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aged,'' said the President. ''I welcome his service at the Commerce Department.''

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

Nomination for Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

December 21, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate Adm. William A. Owens, USN, to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Admiral Owens will succeed Adm. David E. Jeremiah, USN, who is retiring.

''Admiral Owens has served his country proudly and with distinction for 35 years. He has held a number of challenging assignments and demonstrated strong leadership ability,'' said the President. ''I am certain that he will perform up to the high standards set by his predecessor, Admiral Jeremiah, in this key post.''

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

Nomination for Chief Counsel at the Small Business Administration

December 21, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate Jere W. Glover, the founder of several small businesses, to be the Small Business Administration's Chief Counsel for Advocacy. The Chief Counsel acts as a spokesman for small business interests throughout the Government, as well as being an adviser to the SBA Administrator and overseeing the development of research and economic analysis projects on behalf of the small business community.

''Jere Glover knows what it takes to make a small business successful, and he knows how Government works. As the SBA's Chief Counsel, he will work to make every part of the Federal Government responsive to small businesses' needs.''

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

Appointment of Director and Deputy Director at the Office of Consumer Affairs

December 21, 1993

The President announced today that he will appoint Polly B. Baca to be Director and Paul Steven Miller to be Deputy Director of the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Consumer Affairs. The Office of Consumer Affairs is the primary Agency in the Federal Government for consumer affairs and has responsibility to both the White House and the Department of Health and Human Services on this issue.

''We have a responsibility to the American people to ensure that they are treated fairly in the consumer marketplace,'' said the President. ''I am counting on Polly Baca and Paul Miller to run this important office and to represent the needs of consumers throughout the Federal Government.''

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

Remarks Announcing Grants for Homelessness

December 22, 1993

Thank you, Reverend Steinbruck. He was so good I kind of hate to spoil the occasion. [*Laughter*] I want to thank all of you for being here, those of you who work in the field of homelessness. I want to thank Senator Riegle and Congressman Vento and Congressman Frank and Congressman Kildee for their support in the Congress. I want to say how good it is to see my friend Mayor Schmoke here who's done so much in the housing area. And I want to thank, too, Secretary Cisneros and Assistant Secretary Cuomo for the leadership they have shown.

I want to try to explain why, 3 days before Christmas, this is an important event not just because of the money involved but because