

## White House Statement on Additional Disaster Relief for Guam *September 17, 1992*

The President today announced that he has amended his August 28, 1992, declaration of a major disaster in the Territory of Guam to waive Territory and local cost sharing requirements, where permitted to do so by law, to allow reimbursement of 95 percent of eligible public assistance costs exceeding \$10 per capita, and to waive the cost sharing requirement for the individual and family grant program as allowed under the provisions of the Insular Act.

This additional relief provided by the President was in response to a request made by Gov. Joseph Ada. It was taken in response to the unprecedented damage and destruction caused by Typhoon Omar. By waiving customary Territory and local cost sharing requirements, the President can provide maximum Federal assistance to the people of Guam whose lives have been so severely disrupted by this disaster.

## Nomination of United States Ambassadors to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia *September 17, 1992*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Victor Jackovich, Mara M. Letica, and E. Allan Wendt as Ambassadors to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia, respectively. The naming of Ambassadors will complete the establishment of full diplomatic relations with these nations. Their mandate is to foster a viable political, economic, and trading partnership between the United States and these countries, including the development of democratic and market-oriented reforms. The dispatch of our Ambassadors will allow the U.S. to work more closely with Bosnia, Croatia, and Slovenia to bring about a settlement of the conflicts in the region. In addition, their mission is to encourage the ongoing peace negotiations, including facilitating the delivery of humanitarian assistance to those suffering in the region.

*Victor Jackovich*, of Iowa, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Currently Mr. Jackovich is the executive assistant to the Counselor at the United States Information Agency. Prior to this, he was in the Bulgarian Language Training School at the Department of State, 1990-91; Cultural Affairs Officer

in Moscow in the former Soviet Union, 1988-90; Information Officer in Nairobi, Kenya, 1983-86; Cultural Affairs Officer in Bucharest, Romania, 1980-83; and Branch Public Affairs Officer in Kiev in the former Soviet Union, 1979-80. Mr. Jackovich also served as the Chief of the Yugoslav Service at the Voice of America, 1976-78.

Mr. Jackovich graduated from Indiana University (B.A., 1970; M.A., 1971). He was born on April 24, 1948, in Des Moines, IA. Mr. Jackovich is married, has one child, and resides in Arlington, VA.

*Mara M. Letica*, of Michigan, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Croatia. Currently Ms. Letica is an attorney and general counsel of the Letica Corp. in Rochester, MI. She is a founder of the Croatian American Association, where she has served as secretary-treasurer from 1990 to 1992. The association was founded to provide information about the independence movement in Croatia and to support U.S. recognition of Croatia.

Ms. Letica has also served as an attorney with Bullivant, House, Bailey, Pendergrass and Hoffman, P.C., in Portland, OR, 1982-85; and in the office of prosecuting attorney criminal division in Seattle, WA, 1980. Through the Letica Corp., Ms. Letica has