

He was born August 24, 1928, in Iowa City, Iowa. He received bachelor's (1949), master's (1950), and doctoral (1952) degrees from Carnegie Institute of Technology.

From 1952 to 1971, Stelson was on the faculty at Carnegie-Mellon University, where he served as head of the department of civil engineering from 1959 to 1971 and Alcoa Professor from 1961 to 1971. From 1971 to 1974, he was dean and professor of civil engineering at Georgia Tech.

District of Columbia Law Revision Commission

Appointment of Stephen I. Danzansky as a Member. October 30, 1979

The President today announced that he has reappointed Stephen I. Danzansky as a member of the District of Columbia Law Revision Commission for a 4-year term.

Danzansky, 40, is a Washington attorney, who has served on the board of directors of Self Determination for D.C. Metropolitan Commission and serves as special counsel to the Citizen Coalition for Planning and Zoning Reform of the District of Columbia.

Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations

Nomination of Robert Hormats To Be Deputy Special Representative. October 30, 1979

The President today announced that he will nominate Robert Hormats, of Chevy Chase, Md., to be Deputy Special Representative for Trade Negotiations.

He would replace Alonzo McDowald. Hormats has been Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs since 1977.

He was born April 13, 1943, in Baltimore, Md. He received an M.A. (1966), an M.A.L.D. (1967), and a Ph.D. (1969) from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Hormats was a Staff Member, then Senior Staff Member, on the National Security Council from 1969 to 1973. He was a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution and an international affairs fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations from 1973 to 1974. He also served as a senior consultant to the Commission on Critical Choices for Americans in 1973.

From 1974 to 1977, Hormats was Senior Staff Member for International Economic Affairs at the National Security Council.

Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations

Nomination of Michael B. Smith To Be Deputy Special Representative. October 30, 1979

The President today announced that he will nominate Michael B. Smith, of Potomac, Md., to be Deputy Special Representative for Trade Negotiations. He would replace Alan Wolff, resigned. Smith has been chief negotiator for textile matters of the United States since 1975.

He was born June 16, 1936, in Marblehead, Mass. He graduated from Harvard College in 1958.

Smith joined the Foreign Service in 1958 and was stationed in Tehran and N'Djamena, Chad. He was Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs from 1965 to 1966. From 1967 to 1968, Smith was deputy principal officer

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in Strasbourg, and from 1969 to 1970, he was principal officer in Lyon.

Smith was assigned to the White House in 1970 as Chief of Presidential Correspondence. In 1973 he was reassigned to the State Department as Deputy Chief of the Fibers and Textiles Division, and in 1974 he became Chief of the Division.

United States Ambassador to Burma

*Nomination of Patricia M. Byrne.
October 30, 1979*

The President today announced that he will nominate Patricia M. Byrne, of South Euclid, Ohio, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma. She would replace Maurice Bean, resigned. Byrne has been Ambassador to the Republic of Mali since 1976.

She was born June 1, 1925, in Cleveland, Ohio. She received an A.B. from Vassar College in 1946 and an M.A. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in 1947.

Byrne joined the Foreign Service in 1949 and was posted in Athens, Saigon, Izmir, Ankara, and at the State Department. She was a member of the U.S. delegation to the 1961-62 Geneva Conference on Laos, and was political officer in Vientiane from 1962 to 1963.

She was at the State Department from 1964 to 1968 in positions including Chief for East Asia Personnel and Special Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary for Administration. In 1968-69 she attended the National War College.

From 1969 to 1972, Byrne was political officer in Paris for Asian affairs, and from

1972 to 1975, she was Deputy Chief of Mission in Colombo. In 1975-76 she took the senior seminar in foreign policy at the Foreign Service Institute.

United States Coordinator for Refugee Affairs

*Exchange of Letters on the Resignation of Ambassador at Large Dick Clark.
October 30, 1979*

To Dick Clark

Fritz had reported to me your pledge to remain neutral in the political campaign and to devote your efforts to assisting refugees and other suffering people. I consider this work to be of transcendent importance.

Therefore, I accept your resignation with regret, and appreciation.

JIMMY CARTER

October 29, 1979

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to advise you of my decision to resign from the Administration.

I do so with reluctance because of my respect for you personally, because of what you stand for, and what you have tried to accomplish. This decision is made all the more difficult because of my admiration for and friendship with Vice President Walter Mondale.

My original intention was to remain neutral in the Presidential Primary contest. Careful thought and further reflection have convinced me that such a position is untenable and unwise. I think you would agree with me that to remain uninvolved in a matter of such importance to the country is irresponsible. Consequently, I have made my choice. I will be