

Nomination for Ambassadors and an Associate Administrator of the Agency for International Development

June 30, 1993

The President announced today that he intends to nominate Richard Holbrooke to be his Ambassador to Germany and Tom Niles as his Ambassador to Greece. In addition, the President announced that he has nominated Robert Houdek to be Ambassador to Eritrea and that he intends to nominate Larry Byrne to be the Associate Administrator for Finance and Administration at the Agency for International Development, U.S. International Development and Cooperation Agency.

“The people we are adding to our foreign policy team today are men of tremendous achievement and character,” said the President. “I am particularly glad that Richard Holbrooke will be serving our country as Ambassador to Germany. Throughout his years in Government and more recently as a leader in the private sector, he has demonstrated the talents that are needed for an important position such as this one.”

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

Nomination for Posts at the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Veterans Affairs, and Commerce

June 30, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate the following officials:

William Gilmartin, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations;

Eugene Brickhouse, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Administration;

Ginger Lew, General Counsel, Department of Commerce.

“These three outstanding individuals will make excellent additions to our administration,” said the President. “William Gilmartin,

Eugene Brickhouse, and Ginger Lew have all proven themselves in their previous Government service. I am grateful that they have agreed to be part of our efforts now.”

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Remarks Announcing the Forest Conservation Plan

July 1, 1993

Ladies and gentlemen, this issue has been one which has bedeviled the people of the Pacific Northwest for some years now. It has been one that has particularly moved me for two reasons: first of all, because so many people in that part of the country brought their concerns to me in the campaign on all sides of this issue, the timber workers and companies, the environmentalists, the Native Americans, the people who live in those areas who just wanted to see the controversy resolved, so they could get on with their lives; and secondly, because I grew up in a place with a large timber industry and a vast amount of natural wilderness, including a large number of national forests. So I have a very close identity with all the forces at play in this great drama that has paralyzed the Pacific Northwest for too long.

We’re announcing a plan today which we believe will strengthen the long-term economic and environmental health of the Pacific Northwest and northern California. The plan provides an innovative approach to forest management to protect the environment and to produce a predictable and sustainable level of timber sales. It offers a comprehensive, long-term plan for economic development. And it makes sure that Federal Agencies, for a change, will be working together for the good of all the people of the region.

The plan is a departure from the failed policies of the past, when as many as six different Federal Agencies took different positions on various interpretations of Federal law and helped to create a situation in which, at length, no timber cutting at all could occur because of litigation, and still environmental-