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SECRETARY-GENERAL COUNSEL RETIRES AFTER 23 YEARS

ROBERT AMORY, JR. APPOINTED SUCCESSOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. June 25, 1973. E. James Adams, Secretary and General Counsel of the National Gallery of Art, will retire July 1, the Gallery's Director J. Carter Brown announced today. Mr. Adams' retirement was accepted at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The appointment of Robert Amory, Jr., who has been Assistant Secretary and Assistant General Counsel since October 1, 1972, as Mr. Adams' successor was made at the same Board meeting.

Mr. Adams has been with the National Gallery for twenty-three years. After serving as a lieutenant in the United States Coast Guard during World War II, he joined the Office of the General Counsel in the Treasury Department and came to the Gallery in 1950 as Assistant Secretary, General Counsel and Treasurer. From 1965 until May 1971, when he assumed his position as Secretary and General Counsel, he served as Administrator of the Gallery.

A native of California, he attended public schools there and in Chicago and Cleveland. He received his A. B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1938. In 1941 he graduated from the University of Michigan Law School with a Doctor of Jurisprudence.

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Mr. Adams married the former Kathryn P. Johnson in 1941 and they have three children, Linda (Mrs. Russell Bronstein), Douglas, and Brian. The Adamses live in Rockville, Maryland and plan extensive travel following his retirement.

Mr. Adams' successor, Robert Amory, Jr., officially assumes his responsibilities as Secretary and General Counsel on July 1. In his new position, Mr. Amory serves as Secretary to the Board of Trustees and legal counsel for the Gallery. Mr. Amory was a partner in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Corcoran, Foley, Youngman & Rowe from 1965 until he came to the Gallery in 1972 as Assistant Secretary and Assistant General Counsel to Mr. Adams.

Active through three administrations of the U. S. Government, he has served as chief of the International Division of the Bureau of the Budget, as a member of the National Security Council Planning Board and the President's Council on Foreign Economic Policy, and as Deputy Director (Intelligence) of the Central Intelligence Agency. From 1946 until 1952 he was a professor of law at Harvard Law School.

He is married to the former Mary Armstrong and has two sons, one of whom is a sculptor and the other an attorney. Mr. and Mrs. Amory are residents of the District of Columbia.

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