

trading nations. The successful Uruguay round result strengthens our hand in doing so, and I look forward to working with the majority

leader and others in Congress on the implementing legislation.

Nomination for an Assistant Secretary of Commerce

December 21, 1993

The President announced today that he intends to nominate Thomas R. Bloom to be Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration at the Department of Commerce. Upon confirmation by the Senate, Mr. Bloom will supervise the overall administration and budget of the Commerce Department.

“In this time of constrained budgets, we need people with the financial and management ex-

pertise of Thomas Bloom to ensure that the taxpayers’ money is effectively managed,” said the President. “I welcome his service at the Commerce Department.”

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

December 21, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate Adm. William A. Owens, USN, to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense. Admiral Owens will succeed Adm. David E. Jeremiah, USN, who is retiring.

“Admiral Owens has served his country proudly and with distinction for 35 years. He

has held a number of challenging assignments and demonstrated strong leadership ability,” said the President. “I am certain that he will perform up to the high standards set by his predecessor, Admiral Jeremiah, in this key post.”

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Chief Counsel at the Small Business Administration

December 21, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate Jere W. Glover, the founder of several small businesses, to be the Small Business Administration’s Chief Counsel for Advocacy. The Chief Counsel acts as a spokesman for small business interests throughout the Government, as well as being an adviser to the SBA Administrator and overseeing the development of research and economic analysis projects on behalf of the small business community.

“Jere Glover knows what it takes to make a small business successful, and he knows how Government works. As the SBA’s Chief Counsel, he will work to make every part of the Federal Government responsive to small businesses’ needs.”

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.