

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. (See exhibit 1.)

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am confident that Dr. Solana is going to make a very fine Secretary General of NATO, at a time when we ought to be reaching out to new members, as Spain has been a relatively new member of NATO.

I think this is a wise move, particularly with someone who has enjoyed broad-based support, and is a great friend of the United States, a person who knows our country very well.

I had the privilege of being with him in Spain a week ago, and I had a chance to speak with him at some length. This is an individual, I think, most of our colleagues when they have an opportunity to meet him, will be deeply impressed and pleased with this choice.

So, Mr. President, I commend the NATO members for choosing him at this critical hour, and I commend Secretary Christopher for his statement, along with President Clinton's statement in support of his nomination.

#### EXHIBIT 1

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER ON THE SELECTION OF JAVIER SOLANA AS NATO SECRETARY GENERAL

I am very pleased that the North Atlantic Council has unanimously selected Javier Solana of Spain as the next Secretary General of NATO.

Minister Solana has demonstrated time and again his commitment to strengthening NATO as the core institution of our transatlantic alliance. Spain's membership in NATO is due in no small part to his efforts—efforts that were not at all popular at the time. I feel confident that he has the strength, vision and leadership to guide NATO during this crucial period as we seek to bring peace to Bosnia and to pursue a measured path on NATO enlargement.

Under Minister Solana's leadership, Spain has played a key role in securing the peace in Bosnia. Through the darkest days of that tragedy, Spanish soldiers served in the UN force with distinction. Spanish airmen flew with our pilots. Now Minister Solana will lead the effort to help bring peace to that troubled region.

More broadly, Minister Solana has been a leader in promoting deeper ties between Europe and the United States. Indeed, he and

Prime Minister Gonzalez have made the strengthening of our transatlantic relationship a priority of Spain's EU Presidency. Their efforts were instrumental in laying the foundation for greater cooperation between the United States and the European Union that we hope to build upon at the upcoming U.S.-EU Summit in Madrid.

Minister Solana has also worked to bring Spain into the community of European nations. It is fitting that he will complete his term as Spanish Foreign Minister as President of both the European Union and the Western European Union—two institutions which continue a process of European integration dating to the Marshall Plan.

Minister Solana has strong ties to the United States. He was a Fulbright scholar from 1966 to 1968 at the University of Virginia, where he earned his Ph.D. in physics. He returned to this country later as an instructor in physics at the University of Chicago. He has kept up close ties to this country, personal and official, through the intervening years.

I have known Minister Solana personally for many years and have worked closely with him on a broad range of issues. I have great confidence in his leadership and his vision, which will serve the Alliance well in coming years. I congratulate Minister Solana on his appointment, and I look forward to working with him as we fulfill NATO's task of guarding peace and stability throughout Europe.

JAVIER SOLANA MADARIAGA

Minister of Education and Science (since July 1988).

A US-trained physicist, Javier Solana has been a member of the executive committee of the Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) since 1976 and a Madrid deputy in the Cortes (parliament) since 1977. Before assuming his current post, he served concurrently as Minister of Culture and as Government Spokesman.

Solana was born on 14 July 1943. He joined the youth organization of the PSOE in the mid-1960s. During his student years he was detained several times by the police and fined for unauthorized political activity. After receiving a degree in physics from the University of Madrid, Solana attended the University of Virginia studied and taught in Chicago, Illinois, and in La Jolla, California. In the early 1970s he became a professor at the University of Madrid.

Solana speaks excellent English. His wife, the former Concha Giménez Diaz-Oyuelos, directs public relations for a state-owned department store. The couple has two children. Solana's brother, Luis heads the Spanish national television network.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 3:15

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD remain open until 3:15 p.m. today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1995

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:40 p.m., adjourned until Monday, December 11, 1995, at 12 noon.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate December 8, 1995:

##### THE JUDICIARY

C. LYNWOOD SMITH, OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, VICE E.B. HALTOM, JR., RETIRED.

#### WITHDRAWAL

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on December 8, 1995, withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

C. RICHARD ALLEN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (NEW POSITION), WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JUNE 6, 1995.