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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of Franklin Haydn Williams of San Francisco as his Personal Representative, with the personal rank of Ambassador, for the negotiation of future political status with the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, a responsibility of the Department of the Interior. Williams will continue as President of the Asia Foundation while making himself available for negotiations with the representatives of the Trust Territory.

Williams, 51, is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley where he received his A. B. degree in 1946. He served on the faculty of the University of Washington at Seattle. From 1952 to 1958 he was a member of the faculty and Assistant Dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Medford, Massachusetts, where he also earned his M. A. and Ph. D. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense from 1958 to 1962 and became President of the Asia Foundation in 1964.

Mr. Williams is a member of the United States National Commission for UNESCO, a Trustee of the University of California Alumni Foundation, a Trustee of the Northern California Council on World Affairs, a member of the Board of Visitors of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and a member of the Council of Foreign Relations. Seoul National University honored him with an LL. D. degree in 1967.

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