Reagan Chooses Judge Miner for High U.S. Post

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The nomination will now go to the Senate.

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"I don't expect any difficulty with the Senate confirmation procedure," Miner said. "My understanding is that I'm occupying one of two new seats created by legislation passed about a year ago." "I think it's a goal of any lawyer or judge to serve on this particular court," he said.

Miner said he knew he was being considered for the nomination because he was being investigated by the FBI, a standard procedure for such appointments.

Miner, who is a native and resident of Hudson, was a New York State Supreme Court judge from 1976 until 1981, when he was appointed as a U.S. District Court judge.

He said the position on the circuit court offers a salary of about $80,000.

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