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conducted the Navy's administrative inquiry regarding the A-12 aircraft program. As Special Assistant to the Under Secretary and Secretary of the Navy from 1987 to 1989, Mr. Beach headed the Navy's Procurement Task Force supervising the Navy's response to the "Ill Wind" procurement fraud investigation, and the Navy Management Review Task Force that implemented the 1989 Defense Management Report. Mr. Beach served on active duty as a captain

in the U.S. Army from 1981 to 1987 in Germany and Washington, DC.

Mr. Beach is a graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree *magna cum laude* in 1976, and the University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL, receiving a J.D. degree in 1980. He was born in Memphis, TN, and currently resides with his wife, Kathy, in Alexandria, VA.

## Nomination of Jeni Brown Norris To Be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

October 5, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Jeni Brown Norris, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public Affairs. She would succeed Mary Shannon Brunette.

Since 1989, Ms. Norris has served as vice president for public affairs and publications at the Export-Import Bank of the United States. She has also served as a consultant to Secretary Jack Kemp at the Department

of Housing and Urban Development, 1989; executive assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary for International Labor Affairs at the Department of Labor, 1988-89; and Director of Public Affairs and Deputy Director of Audience Relations at the Voice of America, 1983-88.

Ms. Norris attended the University of Mainz, West Germany. She was born October 24, 1949, in Gustavsborg, West Germany. Ms. Norris resides in Hume, VA.

## Statement on Signing Legislation Waiving Federal Immunity Relating to Solid and Hazardous Waste

October 6, 1992

I am signing into law H.R. 2194, which waives Federal sovereign immunity for violation of Federal, State, and local laws and regulations related to solid and hazardous waste.

Four years ago I promised the American people that I would make the Federal Government live up to the same environmental standards that apply to private citizens. By signing this bill, we take another step toward fulfillment of that promise.

My Administration has made a concerted effort to ensure that Federal facilities have the resources to meet the requirements of our Nation's environmental laws. Since

1989, we have tripled funding for the clean-up of wastes at Federal facilities and for bringing them into compliance with applicable environmental laws. Our FY 1993 budget proposed \$9.5 billion for environmental cleanup and compliance at Federal facilities. The \$5.5 billion request for Department of Energy environmental restoration and waste management activities represented an increase of \$1.1 billion. This was approximately 26 percent above enacted FY 1992 levels. I am pleased that the Congress has agreed to fund these requests.

The objective of the bill is to bring all