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REVISED BIOGRAPHY OF GEORGE W. BALL UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

George W. Ball, former Washington attorney, was sworn in on December 4, 1961 as Under Secretary of State. In that capacity he is the Number Two man in the State Department.

He first came to Washington directly from law school at the beginning of the New Deal in 1933 to work as a lawyer in the Farm Credit Administration. From 1934 to 1935 he served in the office of the General Counsel in the Treasury Department.

In 1935, Mr. Ball returned to the mid-West, practicing law in Chicago until 1942. After Pearl Harbor, he again entered Government service in Washington and was appointed Associate General Counsel of the Lend-Lease Administration. In 1943 he assumed the same position in the Foreign Economic Administration, of which the Lend-Lease Administration had become a part.

In 1944, Mr. Ball was appointed a civilian member of the Air Force Evaluation Board in Paris to study the effects of tactical operations in Europe. Shortly thereafter he was also appointed a Director of the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey based in London, created by President Roosevelt to assess the economic, political and physical effects of the strategic air offensive against Germany.

Returning to Washington toward the end of 1945, Mr. Ball became a founding partner of a law firm which was later known as Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Ball, with offices in New York, Washington, Paris and Brussels.

As a member of that firm, Mr. Ball, a specialist in international law and commercial relations, divided his time between Washington and Western Europe.

With the advent of the Kennedy Administration he returned to Government service in January 1961 as Under Secretary for Economic Affairs. After having been involved in the problems of foreign economic policy for 20 years, he characterized himself at that time as a "lonely lawyer fallen among economists."

Born in Des Moines, Iowa on December 21, 1909, Mr. Ball attended Northwestern University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1930 and a Bachelor of Law degree in 1933.

Mr. Ball is married to the former Ruth Murdoch of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They have two grown sons, John and Douglas. Mr. Ball holds the U.S. Medal of Freedom and the French Legion of Honor. His hobby is carpentry.

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GEORGE W. BALL SWORN IN AS UNDER SECRETARY
~~FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS~~

George W. Ball, Washington attorney, was sworn in today as Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, a position last occupied by Douglas Dillon until his promotion to Under Secretary in June, 1959.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. Ball attended Northwestern University, receiving his A.B. degree in 1930 and the J.D. degree in 1933.

From 1933 to 1935, Mr. Ball served in the office of the General Counsel in the Treasury Department in Washington, and from 1935 to 1942 practiced law in Chicago.

He returned to Washington in 1942 to be Associate General Counsel of the Lend-Lease Administration, a position he held until 1944. In 1944-45 he was Director, United States Strategic Bombing Survey, based in London.

Since 1946, Mr. Ball has been a member of the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Ball, with offices in New York, Washington, Paris and Brussels. Mr. Ball is a specialist in international law.

He is married to the former Ruth Murdoch. They have two sons, John, a student at the American University at Beirut, and Douglas, a student at Wooster College in Ohio.

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George Wildman Ball

LAWYER. Born Des Moines, Iowa, December 21, 1909; son of Amos and Edna (Wildman) Ball; B.A., Northwestern University, 1930, J.D., 1933; married Ruth Murdoch, September 16, 1932; children—John Colin, Douglas Bleakly. Admitted to Illinois bar, 1934, D. C. bar, 1946; with General Counsel's Office, Treasury Department, Washington, 1933-35; practice of law, Chicago, 1935-42, Washington, 1946; member of the firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Ball; associate general counsel, Lend-Lease Administration, then Foreign Economic Administration, 1942-44; director, United States Strategic Bombing Survey, London, 1944-45; general counsel, French Supply Council, Washington, 1945-46. Director, Technical Studies, Inc., 1957-; Member, Supervisory Committee, Channel Study Group, representing Technical Studies, Inc., 1960—. Decorations: Legion of Honor (France), Medal for Freedom (U. S.). Home: 3100 Thirty-fifth Street, N.W., Washington 16, D.C. Telephone: WOODLEY 6 3100. Offices: Southern Building, 1425 H Street, N.W., Washington 5, D.C. Telephone: EXECUTIVE 3-3711. 52 Wall Street, New York 5, New York. Telephone: DIGBY 4 0600. 100 East Forty-second Street, New York 17, New York. Telephone: MURRAY HILL 7 4642. 41, avenue de Friedland, Paris VIII^e. Telephone: BALZAC 94-94.

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