

Appointment of Shiree Sanchez as Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison

June 12, 1992

The President today announced the appointment of Shiree Sanchez as Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison.

Since 1989, Ms. Sanchez has served at the White House as Associate Director, Office of Public Liaison. Ms. Sanchez works on all issues related to Hispanic Americans and also is the liaison to Americans with disabilities.

Ms. Sanchez previously served as congressional liaison for the President-Elect's Inaugural Committee; as Texas director for Hispanic outreach for the George Bush for President campaign, 1987; and as executive

director of the Republican National Committee Hispanic Auxiliary, 1988–89. Ms. Sanchez was appointed by the Governor of Texas to serve in the Texas department of commerce, 1986–87. Other positions Ms. Sanchez has held include: assistant director of the Republican Party of Texas, 1985–86; and sales manager for Micro-D International, Inc., of Huntington Beach, CA, 1982–86.

Ms. Sanchez attended the University of Texas and is a native of Austin, TX. She resides in Washington, DC.

Nomination of Jose Antonio Villamil To Be an Under Secretary of Commerce

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The President today announced his intention to nominate Jose Antonio Villamil, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs. He would succeed Michael Rucker Darby.

Since 1989, Mr. Villamil has served as Chief Economist for the Department of Commerce and was elevated to the position of Chief Economist and Special Adviser to the Secretary in 1991. From 1981 to 1989, he served as senior vice president and chief economist in the corporate planning and economics department in the office of the chairman of the board at the Southeast Bank in Miami, FL.

From 1978 to 1981, Mr. Villamil served as vice president and economist in the eco-

nomics department with the Crocker National Bank in San Francisco, CA. He also served as financial economist in the economic research division with the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company in Chicago, IL, 1975–78. In addition, Mr. Villamil has served as an economist in the Office of Developing Nations Finance at the Department of the Treasury, 1974–75. From 1973 to 1974, he served as an economic analyst in the international corporate banking division with the First National Bank of Miami in Miami, FL.

Mr. Villamil graduated from Louisiana State University (B.S. 1968; M.A. 1971). He is married, has four children, and resides in McLean, VA.

The President's News Conference in Rio de Janeiro

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The President. Well, let me first express my thanks and congratulations to President

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