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ment of Robert Strauss as the new Ambassador to the Soviet Union. President Gorbachev expressed his great pleasure on the appointment and stated he is looking forward to working with Mr. Strauss. President Bush also discussed the need to conclude a START treaty and the possibility of a summit, but no specific dates were discussed.

Nomination of Frank G. Wisner To Be United States Ambassador to the Philippines

June 21, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Frank G. Wisner, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Philippines. He would succeed Nicholas Platt.

Since 1986 Ambassador Wisner has served as U.S. Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt. Prior to this, Ambassador Wisner served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, 1982–1986; and as Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, 1979–1982; he was Deputy Executive Secretary of the Department of State, 1977–1979; Director of the Office of Southern African Affairs, 1976; and Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State, 1975–1976. He also served as Director of the Office of Plans and Management in the Bureau of Public Affairs, 1974–1975; as the First Secretary at the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 1973–1974; as the First Secretary at the U.S. Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia, 1971–1973; and as the officer in charge of Tunisian affairs at the Department of State, 1969–1971; and at the Agency for International Development in Vietnam, 1964–1969. Ambassador Wisner entered the Foreign Service in 1961.

Ambassador Wisner graduated from Princeton University (A.B., 1961). He was born July 2, 1938, in New York, NY. Ambassador Wisner is married and has four children.

Nomination of Eric I. Garfinkel To Be an Under Secretary of Commerce

June 21, 1991

The President today nominated Eric I. Garfinkel, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce. He would succeed Dennis Edward Kloske.

Since 1989, Mr. Garfinkel has served as Assistant Secretary for Import Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Prior to this, Mr. Garfinkel served in the Transition Office of the President-Elect as the transition office contact for international trade, 1988–1989; as Vice President and General Counsel for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1987–1989; and as a partner, with the law firm of Anderson, Hibey, Nauheim & Blair, 1984–1987. He also served as a Deputy Assistant Director for Commerce and Trade in the White House Office of Policy Development, 1982–1984; an attorney/advisor for the United States Trade Representative, 1981–1982; and an associate with the law firm of Collier, Shannon, Rill and Scott, 1980–1981.

Mr. Garfinkel graduated from the University of Maryland (B.A., 1976) and Emory University (J.D., 1979). He was born July 11,