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Office of the Press Secretary

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June 17, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Richard Monroe Miles, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Azerbaijan. This is a new position.

Since 1991, Mr. Miles has served as Principal Officer at the United States Embassy Office in Berlin. From 1988-1991, he served as Consul General in Leningrad. He was a Fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, 1987-1988. From 1984-1987, Mr. Miles served as Counselor for Political Affairs at the American Embassy in Belgrade. From 1983-1984, he served as an Assistant to Senator Ernest Hollings on an American Political Science Association Fellowship. He has also served at the Department of State as Deputy Director and as Acting Director of the Office of Regional Security Affairs in the Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, 1981-1983; and as Yugoslav Desk Officer in the Office of East European Affairs in the Bureau of European Affairs, 1979-1981.

Mr. Miles was graduated from Bakersfield College (A.A., 1960); University of California at Berkeley (A.B., 1962); and Indiana University (M.A., 1964). He was born January 8, 1937 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Miles is married, has two children and currently resides in Berlin.

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May 28, 1992

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

The United States will contribute \$9 million for humanitarian assistance to refugees and displaced people in the former Yugoslavia and \$4 million for humanitarian assistance to victims of conflicts in the Caucasus region of the former Soviet Union. This includes the new republics of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

The situation in the Yugoslav former republics has created the largest movement of persons in Europe since the end of World War II. The total number of refugees and displaced persons in Yugoslavia, according to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), has now reached 1.3 million. Over 480,000 persons, mostly Slavic Muslims, have fled Bosnia and this number is growing daily. Six million dollars of this contribution will go to the UNHCR in support of its programs to assist refugees and displaced persons, especially those in Bosnia and Croatia. Three million dollars will go to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in support of its efforts to aid the victims of the terrible conflict now raging.

This \$9 million contribution is in addition to earlier contributions this year of \$7 million. The United States also launched an emergency airlift of food and other relief assistance to aid war victims in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Five planes flew into Sarajevo carrying blankets, food and medical supplies.

The United States contribution for victims of conflicts in the Caucasus will be given to the ICRC in support of its humanitarian aid to war victims, refugees and other vulnerable groups, especially in Armenia and Azerbaijan. Over the past two years the Caucasus has experienced an increase in ethnic strife leading to armed conflicts in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and in the South Ossetian area of Georgia.

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