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The President today announced his intention to nominate Frederick B. Dent, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, to be Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, with the rank of Ambassador. This is a new position reestablished by Public Law 93-618 of January 3, 1975. He will succeed William D. Eberle who resigned effective January 31, 1975.

Mr. Dent was President of Mayfair Mills in Arcadia, South Carolina from 1958 to 1972. During 1946 and 1947, he was with Joshua L. Baily & Company, Inc., in New York City. He joined Mayfair Mills in 1947.

He was a Director of Mayfair Mills, the General Electric Company and the South Carolina National Bank. Mr. Dent was Chairman of the Spartanburg County Planning and Development Commission from 1960 to 1972. He was a member of the Business Council and was a Trustee of both the South Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association and the American Textile Manufacturers Institute.

Mr. Dent was a member of the Commission on an All-Volunteer Armed Force (Gates Commission) from its inception in March 1969 until it reported to the President in February 1970.

He was born on August 17, 1922, in Cape May, New Jersey. He received his A.B. degree from Yale University in 1943 and served with the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946.

Mr. Dent is married to the former Mildred C. Harrison. They have five children.

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