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ALFRED E. ECKES TAKES OATH AS UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSIONER

Alfred E. Eckes of Virginia today became a member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 1990.

Eckes, an economic historian and former executive director of the House Republican Conference, was confirmed by the United States Senate on Wednesday, September 16, 1981. President Ronald Reagan announced his intention to nominate Eckes on May 15, 1981.

Born on July 11, 1942 in North Conway, New Hampshire, Eckes directed his education toward his specialty area of recent U.S. history in international trade and economic relations. In 1964 he graduated magna cum laude from Washington and Lee University with a B.A. in history and economics. From 1964 through 1965 Eckes held a Fulbright Fellowship in international economics at Christ's College, University of Cambridge. He continued his study at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University where he received an M.A. in international relations in 1966. In 1969 Eckes completed his Ph.D. in American history at the University of Texas at Austin. His dissertation topic was "Bretton Woods--America's New Deal for an Open World."

From 1969 to 1978 Eckes was a professor in the Department of History at Ohio State University where he became a tenured faculty member. However, in 1977 he began a two-year assignment as editor of the editorial page for the Columbus Dispatch.

Eckes' career also includes service at the Federal and Congressional levels. Between 1966 and 1969 he served the Department of State as a Foreign Service Reserve Officer. He began his legislative experience as a research assistant to Representative Samuel L. Devine of Ohio's twelfth district. From July 1979, to March 1981, Eckes was the executive director of the House Republican Conference.

Besides authoring approximately 750 articles, editorial commentaries and reviews for the Columbus Dispatch, Eckes' academic writings have spanned such topics as the conservative political tradition in the United States, American presidential elections, international monetary policy, and strategic goals in American trade policy.

His titles include: The United States and the Global Struggle for Minerals; A Search for Solvency: Bretton Woods and the International Monetary System, 1941-1971; A History of Presidential

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From Hoover to Nixon; "American History Textbooks and the New
Issues of Trade, Payments and Raw Materials"; and "Open Door
Expansionism Reconsidered: the World War II Experience."

Eckes is a life member of the Organization of American Historians
and a life member of the Society for Historians of American Foreign
Relations.

He lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

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