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Nomination for Assistant Secretaries of the Army and Navy

December 1, 1993

The President announced today that he intends to nominate Robert M. (Mike) Walker to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Logistics, and Environment, and Robert B. Pirie, Jr., to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment.

"With their long years of experience in military policy, Mike Walker and Robert Pirie are well qualified for these positions," said the President. "I am looking forward to their service at the Pentagon."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Statement on Implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement

December 2, 1993

I am delighted that, as a result of discussions following up on our meeting in Seattle, Canadian Prime Minister Chretien has announced his intention to proclaim the NAFTA by January 1, 1994. We look forward to the smooth and effective implementation of this historic agreement on January 1, so that all three countries can begin to reap the benefits of expanded trade, economic growth, and job creation in North America with the largest free trade area in the world.

NOTE: The proclamation of December 15 and the Executive order of December 27 on implementation of NAFTA are listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Message to President César Gaviria of Colombia on the Death of Pablo Escobar

December 2, 1993

Dear Mr. President:

I just learned of the success of your long struggle to bring Pablo Escobar to justice. I want to offer my congratulations to you and the Colombian security forces for your courageous and effective work in this case. Hundreds of Colombians, brave police officers and innocent people, lost their lives as a result of Escobar's terrorism. Your work honors the memory of all of these victims. We are proud of the firm stand you have taken, and I pledge to you our continued cooperation in our joint efforts to combat drug trafficking.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this message.