

unfair competition. And during those 1980's we spent billions and billions of dollars and still lost farmers. There's a lesson there for us, and that lesson is that agriculture's future is in fair trade.

And the President is absolutely right that we owe much to Clayton Yeutter and Carla Hills for bringing us so close to the point of being able to get a trade negotiation that is good for agriculture. I join with the President in saying that I certainly hope that we see this through, because not doing so would be like folding your cards when the odds are that you probably have the winning hand.

Along with all the very talented people here at the Department, we look forward, Mr. President, to using all of the tools at our disposal to make things better for American farmers and ranchers. I look forward to working with you and with this wonderful Cabinet that you have, and I thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

I have to tell you a story about Monsignor O'Dea. He was my parish priest when I was a little boy. I was his altar boy. He taught me how to drive a car. I drove his car right into the side of his garage. [Laughter] He never gave up on me. [Laughter] Monsignor, thank you very much.

*Note: The President spoke at 11:37 a.m. on the Patio at the Agriculture Building. In his remarks, he referred to Representative Robert H. Michel, who introduced him; Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Msgr. Joseph P. O'Dea, who gave the invocation; Clayton K. Yeutter, chairman of the Republican National Committee and former Secretary of Agriculture; and Carla A. Hills, U.S. Trade Representative. The Secretary referred to Representatives E "Kika" de la Garza and Sidney R. Yates; Senators Patrick J. Leahy and Richard G. Lugar; and his wife, Evelyn.*

## Nomination of Patricia F. Saiki To Be Administrator of the Small Business Administration

March 12, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Patricia F. Saiki, of Hawaii, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration. She would succeed Susan S. Engeleiter.

From 1986 to 1990 Congresswoman Saiki served as the United States Representative for the 1st District of Hawaii in Washington, DC. Prior to this Congresswoman Saiki served as the chairman of the Republican Party of Hawaii, 1983–1985. In addition,

Congresswoman Saiki served in the Hawaii State Legislature as a State senator, 1974–1982, and as a State representative, 1968–1974. Congresswoman Saiki has also served as a junior and senior high school teacher for 12 years in Hawaii.

Congresswoman Saiki graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa (B.A., 1952). She was born May 28, 1930, in Hilo, HI. Congresswoman Saiki is married, has five children, and resides in Alexandria, VA.

## Appointment of Spencer E. Geissinger as Special Assistant to the President for Presidential Press Advance

March 12, 1991

The President today announced the appointment of Spencer E. Geissinger as Special

Assistant to the President for Presidential Press Advance at the White House in

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Washington, DC.

Since 1990 Mr. Geissinger has served as Deputy Director of Presidential Advance for Press. He has served as the executive director of "Drug Use is Life Abuse," a nonprofit foundation in Orange County, CA, 1989–1990. Mr. Geissinger previously served in the Presidential Advance Office as a lead advance representative, January 1989 to June 1989. He has also served on two Presidential inaugural committees, as director of the inaugural balls and the opening ceremony in 1989 and in the office of public liaison for business and veterans groups in 1985. He served at the George Bush for President campaign 1988 as a lead advance representative and as a coordinator of special projects in the Vice Presidential advance office, 1986–1987. Mr. Geissinger

also served at the Department of Labor as a Special Assistant to the Secretary for Advance and Scheduling, 1985–1986, and as a Mississippi field representative for voter programs in the Reagan/Bush '84 campaign. He served as special assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Agriculture, 1982–1984, and staff assistant on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce and the Judiciary, Office of Senator Paul Laxalt, January 1982 to July 1982.

Mr. Geissinger attended the University of Nevada, Reno, studying agricultural economics. He is a native of California. He was born February 17, 1962. He is single and resides in Arlington, VA.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on Anti-Satellite Arms Control

*March 12, 1991*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

In accordance with section 1009 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101–189), enclosed is a report on Anti-Satellite (ASAT) Arms Control. The report addresses the desirability of an agreement with the Soviet Union that would impose limitations on ASAT capabilities. The assessment also includes a determination whether a ban or other limitations would be in the national

interest of the United States.

The unclassified version of this report will be forwarded at a later date under separate cover.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH

*Note: Identical letters were sent to Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Dan Quayle, President of the Senate.*

## Nomination of Bruce S. Gelb To Be United States Ambassador to Belgium

*March 13, 1991*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Bruce S. Gelb, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Belgium. He would succeed Maynard Wayne Glitman.

Since 1989 Mr. Gelb has served as Director of the United States Information Agency in Washington, DC. Prior to this, Mr. Gelb served with the Bristol-Myers Co. in New York, NY, as vice chairman, 1985–1988, and as executive vice president, 1977–1985. Mr.