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## JIMMY CARTER

XXXIX President of the United States: 1977-1981

### National Aeronautics and Space Administration Nomination of Robert A. Frosch To Be Administrator. May 23rd, 1977

The President today announced that he will nominate Robert A. Frosch, of Falmouth, Mass., to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Frosch is associate director for applied oceanography at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

He was born in New York City on May 22, 1928. He received an A.B. in 1947 and an A.M. in 1949 from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Columbia in 1952.

From 1951 to 1963, Frosch worked on naval research projects at the Hudson Laboratories of Columbia University, serving as director of the laboratories from 1956 to 1963. From 1963 to 1965, he was Director, Nuclear Test Detection, at the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA), and from 1965 to 1966, he was Deputy Director of ARPA.

From 1966 to 1973, Frosch was Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development. He served as assistant executive director of the United Nations Environment Program from 1973 until 1975, when he became associate director for applied oceanography at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Since 1969 Frosch has been the Department of Defense member of the Committee for Policy Review of the National Council on Marine Resources and Engineering Development. In 1967 and 1970, he was Chairman of the U.S. delegation to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission meetings at UNESCO in Paris. He received the Arthur S. Flemming Award in 1966 and the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award in 1969.

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