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Nomination for an Assistant Secretary of State

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The President announced his intention today to nominate Robin Lynn Raphel to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs. Ms. Raphel is a career member of the Foreign Service.

“I am very glad that Robin Raphel has agreed to serve as Assistant Secretary for South Asian

Affairs,” said the President. “Having lived in the region as a diplomat and as a visiting teacher, she brings a tremendous understanding to the post.”

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services

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The President announced today the appointment of Asian-American civil rights attorney Dennis Hayashi to be Director of the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office for Civil Rights.

“Dennis Hayashi has had a distinguished career of both legal and public advocacy for equal rights,” said the President. “I am counting on

him to continue his good work as part of Secretary Shalala’s team at HHS. We need to continue to work for fair treatment for all Americans.”

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Remarks at the Tribute to Senator J. William Fulbright

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Thank you very much. It’s good to know that I did get a vote out of the press. [Laughter] Roger, I’m delighted to be here, and I’m so glad that you’re here. I’m glad to be here with Senator and Mrs. Gore. Senator Gore, after you spoke and you said you resented the fact that Senator Fulbright was 88 and you were a mere 85½ when you went over to him, I heard him say what the crowd did not. Senator Fulbright looked at him and said, “Albert, if you behave yourself, you’ll make it, too.” [Laughter]

I want to say that it is a deeply humbling experience for me as an American to be here with all these wonderful people. Many people in this audience have made remarkable contributions to our Nation and to the world over the last half century or so. And I thank you all, as part of the contingent of Arkansans who are here who feel very protective of Senator Ful-

bright and feel that in some ways he is still our own. It’s a great pleasure and sense of pride for me to look out and see all of you here.

I also want to say a special word of appreciation to Harriet. You know, when Senator Fulbright announced that he and Harriet were going to be married, all the people from Arkansas started telling cradle robbing jokes. [Laughter] And I’ve got an 88-year-old uncle, and for kicks, he goes out once a week and drives two ladies around. One of them is 91, and one of them is 92. And I asked my uncle, I said, “You like these older ladies?” And he said, “Yes, it seems to me like they’re a little more settled.” [Laughter] I’m glad Bill didn’t give into the temptation for being settled and instead found Harriet.

You know, somebody ought to put a little levity into this evening. Senator Pryor and Con-