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J. MICHAEL FARRELL DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN OF NCLIS

Washington, D.C. - President Bush has designated J. Michael Farrell of Washington, D.C. as Chairman of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS). The appointment was effective March 11, 1992.

Mr. Farrell was confirmed as a Member of NCLIS on October 15, 1990. The newly appointed NCLIS Chairman is a partner in the law firm of Manatt, Phelps, Phillips, & Kantor which has offices in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

Upon hearing of his appointment as NCLIS Chairman, Mr. Farrell stated, "I am honored to be designated as the Chairman of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. I wish to acknowledge Charles E. Reid's excellent service, both as NCLIS Chairman for the past two years, and as Chairman of the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services. I look forward to working to accomplish our mutual goal of improved library and information services for the Nation."

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From 1985-87, Mr. Farrell served as General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Energy. In addition, he has served as a Member on the Commission for the Study of Alternatives to the Panama Canal from 1988-1991. For more than twenty years, Mr. Farrell has practiced law with private firms in Washington, D.C. He served as adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center from 1978-80. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, American Bar Association, and Federal Bar Association. Mr. Farrell received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Georgetown University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

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