

Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the End of the Civil War in Mozambique

October 5, 1992

We welcome the agreement signed October 4 in Rome ending the civil war in Mozambique and establishing the basis for democratic multiparty elections by October 1993. We congratulate the Government of Mozambique, RENAMO, and the Italian mediators on this important breakthrough.

Now that a cease-fire has been agreed to, we expect that all parties will redouble their efforts to overcome the severe humanitarian crisis in Mozambique brought about by the war and drought. Tens of thousands of Mozambicans in remote areas of the

country are reported to be facing famine. While limited deliveries have been made to some areas, a much wider effort is required to avert a large-scale human catastrophe. We call on the United Nations, international relief agencies, and all Mozambicans to work together to address this crisis promptly. The U.S., which contributed over \$150 million in food and other humanitarian assistance to Mozambique in FY 1992, is prepared to participate generously in this effort.

Nomination of Gerald R. Riso To Be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Housing and Urban Development

October 5, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Gerald R. Riso, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is a new position.

Since 1991, Mr. Riso has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Student Financial Assistance at the Department of Education. He has also served as a senior partner with Riso and Dempsey, 1989–91; Associate Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget and Chief Financial Officer of the United States, 1987–89; Assistant Secretary for Policy,

Budget and Administration at the Department of the Interior, 1985–87; vice president at Korn/Ferry International, 1984–85; and Deputy Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at the Department of Justice, 1982–84.

Mr. Riso graduated from Lafayette College (B.A., 1953) and Wharton Graduate School (M.G.A., 1957). He served in the United States Army, 1953–55. He was born January 30, 1930, in New York, NY. Mr. Riso is married, has six children, and resides in Washington, DC.

Appointment of Chester Paul Beach, Jr., as Associate Counsel to the President

October 5, 1992

The President today announced the appointment of Chester Paul Beach, Jr., as Associate Counsel to the President.

Since February 1992, Mr. Beach has

served as Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Department of Defense. Prior to this, he was Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Department of the Navy and