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Appointment of Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff

December 22, 1993

The President and Chief of Staff Thomas F. ''Mack'' McLarty today announced the appointment of Harold Ickes to be Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff, reporting to Mr. McLarty. In that capacity, Ickes will have major responsibility for efforts to enact the health security act next year.

The President made the following statement:

''I am pleased that my good friend Harold Ickes will be joining our team. Harold combines a savvy political sense, honed by years of experience in national politics, with a deep commitment to improving the lives of average citizens. I admire his insight and his sharp wit.''

Nomination for Director of the United States Mint

December 22, 1993

The President announced today that he intends to nominate Phillip N. Diehl, until recently the Chief of Staff at the Department of the Treasury, to be the Director of the U.S. Mint.

''As a senior member of Secretary Bentsen's staff, both in the Senate and at the Treasury, and during his service in Texas' State Government, Phil Diehl has distinguished himself as a public servant of high quality,'' said the President. ''He has the skills and experience that it takes to be an effective manager of the U.S. Mint.''

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

Nomination for Deputy Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

December 22, 1993

The President announced today that he will nominate Michael K. Kirk to be the Deputy Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks at the Department of Commerce.

''Michael Kirk has a long record of public service at the Patent and Trademark Office. I am confident that he will do well as Deputy Commissioner.''

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

Executive Order 12886—Adjustments of Rates of Pay and Allowances for the Uniformed Services

December 23, 1993

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 601 of Public Law 103–160, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. The rates of monthly basic pay (37 U.S.C. 203(a)), the rates of basic allowances for subsistence (37 U.S.C. 402), and the rates of basic allowances for quarters (37 U.S.C. 403(a)) for members of the uniformed services are adjusted as set forth on the schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Sec. 2. The adjustments in rates of monthly basic pay and allowances for subsistence and quarters set forth on the attached schedule are effective on January 1, 1994.

Sec. 3. Section 4 and Schedule 8 of Executive Order No. 12826 of December 30, 1992, are superseded.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
December 23, 1993.

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NOTE: This Executive order and the attached annexes will be published in the *Federal Register* on December 28.