of California, a Career Minister, was sworn in today as Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs. He succeeds Martin J. Hillenbrand, who is now U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. Since August, 1968, Mr. Stoessel has served as U.S. Ambassador to Poland.

Born at Manhattan, Kansas, on January 24, 1920, Mr. Stoessel studied international law at Lausanne University in Switzerland during 1939 and 1940 before returning to the United States to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree at Stanford University in 1941.

Mr. Stoessel began his government career in 1942 when he entered the Foreign Service and went to Caracas as Political Officer where he served until 1944. He then served as an Ensign in the United States Navy for two years, studying Russian during part of this period.

In 1946, he resumed his Foreign Service career as an Assistant to the Country Specialist for Eastern European Affairs in the Department of State. The following year he went to Moscow where he served as Chief of the Consular Section and later as Chief of the Press Section.

Returning to the United States in 1949, Mr. Stoessel took Russian Language and Area training at Columbia University until 1950. From 1950 to 1952, he served as Chief of the Special Research Division at Bad Nauheim, Germany. During the next four years, he was Officer-in-Charge of USSR and Eastern European Affairs in the Department.

In the first half of 1956, he was assigned to the White House as a Special Assistant to the Presidential Adviser on Foreign Affairs. In the fall of 1956 he was appointed as Political Officer at Paris, where he served until 1959.

Mr. Stoessel was assigned to the Harvard Center for International Affairs at Harvard University in 1959. During 1960 and 1961, he was appointed Deputy Director and then Director of the Executive Secretariat in the Department. For the next two years he served in Paris as Political Adviser to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and in 1963 he returned to Moscow for two years as Deputy Chief of Mission with the personal rank of Minister. In 1965 he was named Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs.

Mr. Stoessel is married to the former Mary Ann Ferrandou, of Washington, D.C., and they have three daughters (Katherine, Suzanne, and Christine).

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- A vertical stamp with the letters 'AM' and 'BIO' in circles.  
- The handwritten word 'look' at the bottom.