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Canadian Affairs, and Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. In all of these positions, he served the United States with great distinction.

The President appreciates Ambassador Burt's dedicated service and is pleased that he has agreed to serve as a consultant to

the Secretary of State.

Following Ambassador Burt's departure from government, Ambassador Linton F. Brooks, who has served as Ambassador Burt's deputy since 1989, will become the Acting Head of Delegation to the Nuclear and Space Talks.

## Nomination of John Schrote To Be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior

*April 2, 1991*

The President today announced his intention to nominate John Schrote, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget in Washington, DC. He would succeed Lou Gallegos.

Since 1989 Mr. Schrote has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget at the Department of the Interior in Washington, DC. Prior to this, Mr. Schrote served as Assistant to the Secretary and Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at the Department of the Interior, 1989; administrative assist-

ant to Congressman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., 1984–1989; executive vice president for Bishop Bryant and Associates, 1983–1984; Deputy Director of the Office of Presidential Personnel at the White House, 1982–1983; and Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration for the Department of Agriculture, 1981–1982.

Mr. Schrote graduated from Ohio State University (B.S., 1958) and Xavier University (M.B.A., 1964). He was born May 6, 1936, in Findlay, OH. Mr. Schrote is married, has two children, and resides in Alexandria, VA.

## Question-and-Answer Session With Reporters in Hobe Sound, Florida

*April 3, 1991*

*Iraq*

*Q.* Mr. President, could you say a few words? Did you learn anything new just then, for instance, on Iraq or anything else?

*The President.* No, I didn't learn anything new. Read some stuff that's not true, but I didn't learn anything new.

*Q.* Which—

*The President.* Well, there's no point in going into all of that.

*Q.* Did you sign an order for—

*Possible Soviet-U.S. Summit*

*The President.* I was talking about a firm date for a meeting with Gorbachev on there. That's not set. I want to meet with

President Gorbachev; I've said so. But, I don't know where a story like that comes from. It's just simply not true.

*Q.* Sir, are you optimistic that you can do it by the first half of the year?

*The President.* Do the summit meeting? I'd like to go to Moscow, and we've maintained that we should get a START agreement. And we also have some difficulties on CFE to work out, the conventional forces agreement. But this story is just simply not correct. Such a meeting may turn out to be, but I would know if that were set, and it's not.

*Q.* Would you consider meeting someplace other than Moscow?