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W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL SWORN IN AS
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

W. Michael Blumenthal was sworn in today as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. He will work with Edwin M. Martin, Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Peyton Kerr, Deputy Assistant Secretary, in directing the activities of the Bureau of Economic Affairs.

Mr. Blumenthal was born in Germany on January 3, 1926, and became a naturalized citizen in 1952. He received his B.Sc. degree in economics from the University of California at Berkeley, and later attended Princeton University, where he received both a Master's degree in international affairs and a Ph.D. in economics.

During 1953-54, Mr. Blumenthal did research in Germany, while on a fellowship with the Social Science Research Council, for a book on German labor problems. From 1954 to 1957, he was a Research Associate in Economics at Princeton University, during which time he also served as a labor arbitrator for the State of New Jersey.

In 1957, Mr. Blumenthal became affiliated with the Crown Cork International Corporation at Jersey City, New Jersey, as a Director and Assistant to the President. In 1960, he became Vice President of the Corporation, with responsibility for the coordination of the activities of twelve foreign subsidiaries in Europe, Latin America, and Africa. He was also concerned with implementing new investment projects, particularly in Africa and Latin America. Since 1956, Mr. Blumenthal has made extensive annual trips to Africa, Latin America and Europe, investigating potential investment projects. He speaks French, Spanish and German.

Mr. Blumenthal is married to the former Eileen Polley of Santa Barbara, California. They have three daughters, Ann, Gillian and Jane.

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