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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UNITED STATES PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

The new Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations, William W. Scranton, presented his credentials today to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim. He was accompanied by Sinan A. Korle, United Nations Chief of Protocol.

A former Governor of the State of Pennsylvania and member of the United States House of Representatives, Mr. Scranton has served up to the time of his United Nations appointment as a member of the General Advisory Committee of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Born on 19 July 1917 in Madison, Connecticut, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University in 1939 and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Yale Law School in 1946. During the Second World War he served in the United States Army Air Force.

After his admission to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1946, he was an associate with the law firm of O'Malley, Harris, Warren and Hill the following year. From 1949 to 1952 he was Vice President of the International Textbook Company in Scranton, Pennsylvania. From 1952 to 1956 he was Director and later President of the Scranton-Lackawanna Trust Company.

Mr. Scranton entered government service in 1959 as Special Assistant to the United States Secretary of State, a post which he retained until the following year. From 1961 to 1963 he was a member of the United States House of Representatives from the tenth district of Pennsylvania. In 1963 he began a four-year elected term as Governor of Pennsylvania.

On leaving that post in 1967 he served in a number of government positions including Vice Chairman of the President's Panel on Insurance for Riot-Torn Areas (1967), Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Rules of the Pennsylvania State Constitutional Convention (1967-1968), and Chairman of the President's Commission on Campus Unrest (1970). He was also Chairman of the National Conference on Government (1975) and of the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. (1975). He has served since 1969 on the General Advisory Committee of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and earlier this year he was appointed a member of the President's General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament.

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He has also held a number of executive posts in private business, serving until this year as a Director of the IBM Corporation, Scott Paper Company, Mutual of New York and the Sun Oil Company, and as Chairman of the Board of the Northeastern National Bank of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Scranton is married and has four children.

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