

Nomination for Ambassador to Tunisia

May 11, 1994

The President today announced his intention to nominate Mary Ann Casey, of Colorado, as Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

“Mary Ann Casey’s extensive foreign service experience will be a great asset in her role as

Ambassador to Tunisia,” the President said. “I am delighted to announce her nomination.”

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

Statement on Signing the Farmers Home Administration Improvement Act of 1994

May 11, 1994

I am today signing into law S. 1930, the Farmers Home Administration Improvement Act of 1994. This Act is intended to give the Farmers Home Administration in the Department of Agriculture (USDA) an additional tool with which to reduce the substantial backlog of delinquent farm loan debt. It authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to use USDA’s Office of General Counsel or private attorneys acting under contract, in addition to the current authority to refer matters to the Department of Justice, to resolve loan delinquencies.

My Administration is committed to more aggressive Government action to resolve the problem of delinquent farm loan debt. There are too many borrowers, many of them of substantial means and not full-time farmers, who have been delinquent on their farm loans for years.

Resolving these cases will return resources to taxpayers and provide additional opportunities for beginning farmers.

Because the Attorney General has overall responsibility for the conduct of litigation by the United States, I have directed the Departments of Justice and Agriculture to work together to implement this authority.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House

May 11, 1994.

NOTE: S. 1930, approved May 11, was assigned Public Law No. 103–248. This statement was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 12.

Memorandum on Use of Private Attorneys by the Department of Agriculture

May 11, 1994

Memorandum for the Secretary of Agriculture, the Attorney General

This directive sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Department of Agriculture will exercise the authority granted to the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to section 331(c) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1981). That authority permits the Secretary of Agriculture to contract

with private attorneys and use Department of Agriculture attorneys for legal services necessary to prosecute and defend any claims arising under subsection (b)(5) of section 331 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1981), concerning farmer program loans made by the Farmers Home Administration.

This directive permits, subject to the conditions set forth below, foreclosure, deficiency