

than in a serious response. He was not too busy to see on short notice a wide range of individuals, including Kurt Waldheim, Willy Brandt, Muhammad Ali, Ted Heath, John Connally, and Ramsey Clark, but he was too busy to find even a few hours to meet with the Secretary of State of the United States. Today marks the last of the 15 dates we suggested, and that effort is therefore at an end.

Secretary Baker is departing on January 6 for several days of close consultations with coalition partners as the UNSC date of January 15 approaches. While I am not prepared to repeat my previous offer, rejected by Saddam Hussein, I am ready to make one last attempt to go the extra mile for peace. I have therefore offered through CDA Joe Wilson in Baghdad to have Secretary Baker meet with Iraqi Foreign Minister 'Aziz in Switzerland during the period January 7–9, while he is traveling on his

consultations.

This offer is being made subject to the same conditions as my previous attempt: no negotiations, no compromises, no attempts at face-saving, and no rewards for aggression. What there will be if Iraq accepts this offer is simply and importantly an opportunity to resolve this crisis peacefully.

Note: This statement referred to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; President Kurt Waldheim of Austria; Willy Brandt, former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany; Muhammad Ali, former world heavyweight boxing champion; Edward Heath, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom; John B. Connally, former Secretary of the Treasury; Ramsey Clark, former Attorney General; and Joseph C. Wilson IV, Charge d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.

Nomination of Arthur J. Hill To Be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

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The President today announced his intention to nominate Arthur J. Hill, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. He will serve as Federal Housing Commissioner. He would succeed Austin Fitts.

Since 1989 Mr. Hill has served as President of the Government National Mortgage Association at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC. Prior to this, Mr. Hill served as chairman, president, chief executive officer, and director of the Peoples National Bank of Commerce in Miami, FL, 1984–1989. He served as vice president and regional manager for corporate lending at the Amerifirst

Federal Savings and Loan Association in Miami, FL, 1983–1984. In addition, Mr. Hill served with the Southeast Bank, N.A., in Miami, FL, in several capacities: vice president of the corporate lending division, 1979–1983; assistant vice president and money market department head, 1975–1979; and in the management training program, 1974–1975.

Mr. Hill graduated from Florida Memorial College (B.S., 1971) and the University of Florida (M.A., 1973). He was born July 4, 1948, in Jacksonville, FL, and currently resides in Chevy Chase, MD.