

Administrator of General Services

Announcement of Intention To Nominate Jay Solomon. April 7, 1977

The President today announced that he will nominate Joel W. (Jay) Solomon, of Chattanooga, Tenn., to be Administrator of the General Services Administration. Solomon is chairman of the board of Arlen Shopping Center, vice president and a member of the board of Arlen Realty and Development Corp., and vice president and a member of the board of Arlen Realty of North Carolina.

Solomon was born on June 22, 1921, in Chattanooga. He received a B.A. from Vanderbilt University in 1942.

From 1942 to 1971, he was a partner in Independent Enterprises, in Chattanooga, which owned and managed several movie theatres and developed and managed shopping centers. In 1970, the firm merged with Arlen Realty, a large, public-owned listed diversified real estate company. Solomon became vice president of Arlen Realty in 1971.

Solomon was a member of the board of the Chattanooga Housing Authority and Urban Renewal for 16 years, serving as chairman of the board for part of that period.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Announcement of Intention To Nominate W. Tapley Bennett, Jr., To Be U.S. Permanent Representative on the NATO Council. April 7, 1977

The President today announced that he will nominate W. Tapley Bennett, Jr., of Athens, Ga., to be the United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North American Treaty Organization with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. Bennett was previously Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations.

He was born on April 1, 1917, in Griffin, Ga. He received an A.B. from the University of Georgia in 1937 and an LL.B. from George Washington University in 1948. He took graduate studies at the University of Freiburg, Germany, in 1937 and 1938. Bennett speaks German, Spanish, and French. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946.

Prior to his entry into the Foreign Service in 1941, Bennett was an instructor at the University of Georgia and a trainee at the National Institute of Public Affairs in Washington. He served as a junior economic analyst in the American Embassy in Ciudad Trujillo in 1941, and in the Embassy in Panama in 1944.

He served in the Department on Latin American Affairs, becoming officer in charge of Central America and

Panama Affairs in 1950. He became deputy director of the Office of South American Affairs in 1951. In 1954, Bennett attended the National War College.

He served as Foreign Affairs Officer in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary in 1955 and as Special Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary in 1956. He was assigned to Vienna as a Political Counselor in 1957 and to Athens as Counselor of the Embassy in 1961.

Bennett served as Ambassador to the Dominican Republic from 1964 to 1966, and as Ambassador to Portugal from 1966 to 1969. From 1969 to 1971, he was a faculty advisor at Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, and he served as Deputy Representative of the U.S. in the Security Council of the United Nations from 1971 until 1973, when he became Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations.

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Announcement of Intention To Nominate Leonel Castillo To Be Commissioner. April 7, 1977

The President today announced that he will nominate Leonel Castillo, of Houston, Tex., to be Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the Department of Justice. Castillo is the city controller of Houston.

He was born on June 9, 1939, in Victoria, Tex. He received a B.A. cum laude from St. Mary's University in San Antonio in 1961, and an M.S.W. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1967.

In 1967 and 1968, Castillo was supervisor of the Human Resources Development Program of the Neighborhood Centers-Day Care Association in Houston. From 1968 to 1970, he was a project director for Jobs for Progress in Houston.

In 1970 and 1971, Castillo served as director of the Catholic Council on Community Relations in Houston. In 1972, he became city controller.

He is presently treasurer of the State Democratic Party of Texas.

Federal Energy Administration

Announcement of Intention To Nominate Leslie J. Goldman To Be Assistant Administrator. April 7, 1977

The President today announced that he will nominate Leslie J. Goldman, of Washington, D.C., to be Assistant Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration. Goldman is special counsel to Senator Adlai E. Stevenson.