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During any period when the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, the Associate Attorney General, and the officers designated by the Attorney General pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 508 to act as Attorney General, have died, resigned, or otherwise become unable to perform the functions and duties of the office of Attorney General, the following officers of the Department of Justice, in the order listed, shall perform the functions and duties of the office of Attorney General, if they are eligible to act as Attorney General under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, until such time as at least one of the officers mentioned above is able to perform the functions and duties of the office of Attorney General:

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York;

United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia;

United States Attorney for the District of Utah; and

United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas.

Sec. 2. *Exceptions.*

(a) No individual who is serving in an office listed in section 1 in an acting capacity, by virtue of so serving, shall act as Attorney General pursuant to this memorandum.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this memorandum, the President retains discretion, to the extent permitted by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 *et seq.,* to depart from this memorandum in designating an acting Attorney General.

George W. Bush

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Memorandum on Designation of Officers of the Department of Transportation

March 19, 2002

Memorandum for the Secretary of Transportation

Subject: Designation of Officers of the Department of Transportation

By the authority vested in me as President under the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 *et seq.,* I hereby order that:

Section 1. *Order of Succession.*

During any period when the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary), the Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and the officers designated by the Secretary pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 102(e) to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary have died, resigned, or otherwise become unable to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary, the following officers of the Department of Transportation, in the order listed, shall perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary, if they are eligible to act as Secretary under the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, until such time as at least one of the officers mentioned above is able to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary:

Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation;

Under Secretary of Transportation for Security;

Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration;

Federal Aviation Administration Regional Administrator, Southwest Region; and

Federal Aviation Administration Regional Administrator, Great Lakes Region.

Sec. 2. *Exceptions.*

(a) No individual who is serving in an office listed in section 1 in an acting capacity, by virtue of so serving, shall act as Secretary pursuant to this memorandum.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this memorandum, the President retains discretion, to the extent permitted by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 *et seq.,* to depart from this memorandum in designating an acting Secretary.

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Memorandum on Designation of Officers of the Department of the Treasury

March 19, 2002

Memorandum for the Secretary of the Treasury

Subject: Designation of Officers of the Department of the Treasury

By the authority vested in me as President under the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 *et seq.,* I hereby order that:

Section 1. *Order of Succession.*

During any period when the Secretary of the Treasury (Secretary), the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and the officers designated by Executive Order 13246 of December 18, 2001, to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary have died, resigned, or otherwise become unable to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary, the following officers of the Department of the Treasury, in the order listed, shall perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary, if they are eligible to act as Secretary under the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, until such time as at least one of the officers mentioned above is able to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary:

Fiscal Assistant Secretary;

Chief of Staff;

Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Internal Revenue Service;

Commissioner of Customs, U.S. Customs Service;

Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (Glynco, Georgia);

Commissioner, Wage & Investment Operating Division, Internal Revenue Service (Atlanta, Georgia); and

Assistant Commissioner, Office of Securities Operations, Bureau of Public Debt (Parkersburg, West Virginia).

Sec. 2. *Exceptions.*

(a) No individual who is serving in an office listed in section 1 in an acting capacity, by virtue of so serving, shall act as Secretary pursuant to this memorandum.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this memorandum, the President retains discretion, to the extent permitted by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 *et seq.,* to depart from this memorandum in designating an acting Secretary.

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Memorandum on Designation of Officers of the Department of Veterans Affairs

March 19, 2002

Memorandum for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Subject: Designation of Officers of the Department of Veterans Affairs

By the authority vested in me as President under the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 *et seq.,* I hereby order that:

Section 1. *Order of Succession.*

During any period when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Secretary), the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the officers designated by Executive Order 13247 of December 18, 2001, to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary have died, resigned, or otherwise become unable to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary, the following officers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the order listed, shall perform the functions and