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YEUTTER LAUDS CARLISLE APPOINTMENT

U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter today praised the appointment of U.S. textile negotiator Charles Carlisle to the position of Deputy Director General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Geneva.

"Ambassador Carlisle has been such an outstanding public servant that I cannot think of anyone more qualified than he to take on these important responsibilities," Yeutter said. "It goes without saying that his departure will be a great loss for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative but a great gain for GATT. Our disappointment at seeing him leave USTR is tempered by the knowledge that he will be joining GATT just as the Uruguay Round gets underway."

Carlisle has served as the United States Negotiator on Textile Matters in the Office of the United States Trade Representative since July 1985. As the U.S. textile negotiator, he was responsible for negotiating the new four-year Multifiber

Arrangement (MFA) announced on August 1, 1986. He was also responsible for renegotiating bilateral agreements with the nations that export textiles to the United States. He will leave his current position in early December 1986.

"During his tenure as chief textile negotiator, Ambassador Carlisle had one of the toughest jobs in government," Yeutter said. "There were many who thought it would be impossible to renegotiate a new MFA or to bring textile imports under control. But Ambassador Carlisle succeeded on both counts, enabling President Reagan to sustain his veto of the protectionist textile bill. We all owe Ambassador Carlisle a debt of gratitude and I know everyone at USTR wishes him good luck in his new position."