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“As a senior member of Secretary Bentsen’s staff, both in the Senate and at the Treasury, and during his service in Texas’ State Government, Phil Diehl has distinguished himself as a public servant of high quality,” said the Presi-

dent. “He has the skills and experience that it takes to be an effective manager of the U.S. Mint.”

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

Appointment for Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff *December 22, 1993*

The President and Chief of Staff Thomas F. “Mack” McLarty today announced the appointment of Harold Ickes to be Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff, reporting to Mr. McLarty. In that capacity, Ickes will have major responsibility for efforts to enact the health security act next year.

The President made the following statement: “I am pleased that my good friend Harold Ickes will be joining our team. Harold combines a savvy political sense, honed by years of experience in national politics, with a deep commitment to improving the lives of average citizens. I admire his insight and his sharp wit.”

Appointment for the Small Business Administration *December 23, 1993*

The President today appointed Maine small businessman Patrick K. McGowan to be the Small Business Administration’s Regional Director for Region I, covering all of New England.

“I am very proud to make this appointment today,” said the President. “Patrick McGowan

knows what small businesses need and will do everything that he can to help New England small business.”

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

Nomination for Chief Financial Officer of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration *December 23, 1993*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Arnold G. Holz, assistant comptroller and director of general accounting for the State of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

“The depth of experience that Arnold Holz has acquired in 34 years of complex accounting, auditing, and financial reporting activities is a

welcomed addition to the Nation’s space exploration program as it enters a new era of international cooperation to build a space station and prepares for sustained human exploration of the solar system,” the President said.

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