

of a number of publications, including “Neither Peace nor Honor: The Politics of American Military Policy in Viet-Nam.”

Anthony Quainton has been Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security since September 1992. Prior to that, he had served as Ambassador to Peru and as the Department’s Deputy Inspector General. He has also been Ambassador to Kuwait, Nicaragua, and the Central African Republic, and Director of the Office for Combatting Terrorism.

From 1973 to 1976, Mr. Quainton was Deputy Chief of Mission in Kathmandu. He has served as political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Paris and was the Bureau of Near East and South Asian Affairs senior political officer for India. He has also been the political/economic officer in New Delhi and an economic officer in Rawalpindi and Karachi. He joined the Department in 1959 as vice consul and commercial officer in Sydney.

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Remarks at the Swearing-In Ceremony for Janet Reno as Attorney General

March 12, 1993

Thank you very much. Please be seated. We are honored here in the White House to be joined today by distinguished Members of the Senate and the House: Senator Biden, Senator Hatch, Senator Kennedy, Senator Sarbanes, one of Janet Reno’s Senators, Senator Connie Mack. Senator Graham called me last night. He’s in Florida today with the First Lady at a health care hearing. And he said he had an excused absence from the Attorney General. *[Laughter]*

The Speaker and Congressman Edwards are here, and we’re delighted to see all of them. I also would say we’re delighted to be joined by Mr. Justice White and Mrs. White. Thank you very much for coming. Let me say that it is a great honor for me to be able to be here at this ceremony today with Janet Reno, her family, and a few of her many friends.

I’d like to say a special word of thanks to Stuart Gerson, who has served ably and hon-

orably as Acting Attorney General since the Inauguration. I think we owe him a round of applause. *[Applause]*

Somehow I don’t think any of my other proposals will pass the Senate by the same vote margin—*[laughter]*—that Janet’s confirmation did. I especially want to thank Senator Biden and Senator Hatch and the members of the Judiciary Committee for waiving the normal waiting period between hearings and the confirmation vote, making this event possible today and making it possible for us to proceed immediately with the urgent tasks at hand.

But more than anything else, I think it is clear that Janet Reno made her own swift confirmation possible, showing the Senate and all who followed the hearings the qualities of leadership and integrity, intelligence, and humanity that those gathered in this room have recognized for a very long time.

You shared with us the life-shaping stories of your family and career that formed your deep sense of fairness and your unwavering drive to help others to do better. You showed us that your career in public service, working on the frontlines in your community, fighting crime, understanding the impact on victims and on neighborhoods, mending the gritty social fabric of a vibrant but troubled urban area, is excellent preparation for carrying forward the banner of justice for all the American people.

You’ll help to guide the Federal Government to assist State and local law enforcement in ways that really count. You demonstrated that you will be a formidable advocate for the vulnerable people in our society and especially for our children.

Most of all, you proved to the Nation that you are a strong and an independent person who will give me your best legal judgment whether or not it’s what I want to hear. *[Laughter]* It’s an experience I’ve already had, I’m glad to say. That is the condition upon which you accepted my nomination and the only kind of Attorney General that I would want serving in this Cabinet.

As Janet Reno begins her work at the Justice Department, she will enter a building that symbolizes our Nation’s commitment to

justice, to equality, to the enforcement of our laws. On the side of that building, carved above one of the portals, is the inscription, "The halls of justice are a hallowed place." With Janet Reno serving as our Nation's Attorney General, those words will have great meaning for all Americans.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:21 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. Following the President's remarks, Justice Byron White administered the oath of office.

Announcement of Nomination for Two Sub-Cabinet Posts at the Department of Health and Human Services

March 12, 1993

President Clinton today announced his intention to nominate an expert on health care and a renowned doctor and administrator to two Assistant Secretary posts at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President named Kenneth S. Apfel as Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget at HHS and Dr. Philip R. Lee as HHS Assistant Secretary of Health.

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were attached to the press release.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

Correction

The Digest entries of January 28 and February 7 (pp. 113 and 201) were incorrect in stating that the President attended meetings of the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform.

March 8

The President had a telephone conversation with former President George Bush to discuss the situation in Russia.

In the afternoon, the President met with members of the House Budget Committee.

In the evening, the President met with former President Richard Nixon.

March 9

In the afternoon, the President met with Democratic Senators.

In the evening, the President attended a birthday party for Senator Strom Thurmond at the J.W. Marriott Hotel.

March 11

In the morning, the President traveled to Linthicum, MD, where he toured the Westinghouse Electronic Systems plant, and he returned to Washington, DC, in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with:

- departing White House military personnel;
- Special Olympics international athletes;
- recipients of the Presidential Secondary Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

March 12

In the morning, the President traveled to the U.S.S. *Theodore Roosevelt* where he toured the ship, and he returned to Washington, DC, in the afternoon.

The White House announced that Prime Minister Giuliano Amato of Italy will visit the White House on April 26 to meet with the President.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.