

## Appointment of Margaret DeBardeleben Tutwiler as Assistant to the President for Communications

*August 24, 1992*

The President today announced the appointment of Margaret DeBardeleben Tutwiler as Assistant to the President for Communications.

Since 1989, Miss Tutwiler has served as Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs and Department Spokesman. Prior to this, Miss Tutwiler served as deputy to the chairman of the Bush-Quayle '88 campaign and as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and Public Liaison at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1985–88. Prior to her work at Treasury, Miss Tutwiler was a member of President Reagan's senior White House staff, serving as Deputy Assistant to the President for Political Affairs, 1984–85. Following President Reagan's reelection in 1984, Miss Tutwiler was Director of Public Liaison for the 50th American Presidential Inaugural; and from 1980 to 1984, Special Assistant to the President and Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff. In 1985, Miss Tutwiler served as a member of the U.S. delegation to the 1985 World Conference

to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women in Nairobi, Kenya. She was also a member of the American Center for International Leadership's delegation from the United States to the Soviet Union in October of 1986.

Miss Tutwiler was the public affairs representative for the National Association of Manufacturers in Alabama and Mississippi before joining Ambassador George Bush's Presidential campaign as director of scheduling in 1978. Following the Republican Convention in 1980, she continued as director of scheduling for Vice Presidential candidate Bush. She began her political career in 1974 with the Alabama Republican Party and from 1975 to 1976 worked for President Gerald Ford's reelection campaign.

Born in Birmingham, AL, on December 28, 1950, Miss Tutwiler attended Finch College and graduated from the University of Alabama in 1973.

## Appointment of Janet G. Mullins as Assistant to the President for Political Affairs

*August 24, 1992*

The President today announced the appointment of Janet G. Mullins as Assistant to the President for Political Affairs.

Since 1989, Ms. Mullins has served as Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs. Prior to this appointment, she served as director of congressional affairs for the Presidential transition. She served in Kentucky State government as special assistant to the deputy secretary of commerce, specializing in international and agricultural trade. From 1979 to 1982, Ms. Mullins was legislative director and chief of staff for Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon. In 1984, she managed the successful Senate campaign of Mitch McConnell of

Kentucky. Ms. Mullins was the first woman to run a statewide Senate campaign in Kentucky. She went on to serve as chief of staff for Senator McConnell from 1985 to 1987. In 1987, Ms. Mullins was named executive director of the Fund for America's Future, then-Vice President Bush's political action committee. She joined the Bush campaign in September of 1987, serving as national field director for the Bush primary campaign. During the general election, she was deputy national political director and media director.

Ms. Mullins received her B.A. in political science at the University of Louisville and studied international economics at Ameri-

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can University in Washington, DC. She was born September 7, 1949, in Louisville, KY, and has one daughter.

## Appointment of Dennis B. Ross as Assistant to the President for Policy Planning

*August 24, 1992*

The President today announced the appointment of Dennis B. Ross as Assistant to the President for Policy Planning.

Since 1989, Mr. Ross has been Director of the Policy Planning Staff of the Department of State. In that position he played a major role in formulating and implementing U.S. policy toward the former Soviet Union and the Middle East peace process. Prior to becoming Director, Mr. Ross served as the senior foreign policy adviser to the George Bush campaign and the head of national security affairs during the Presidential transition. He was the Director of Near East and South Asian Affairs on the National Security Council staff from May 1986 to July 1988. From 1984 to 1986, he was outside the Government in the academic world, serving as the executive direc-

tor of the Berkeley-Stanford program on Soviet international behavior. In the early 1980's, he held positions in both the State and Defense Departments, serving first as a member of the policy planning staff with responsibility for Middle Eastern issues. Later, from 1982 to 1984, he was the Deputy Director of the Office of Net Assessment in the Pentagon, working principally on Soviet, Middle Eastern, and broad military balance issues.

Mr. Ross did his undergraduate and graduate studies at UCLA, wrote a doctoral dissertation on Soviet decisionmaking, and has published extensively on Soviet and Middle Eastern policy questions. He was born on November 26, 1948, in San Francisco, CA. Mr. Ross is married and has three children.

## Nomination of Randall Harvey Erben To Be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

*August 24, 1992*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Randall Harvey Erben, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning and Development. He would succeed Skirma Anna Kondratas.

Currently Mr. Erben serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Prior to this, he served as director of the State of Texas Office of State-Federal Relations,

1989-91; assistant secretary of state for the State of Texas, 1987-89; and a member and shareholder with the law firm of Foster, Lewis, Langley, Gardner & Banack, Inc., 1981-87.

Mr. Erben graduated from Princeton University (A.B., 1978) and the University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 1981). He was born August 23, 1956, in San Antonio, TX. Mr. Erben is married and currently resides in Bethesda, MD.