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The President today announced that he will nominate M. Rupert Cutler to be assistant secretary of Agriculture (Conservation, Research and Education) and a member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation. Cutler is an assistant professor and extension specialist in resource development at Michigan State University.

Cutler was born in Plymouth, Michigan, on October 28, 1933. He received a B.S. in 1955 from the University of Michigan. He received an M.S. (1971) and a Ph.D. (1972) in resource development from Michigan State University.

From 1955 to 1956, Cutler was a consumer publications writer for Argus Cameras. In 1956 and 1957 he served as editor of the Winslow Mail in Winslow, Arizona. He was executive secretary of Wildlife Conservation Incorporated from 1957 to 1958, and from 1958 to 1962 he served as chief of the Education Division for the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries in Richmond, Virginia.

Cutler served as assistant chief of the Conservation Education Division of the National Wildlife Federation from 1962 to 1964 and as managing editor of National Wildlife Magazine from 1964 to 1965. From 1965 to 1969 he was assistant executive director of the Wilderness Society. He then entered Michigan State to obtain his master's and doctorate degrees and joined the faculty there in 1973.

Cutler has been active in state and national wildlife and resource development organizations and in 1976 was appointed by Gov. William Milliken to the Michigan Environmental Review Board, which approves State environmental impact statements.

He is married and has three children. He resides in Lansing, Michigan.

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