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The President today announced his intention to nominate Forrest David Mathews, of University, Alabama, to be Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He will succeed Caspar A. Weinberger who has held this position since February 8, 1973.

Since 1969, Dr. Mathews has been President of the University of Alabama. He went to the University of Alabama in 1960 as Assistant Dean of Men. He served successively as Interim Dean of Men (1965-66); Executive Assistant in the Office of the President (1966-68); and Executive Vice President (1968-69). He has been a Lecturer in the Department of History since 1965.

Dr. Mathews was born on December 6, 1935, in Grove Hill, Alabama. He received his A. B. degree in 1958 from the University of Alabama where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was awarded an M. A. degree from the University of Alabama in 1959 and a Ph. D. from Columbia University in 1965. He served as an Officer in the United States Army from 1959 to 1960.

In 1969 Dr. Mathews was named one of the Ten Most Outstanding Young Men in the Nation by the United States Jaycees. He is the author of several works on Southern history and American higher education.

Dr. Mathews is married to the former Mary Chapman of Grove Hill, Alabama and they have two children.

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