

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

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