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PRESIDENT CARTER DESIGNATES JOSEPH O. PARKER
CHAIRMAN AND BILL ALBERGER VICE CHAIRMAN OF USITC

President Carter designated Joseph O. Parker as Chairman and Bill Alberger as Vice Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission on June 19, 1978. The President acted pursuant to the provisions of Section 330 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. The appointments are effective June 19, 1978, for the terms expiring June 16, 1980.

Mr. Parker became a member of the U.S. International Trade Commission (formerly the U.S. Tariff Commission) in 1971, having been nominated by the President on June 10, 1971, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 24. For the period beginning with his appointment through June 16, 1975, he was designated by the President annually to serve as Vice Chairman. Mr. Parker again became the Vice Chairman on December 17, 1976, and served in that position until he was designated Chairman by the President on June 19, 1978.

A native of Pratt, Kansas, Mr. Parker is a graduate of the University of Kansas (A.B., 1931) and the Harvard Law School (LL.B., 1934). He was admitted to practice before the Supreme

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Court in 1947. He is a member of the Federal Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Mr. Parker engaged in the general practice of law at Pratt, Kansas, until 1936, when he became a member of the Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Agriculture. He served there until he entered active duty with the U.S. Navy in 1944. Mr. Parker became the General Counsel, Committee on Agriculture, U.S. House of Representatives, in 1945 and served until 1951, when he resigned to return to private practice. From 1952 until 1971, Mr. Parker was associated with L. Alton Denslow of Washington, D.C. in the practice of administrative law before the federal agencies and the Congress.

Mr. Parker served as consultant to the Select Committee on Foreign Aid (Herter Committee) in 1947-48; as nongovernmental advisor to the U.S. Delegation to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1955; and as consultant to the Commission on the Industrial Use of Agricultural Commodities in 1956. From 1956 to 1971, he served as Chairman, International Trade Development Board, U.S. Poultry Industry. He also represented a number of organizations involved in international trade.

Mr. Parker resides in North Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, the former Mary Louise Klose. They have one daughter, Dorothy Louise (Mrs. J. Richard Johnson) of Northville, Michigan.

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Mr. Alberger was sworn in for a term of nine years as the newest member of the United States International Trade Commission on October 20, 1977. Mr. Alberger served as legislative assistant to Rep. Al Ullman, Democrat from Oregon, from 1972 to 1975, and as his administrative assistant from 1975 to 1977. From March to October 1977; he was administrative assistant to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Born in Portland, Oregon, October 11, 1945, Mr. Alberger at age 32 is the youngest person to serve as a USITC commissioner. He received a B.A. from Willamette University, Oregon, in 1967, an M.B.A. from the University of Iowa in 1971, and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1973.

He is married to Patricia Ann LaSalle, originally from Phoenix, Arizona. They have a son, Eric Griffin age 8 weeks. The Albergers live in Arlington, Virginia.

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