

Memorandum on Designation of Officers of the Department of Justice  
March 19, 2002

*Memorandum for the Attorney General*

*Subject:* Designation of Officers of the Department of Justice

By the authority vested in me as President under the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 *et seq.*, I hereby order that:

*Section 1. Order of Succession.*

During any period when the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, the Associate Attorney General, and the officers designated by the Attorney General pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 508 to act as Attorney General, have died, resigned, or otherwise become unable to perform the functions and duties of the office of Attorney General, the following officers of the Department of Justice, in the order listed, shall perform the functions and duties of the office of Attorney General, if they are eligible to act as Attorney General under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, until such time as at least one of the officers mentioned above is able to perform the functions and duties of the office of Attorney General:

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York;  
United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia;  
United States Attorney for the District of Utah; and  
United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas.

*Sec. 2. Exceptions.*

(a) No individual who is serving in an office listed in section 1 in an acting capacity, by virtue of so serving, shall act as Attorney General pursuant to this memorandum.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this memorandum, the President retains discretion, to the extent permitted by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 *et seq.*, to depart from this memorandum in designating an acting Attorney General.

GEORGE W. BUSH

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Memorandum on Designation of Officers of the Department of Transportation  
March 19, 2002

*Memorandum for the Secretary of Transportation*

*Subject:* Designation of Officers of the Department of Transportation

By the authority vested in me as President under the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act

of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 *et seq.*, I hereby order that:

*Section 1. Order of Succession.*

During any period when the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary), the Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and the officers designated by the Secretary pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 102(e) to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary