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WARSAW, SEPT. 3, REUTER - MR. WALTER J. STOESSEL, JR., NEWLY-APPOINTED UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO POLAND, ARRIVED HERE BY AIR TODAY TO TAKE UP HIS POST.

HE SUCCEEDS MR. JOHN A. GRONOUSKI, WHO RETIRED FROM THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE LAST MAY TO HELP VICE-PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY CAMPAIGN FOR THE U.S. PRESIDENCY.

WESTERN REPORTERS AT WARSAW AIRPORT ASKED THE DAPPER, GREY-HAIRED 48-YEAR-OLD CAREER DIPLOMAT WHETHER HIS APPOINTMENT WOULD SIGNAL A CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY, TOWARDS POLAND, OR IF HE WOULD CONTINUE PRESIDENT JOHNSONS "BRIDGE-BUILDING" EFFORTS.

MR. STOESSEL, UNTIL RECENTLY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, REPLIED: "THERE IS NO SPECIAL TIMING ABOUT MY ARRIVAL. IT HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. WE WANT TO KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS OPEN."

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