

## 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

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conducted the Navy's administrative inquiry regarding the A-12 aircraft program. As Special Assistant to the Under Secretary and Secretary of the Navy from 1987 to 1989, Mr. Beach headed the Navy's Procurement Task Force supervising the Navy's response to the "Ill Wind" procurement fraud investigation, and the Navy Management Review Task Force that implemented the 1989 Defense Management Report. Mr. Beach served on active duty as a captain

in the U.S. Army from 1981 to 1987 in Germany and Washington, DC.

Mr. Beach is a graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree *magna cum laude* in 1976, and the University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL, receiving a J.D. degree in 1980. He was born in Memphis, TN, and currently resides with his wife, Kathy, in Alexandria, VA.

## Nomination of Jeni Brown Norris To Be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

October 5, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Jeni Brown Norris, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public Affairs. She would succeed Mary Shannon Brunette.

Since 1989, Ms. Norris has served as vice president for public affairs and publications at the Export-Import Bank of the United States. She has also served as a consultant to Secretary Jack Kemp at the Department

of Housing and Urban Development, 1989; executive assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary for International Labor Affairs at the Department of Labor, 1988-89; and Director of Public Affairs and Deputy Director of Audience Relations at the Voice of America, 1983-88.

Ms. Norris attended the University of Mainz, West Germany. She was born October 24, 1949, in Gustavsburg, West Germany. Ms. Norris resides in Hume, VA.

## Statement on Signing Legislation Waiving Federal Immunity Relating to Solid and Hazardous Waste

October 6, 1992

I am signing into law H.R. 2194, which waives Federal sovereign immunity for violation of Federal, State, and local laws and regulations related to solid and hazardous waste.

Four years ago I promised the American people that I would make the Federal Government live up to the same environmental standards that apply to private citizens. By signing this bill, we take another step toward fulfillment of that promise.

My Administration has made a concerted effort to ensure that Federal facilities have the resources to meet the requirements of our Nation's environmental laws. Since

1989, we have tripled funding for the clean-up of wastes at Federal facilities and for bringing them into compliance with applicable environmental laws. Our FY 1993 budget proposed \$9.5 billion for environmental cleanup and compliance at Federal facilities. The \$5.5 billion request for Department of Energy environmental restoration and waste management activities represented an increase of \$1.1 billion. This was approximately 26 percent above enacted FY 1992 levels. I am pleased that the Congress has agreed to fund these requests.

The objective of the bill is to bring all