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From July 1993 through January 1997, Dr. Lee served as Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Before going to Washington, he served as Director of the Institute for Health Policy Studies, which he founded with Lewis Butler, JD at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) in 1972. He served as chancellor of UCSF from 1969 to 1972. Prior to joining the UCSF faculty he was Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare from 1965 to 1969, and was Director of Health Services in the Agency for International Development from 1963 to 1965. In 1985, Dr. Lee was asked to serve as the first president of the newly established San Francisco Health Commission. In 1986, he was appointed chair of the Physician Payment Review Commission established by Congress.

In addition to his official government service, Dr. Lee has frequently been an advisor to federal, state and local health policymakers. A native of San Francisco, Dr. Lee received his M.D. from Stanford in 1948 and M.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1955. He began his career in health as a practicing internist. He is the author or co-author of more than 150 articles and numerous books in the health field. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine and has received the David Rogers Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges (1998), the Institute of Medicine's Gustav O. Lienhard Award (2000), the American Public Health Association's Sedgwick Medal (2000), and the Henrik Blum Award presented by the California Public Health Association (2001).

* The Institute was founded as the Health Policy Program in 1972, became the Institute for Health Policy Studies in 1981 when it was designated an organized research unit by the University, and in 2007 was renamed the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies.