

Nomination of Christopher W.S. Ross To Be United States Ambassador to Syria

June 12, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Christopher W.S. Ross, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Syrian Arab Republic. He would succeed Edward P. Djerejian.

Since 1988 Ambassador Ross has served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria. Prior to this, Ambassador Ross served at the Department of State as Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, 1985–1988, and as Director of Regional Affairs at the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, 1984–1985. Ambassador Ross served as special assistant to the special Presidential envoys to Lebanon, the Middle East, and Tel Aviv, 1982–1984; at the Department of State as a public affairs adviser

at the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, 1981–1982; and as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Algiers, Algeria, 1979–1981. Ambassador Ross served with the U.S. Information Agency in several capacities: public affairs officer in Algiers, Algeria, 1976–1979; information officer in Beirut, Lebanon, 1973–1976; branch public affairs officer in Fez, Morocco, 1970–1973; junior officer trainee in Tripoli, Libya, 1969–1970; and public affairs trainee in Washington, DC, 1968–1969. Ambassador Ross entered the U.S. Information Agency in 1968.

Ambassador Ross graduated from Princeton University (A.B., 1965) and Johns Hopkins University (M.A., 1967). He was born March 3, 1943, in Quito, Ecuador. Ambassador Ross is married and resides in Algiers, Algeria.

Nomination of Jeffrey C. Martin To Be General Counsel at the Department of Education

June 12, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey C. Martin, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Education. He would succeed Edward C. Stringer.

Currently, Mr. Martin serves as a consultant to the Secretary at the Department of Education in Washington, DC. Prior to this, Mr. Martin served with the law firm of Shea & Gardner as a partner, 1985–1991; as an associate, 1980–1985; and as an associate with Barnes Hickman, Pantzer &

Boyd, 1979–1980. From 1978 to 1979, Mr. Martin served as a law clerk to the Honorable Spottswood W. Robinson III, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Mr. Martin graduated from Indiana University (B.A., 1975) and the University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1978). Mr. Martin was born December 5, 1953, in Columbus, OH. He is married, has two children, and resides in Silver Spring, MD.