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William M. Roth, the President's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, announced today the appointment of John W. Evans to the new post of Assistant Special Representative for Commercial Policy.

Mr. Evans will be primarily concerned with current aspects of trade relations between the United States and other members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and with matters relating to the GATT itself. He will also be Acting Chairman of the Trade Executive Committee, a policy-level inter-agency committee established to plan, direct, and coordinate government activities concerning the trade agreements program and related matters.

At the time of his retirement from the Foreign Service in 1965, Mr. Evans was Minister for Economic Affairs in the U.S. Mission in Geneva and U.S. member of the Council of Representatives of the GATT. He had previously participated in most of the major postwar tariff negotiations and was chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the first meeting of the GATT Contracting Parties in 1948.

He joined the State Department in the early 1950's serving in Washington, London, and Madrid as well as Geneva. His 24-year government career began in the Foreign Economics Administration during World War II. He later became a Commerce Department official and chairman of the Committee for Reciprocity Information.

For the past two years, he has been a member of the faculty of Harvard University as Research Associate and of Tufts University as Visiting Lecturer in the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. During the coming year, he will conduct a seminar in Commercial Policy at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Mr. Evans is author of "U.S. Trade Policy: New Legislation for the Next Round," published this spring by Harper and Row for the Council on Foreign Relations.

He will assume his new duties immediately.