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~~THE~~ PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . . .

REMARKS AT SWEARING IN OF SAMUEL R. MARTINEZ

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1976

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MARTINEZ SWEARING IN CEREMONY

MR. AND MRS. MARTINEZ AND FAMILY

SECRETARY RUMSFELD

SECRETARY MATHEWS

SECRETARY HILLS

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

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LET ME WELCOME YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY  
FOR THE SWEARING IN OF SAMUEL MARTINEZ (Mar-TEE-nez)  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

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I'VE SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME  
IN MR. MARTINEZ' (Mar-TEE-nez) NATIVE STATE,  
AND I FEEL THE NEXT BEST THING TO VISITING COLORADO /  
IS BRINGING ONE OF ITS LEADING CITIZENS TO WASHINGTON.

SAM MARTINEZ (Mar-TEE-nez) BRINGS TO WASHINGTON MORE THAN A DECADE OF EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH PUBLIC POLICY AT MANY LEVELS. AT A TIME WHEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT MAINTAINING THE ROLES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, HIS EXPERIENCE AT THOSE LEVELS MAKES HIM ESPECIALLY VALUABLE TO US.

MR. MARTINEZ (Mar-TEE-nez) BEGAN HIS ADMINISTRATIVE CAREER AS A PRINCIPAL IN THE FORT LUPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WHERE HE HAD BEEN A TEACHER AND A COACH. HIS INVOLVEMENT IN HELPING PEOPLE AT THE STATE LEVEL BEGAN IN 1964, WHEN HE WAS NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COLORADO'S CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION.

HE SERVED THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO

AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR, AND AS STATE /

AND LATER / REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO OFFICE OF

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.

SINCE THEN, MR. MARTINEZ' (Mar-TEE-nez)

RESPONSIBILITIES IN MANAGING FEDERAL PROGRAMS HAVE EXPANDED.

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS HE HAS SERVED VERY CONSTRUCTIVELY

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MOUNTAIN PLAINS FEDERAL REGIONAL COUNCIL,

AND REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

SAM MARTINEZ (Mar-TEE-nez) AND I BEGAN

~~OUR PUBLIC SERVICE CAREERS IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY --~~

~~WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE.~~

*I worked for National Park Service.*

*Sam Martinez & I*

~~JUST AS WE SHARED THAT EXPERIENCE, SO I KNOW WE SHARE~~

A COMMITMENT TO HELP THE POOR AND DISADVANTAGED AMERICANS

SERVED BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

ITS PROGRAMS DEMAND STRONG AND IMAGINATIVE LEADERSHIP.

I AM FULLY CONFIDENT SAM MARTINEZ (Mar-TEE-nez)

WILL PROVIDE THAT LEADERSHIP.

AND NOW I ASK THE EXECUTIVE CLERK,

JOHN RATCHFORD, TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE.

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