

### **Nomination for an Assistant Attorney General**

*October 27, 1993*

The President announced his intention today to nominate Loretta Collins Argrett to be the Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division at the Department of Justice.

"Enforcing the Tax Code is a challenging and important task," said the President. "Loretta Argrett is a woman with the intelligence, diligence, and expertise to get the job done well."

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

### **Nomination for United States District Court Judges**

*October 27, 1993*

The President announced the nominations today of six Federal District Court judges in three States:

Harry Barnes, Western District of Arkansas;

Nancy Gertner, District of Massachusetts; Reginald Lindsay, District of Massachusetts;

Patti Saris, District of Massachusetts;

Richard Stearns, District of Massachusetts; and

Allen Schwartz, Southern District of New York.

"Each of these judicial nominees has had a legal career distinguished by high levels of achievement and the respect of their colleagues," said the President. "I expect great things from each of them on the Federal bench."

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

### **Statement on Signing the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1994**

*October 27, 1993*

Today I have signed into law H.R. 2519, the "Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1994." This Act provides funding for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and several smaller agencies.

Funding for the Department of Commerce is \$3.6 billion. This funding demonstrates the importance of our efforts to promote this Nation's economic growth through high-priority investment programs in the Department of Commerce. It will help Commerce to build a stronger, more competitive private sector, able to maintain U.S. leadership in critical world markets. In particular, I am pleased that the Congress has provided increased funding for the Advanced Technology Program, the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, and the new "Information Highway" program. The additional funding for these programs is a critical element of my strategy to create high-wage jobs, strengthen America's technological leadership, and increase our long-run productivity and standard of living. In addition, I am pleased that the Congress provided funds for defense conversion to address the economic dislocation resulting from the end of the Cold War.

The Act also provides funding for a number of high-priority investment initiatives within the Department of Justice. For example, funds are provided for hiring new police officers. This investment will assist in putting new police officers on the streets of America in an effort to take back our neighborhoods from crime and drugs.

In addition, I am pleased that this Act provides significant additional resources to implement my Immigration Initiative, transmitted to the Congress on August 31. These funds will support efforts to provide a fair and effective immigration policy.

Finally, I am pleased the Congress has appropriated funds necessary to support many of our efforts to strengthen our security by