

James Olmos, in their different ways exemplify that ideal. I thank them for being here today and for leading this endeavor. I thank all of you for what you have done. And I ask that today we rededicate ourselves to the principle that the Government cannot solve all the problems in America and that in the end, the Government is just another organization of the rest of us. And we have to do it in whatever way we can wherever we live.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:35 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

### **Statement on the South African Elections**

*April 22, 1994*

The world is elated at the prospect of these elections. They are the next step in South Africa's historic path from apartheid to non-racial democracy. Americans have stood by South Africans in their struggle, and we will be steadfast in our commitment to work with all South Africans to build the prosperous, stable, and just society that can come in its place.

NOTE: This statement was included in a White House press release announcing the President's naming of Reverend Jesse Jackson, president of the Rainbow Coalition, to head the official delegation to observe the South African elections. Other members of the delegation were listed as follows: Dr. George Moose, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Reverend Dr. Charles Stith, president, National Organization for New Equality; Dr. Arthur Thomas, president of Central State (Ohio) University; Dr. Pauline Baker of the Aspen Institute; Mr. Dick J. Batchelor, chairman, Florida Environmental Regulation Commission; and Colonel MacArthur DeShazer, Director for African Affairs, National Security Council. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

### **Executive Order 12908—Order of Succession of Officers To Act as Secretary of the Army**

*April 22, 1994*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 3347 of title 5, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1. Succession to Act as the Secretary of the Army.** (a) In the event of the death, permanent disability, or resignation of the Secretary of the Army, the incumbents holding the positions designated below, in the order indicated, shall act for and exercise the powers of the Secretary of the Army:

- (1) The Under Secretary of the Army.
- (2) The Assistant Secretaries and General Counsel of the Army, in the order fixed by their length of service as permanent appointees in such positions.
- (3) The Chief of Staff of the Army.

(b) In the event of the absence or temporary disability of the Secretary of the Army, the incumbents holding the Department of the Army positions designated in paragraph (a) of this section, in the order indicated, shall act for and exercise the powers of the Secretary of the Army.

- (1) The designation of an Acting Secretary of the Army under this subsection applies only for the duration of the Secretary's absence or disability, and does not affect the authority of the Secretary to resume the powers of the Secretary's office.
- (2) When the Secretary of the Army is temporarily absent from the position, the Secretary of the Army may continue to exercise the powers and fulfill the duties of his office during his absence, notwithstanding the provisions of this order.
- (c) Precedence among those officers designated in paragraph (a) of this section who have the same date of appointment shall be determined by the Secretary of the Army at the time that such appointments are made.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, an officer shall not act for or exercise the powers of the Secretary of the Army under this order if that officer serves only in an acting capacity in the position that would otherwise entitle him to do so.

**Sec. 2. Temporary Nature of Succession.** Succession to act for and exercise the powers of the Secretary of the Army pursuant to this order shall be on a temporary or interim basis and shall not have the effect of vacating the statutory appointment held by the successor.

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
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### **Executive Order 12909—Order of Succession of Officers to Act as Secretary of the Air Force**

*April 22, 1994*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 3347 of title 5, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1. Succession to Act as the Secretary of the Air Force.** (a) In the event of the death, permanent disability, or resignation of the Secretary of the Air Force, the incumbents holding the positions designated below, in the order indicated, shall act for and exercise the powers of the Secretary of the Air Force:

- (1) The Under Secretary of the Air Force.
- (2) The Assistant Secretaries and General Counsel of the Air Force, in the order fixed by their length of service as permanent appointees in such positions.
- (3) The Chief of Staff of the Air Force.
- (b) In the event of the absence or temporary disability of the Secretary of the Air

Force, the incumbents holding the Department of the Air Force positions designated in paragraph (a) of this section, in the order indicated, shall act for and exercise the powers of the Secretary of the Air Force.

(1) The designation of an Acting Secretary of the Air Force applies only for the duration of the Secretary's absence or disability, and does not affect the authority of the Secretary to resume the powers of the Secretary's office.

(2) In the event that the Secretary of the Air Force is temporarily absent from the position, the Secretary of the Air Force may continue to exercise the powers and fulfill the duties of his office during the absence, notwithstanding the provisions of this order.

(c) Precedence among those officers designated in paragraph (a) of this section who have the same date of appointment shall be determined by the Secretary of the Air Force at the time that such appointments are made.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, an officer shall not act for or exercise the powers of the Secretary of the Air Force under this order if that officer serves only in an acting capacity in the position that would otherwise entitle him to do so.

**Sec. 2. Temporary Nature of Succession.** Succession to act for and exercise the powers of the Secretary of the Air Force pursuant to this order shall be on a temporary or interim basis and shall not have the effect of vacating the statutory appointment held by the successor.

**William J. Clinton**

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