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President Nixon has sent to the Senate the nomination of Robert Henri Binder to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Plans and International Affairs.

Binder, Deputy Assistant Secretary since 1970, has been Acting Assistant Secretary since the departure two months ago of John L. Hazard.

Reared on Long Island, Binder came from a transportation oriented family. His father, recently retired, was the owner and president of an ocean and air freight forwarding and customs brokerage firm.

The nominee graduated first in his class from Great Neck, New York, High School and entered Princeton University. He earned an A.B. degree (Cum Laude) from that University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 1953 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Binder entered the Army in 1954 and served in the Psychological Warfare Branch in Hawaii, South Korea and Japan.

Discharged in 1956, he entered Harvard Law School and earned his LLB in 1958. He joined the New York law firm of Kirlin, Campbell and Keating where for nine years he engaged in general practice and practiced before quasi-judicial and Government agencies.

In 1967, Binder became resident partner in the law firm's Washington, D.C. office where he specialized in administrative law. He represented U.S. and foreign maritime carriers and carrier associations before Courts of Appeal and the Federal Maritime Commission.

He joined the Department of Transportation in 1969 as Director of the Office of International Transportation, Policy and Programs at the request of then Assistant Secretary Paul W. Cherington.

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Binder is a member of the American, New York State and D.C. Bar Associations, and belongs to the Princeton Club and Harvard Club of Washington.

He will be 41 on August 19. He and his wife are the parents of three daughters.

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