

White House Statement on Additional Disaster Relief for Guam *September 17, 1992*

The President today announced that he has amended his August 28, 1992, declaration of a major disaster in the Territory of Guam to waive Territory and local cost sharing requirements, where permitted to do so by law, to allow reimbursement of 95 percent of eligible public assistance costs exceeding \$10 per capita, and to waive the cost sharing requirement for the individual and family grant program as allowed under the provisions of the Insular Act.

This additional relief provided by the President was in response to a request made by Gov. Joseph Ada. It was taken in response to the unprecedented damage and destruction caused by Typhoon Omar. By waiving customary Territory and local cost sharing requirements, the President can provide maximum Federal assistance to the people of Guam whose lives have been so severely disrupted by this disaster.

Nomination of United States Ambassadors to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia *September 17, 1992*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Victor Jackovich, Mara M. Letica, and E. Allan Wendt as Ambassadors to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia, respectively. The naming of Ambassadors will complete the establishment of full diplomatic relations with these nations. Their mandate is to foster a viable political, economic, and trading partnership between the United States and these countries, including the development of democratic and market-oriented reforms. The dispatch of our Ambassadors will allow the U.S. to work more closely with Bosnia, Croatia, and Slovenia to bring about a settlement of the conflicts in the region. In addition, their mission is to encourage the ongoing peace negotiations, including facilitating the delivery of humanitarian assistance to those suffering in the region.

Victor Jackovich, of Iowa, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Currently Mr. Jackovich is the executive assistant to the Counselor at the United States Information Agency. Prior to this, he was in the Bulgarian Language Training School at the Department of State, 1990-91; Cultural Affairs Officer

in Moscow in the former Soviet Union, 1988-90; Information Officer in Nairobi, Kenya, 1983-86; Cultural Affairs Officer in Bucharest, Romania, 1980-83; and Branch Public Affairs Officer in Kiev in the former Soviet Union, 1979-80. Mr. Jackovich also served as the Chief of the Yugoslav Service at the Voice of America, 1976-78.

Mr. Jackovich graduated from Indiana University (B.A., 1970; M.A., 1971). He was born on April 24, 1948, in Des Moines, IA. Mr. Jackovich is married, has one child, and resides in Arlington, VA.

Mara M. Letica, of Michigan, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Croatia. Currently Ms. Letica is an attorney and general counsel of the Letica Corp. in Rochester, MI. She is a founder of the Croatian American Association, where she has served as secretary-treasurer from 1990 to 1992. The association was founded to provide information about the independence movement in Croatia and to support U.S. recognition of Croatia.

Ms. Letica has also served as an attorney with Bullivant, House, Bailey, Pendergrass and Hoffman, P.C., in Portland, OR, 1982-85; and in the office of prosecuting attorney criminal division in Seattle, WA, 1980. Through the Letica Corp., Ms. Letica has

organized humanitarian assistance programs to Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Ms. Leticia graduated from the University of Michigan (B.A., 1976) and the University of Puget Sound (J.D., 1981). She was born January 11, 1955, in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Ms. Leticia is married, has two children, and resides in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

E. Allan Wendt, of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.

Since 1987, Ambassador Wendt has served as Senior Representative for Strategic Technology Policy at the State Department. Prior to this, he served as Deputy

Assistant Secretary of State for International Energy and Resources Policy, 1981–86; Counselor for Economic and Commercial Affairs at the American Embassy, Cairo, Egypt, 1979–81; Director of the Office of International Commodities at the State Department, 1975–79; and State Department fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, 1974–75. He was given the Department of State's Award for Heroism in 1968.

Ambassador Wendt graduated from Yale University (B.A., 1957) and Harvard University (M.P.A., 1967). He was born November 8, 1935, in Chicago, IL. Ambassador Wendt currently resides in Orange County, CA.

Remarks to AT&T Employees in Basking Ridge, New Jersey *September 18, 1992*

Please be seated, and thank you very much, Dr. Mary Stewart. Thanks for the welcome. Thank you very much, and good afternoon. What a wonderful introduction by such a wonderfully experienced person. Dr. Stewart, thank you very, very much. And good afternoon to everyone.

I want to first recognize she who came up with me on the airplane today, Secretary Lynn Martin. She is doing a great job for this country as Secretary of Labor. I'll have more to say about her own labors in the context of this speech. But I want to thank her for being with us. She is a former Member of Congress. She is now leading this enormous Department and doing a first-class job.

As to Tom Kean, your former Governor, my longtime friend, I couldn't be more pleased. He is heading up our campaign effort here, and I can't think of any better formula for success in this State because of his own record, the respect with which he's held. It is just a wonderful thing. Barbara and I are just delighted to have him at our side in this fight.

Another one is Congressman Dean Gallo, who has been a leader for me and who's helping this State and this community a great deal in the House of Representatives. If we had more like him, we wouldn't hear

everybody yelling at me, "Clean House!" everywhere I went. So that was nice.

Of course, I'm grateful to the chairman, Bob Allen, and to everyone at AT&T. I think it's a good thing that you provide a forum for political people to bring their views to a community. A lot of companies duck it; they dodge it. Then they end up writing me letters griping about how things are. This one is out front. Bob Allen has always been willing to take a position. He stands for something, and so do the people that work with him. So I want to express my thanks to not only those that are in this room but those that might be plugged into some fancy high-tech AT&T communications system around here. But the company does good work and certainly is a great corporate citizen of this wonderful community.

I want to thank the speaker who's here, Chuck Haytaian. He is leading the New Jersey Legislature. All States are caught up in enormous battles. And I'm very, very proud of him.

With me today also are two women that came up with us from Washington, both of them standing there. Connie Horner is an Assistant to the President in terms of personnel. She gave up an enormous job as