Federal transition hits MIT
Seamans to head USAF

By Bob Donahue
Dr. Robert C. Wood, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, will be assuming the position of Undersecretary of the Department of Political Science and will also become Director of the Joint Center for Urban Studies at MIT.

Dr. Wood will be in effect exchanging roles with David P. Moylan, the man he is replacing as Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Moylan on January 21. Moylan will be going to Washington as chairman of the President's Council on Urban Affairs while Wood, at head of the prestigious Cambridge urban research center, likely be called before Congressional committees to discuss the effectiveness of the new administration's urban programs.

Dr. Wood's post in the Political Science Department after a three-year absence.

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By Dave deFeo and
Visiting Professor Robert Channing Seamans, Jr., has been appointed Secretary of the Air Force under the Nixon Administration. Secretary Defense Melvin Laird announced the appointment Tuesday morning at a press conference in Washington.

Seamans was visiting professor in March, 1968 and was named the Jerome Chahat Honorary Professor July 1, 1968. He will assume his new post in March after taking care of present commitments.

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