

Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on Incremental Costs for Operation Desert Shield

January 11, 1991

Our incremental costs for Operation Desert Shield expenses were roughly \$10 billion in calendar year 1990. We have already received \$6 billion in cash and in-kind support from our allies to defray these costs. We expect to soon receive an additional \$2 billion more that has already been

pledged to meet these 1990 costs. With these sums, and assuming Congress enacts the necessary appropriation, our coalition partners will have covered some 80 percent of our incremental expenses through December 31, 1990.

Nomination of James E. Denny To Be Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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The President today announced his intention to nominate James Edward Denny, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks at the Department of Commerce. He would succeed Rene Desloge Tegtmeyer.

Since 1989, Mr. Denny has served as Acting Assistant Commissioner for Patents at the Department of Commerce. Prior to this he served as Deputy Assistant Commis-

sioner for Patents, 1983–1989.

Mr. Denny graduated from Johns Hopkins University (B.S., 1955) and George Washington University Law School (LL.B., 1961). Mr. Denny served in the II Signal Corps of the U.S. Army, 1956. He was born June 2, 1933, in Charles Town, WV. Mr. Denny is married, has six children, and resides in Gaithersburg, MD.

The President's News Conference

January 12, 1991

The President. I have a brief statement, and then I'll be glad to take a few questions.

First, let me just say that I am gratified by the vote in the Congress supporting the United Nations Security Council resolutions. This action by the Congress unmistakably demonstrates the United States commitment to the international demand for a complete and unconditional withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait. This clear expression of the Congress represents the last, best chance for peace.

As a democracy we've debated this issue openly and in good faith. And as President I have held extensive consultation with the

Congress. We've now closed ranks behind a clear signal of our determination and our resolve to implement the United Nations resolutions. Those who may have mistaken our democratic process as a sign of weakness now see the strength of democracy. And this sends the clearest message to Iraq that it cannot scorn the January 15th deadline.

Throughout our history we've been resolute in our support of justice, freedom, and human dignity. The current situation in the Persian Gulf demands no less of us and of the international community. We did not plan for war, nor do we seek war. But if