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Office of the Press Secretary
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Personnel Announcement

President George W. Bush today announced his intention to nominate two individuals to serve in his Administration:

The President intends to nominate General Peter Pace, United States Marine Corps, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Pace currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He previously served as Commander in Chief, United States Southern Command. Prior to that, he was Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic/Europe/South. General Pace received his commission in 1967, following graduation from the United States Naval Academy. He was later assigned to the 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam, serving as a Rifle Platoon Leader and subsequently as Assistant Operations Officer. General Pace graduated from the National War College in 1986 and also holds a master's degree from The George Washington University.

The President intends to nominate Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., United States Navy, to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Admiral Giambastiani currently serves as Commander, United States Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Commander Transformation. He previously served as Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. Prior to that, he was Deputy Chief of Naval

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Operations for Resources, Warfare Requirements, and Assessments. Earlier in his career, Admiral Giambastiani was Commander, Submarine Force, United States Atlantic Fleet. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy with leadership distinction in 1970. Early sea assignments included USS Puffer, USS Francis Scott Key, and Commanding Officer of the USS Richard B. Russell.

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