

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: Designation of Officers of the Department
of Housing and Urban Development

By the authority vested in me as President under the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 et seq., I hereby order that:

Section 1. Order of Succession.

During any period when the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (Secretary), the Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and the officers designated by Executive Order 13243 of December 18, 2001, to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary have died, resigned, or otherwise become unable to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary, the following officers of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the order listed, shall perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary, if they are eligible to act as Secretary under the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, until such time as at least one of the officers mentioned above is able to perform the functions and duties of the office of Secretary:

President, Government National Mortgage Association;
Regional Director, Southeast/Caribbean (Atlanta, Georgia);
Regional Director, Midwest (Chicago, Illinois);
Regional Director, Southwest (Fort Worth, Texas);
Regional Director, Rocky Mountains (Denver, Colorado);
Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania);
Regional Director, Pacific/Hawaii (San Francisco, California);
Regional Director, New England (Boston, Massachusetts);
Regional Director, New York/New Jersey (New York, New York);
Regional Director, Great Plains (Kansas City, Missouri); and
Regional Director, Northwest/Alaska (Seattle, Washington).

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Sec. 2. Exceptions.

(a) No individual who is serving in an office listed in section 1 in an acting capacity, by virtue of so serving, shall act as Secretary pursuant to this memorandum.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this memorandum, the President retains discretion, to the extent permitted by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 *et seq.*, to depart from this memorandum in designating an acting Secretary.

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