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REMARKS AT SWEARING IN OF SAMUEL R. MARTINEZ

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1976

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MARTINEZ SWAREING IN CEREMONY

MR. AND MRS. MARTINEZ AND FAMILY
SECRETARY RUMSFELD
SECRETARY MATHEWS
SECRETARY HILLS

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
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.

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.

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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