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The President today designated Fred M. Zeder, II, to serve as Personal Representative of the President to conduct negotiations on the future political status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. In addition, the President also announced his intention to nominate Mr. Zeder for the rank of Ambassador while serving in that capacity. He would succeed Peter R. Rosenblatt.

Since 1978, Mr. Zeder has been President, Paradise Cruise, Ltd., and Paradise Holdings Corporation in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was President and Chairman, Hydrometals, Inc., in New York, New York, and Dallas, Texas, in 1959-75. In 1975-77, Mr. Zeder was Director, Office of Territorial Affairs, Department of the Interior.

Mr. Zeder attended Detroit University School, the University of Michigan, the University of California at Los Angeles, and Northwood Institute. He is married, has five children, and resides in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was born March 14, 1921.

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