

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 3, 2011

**President Obama Announces More Key Administration Posts**

WASHINGTON – Today, President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate the following individuals to key Administration posts:

**President Obama** said, “It gives me great confidence that such dedicated and capable individuals have agreed to join this Administration to serve the American people. I look forward to working with them in the months and years to come.”

**President Obama announced his intent to nominate the following individuals to key Administration posts:**

**Robert E. Patterson, Nominee for Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Department of State**

Robert E. Patterson most recently served as Counselor for Somalia Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya. Mr. Patterson has also served as chief of the Political/Internal office in Moscow and has headed the political sections at U.S. embassies in Hungary, Ukraine, and Armenia. Mr. Patterson began his State Department career in 1985, serving first in Toronto, and then in the Office of Soviet Affairs in Washington, D.C., and in Leningrad. Mr. Patterson holds an M.A. and an M.Phil from Columbia University, as well as an M.A. from the U.S. Naval War College and a B.A. from Reed College