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President Clinton names Co-Chairman and members of the Advisory Committee on High Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet

President Clinton today announced his intention to designate Ken Kennedy as Co-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet. In addition to announcing the Co-Chairman, President Clinton announced his intention to appoint 19 members to this new Committee.

The Advisory Committee will provide guidance and advice on all areas of high performance computing, communications and information technologies. The Commission members bring a broad range of expertise and interests from business and universities. They will provide valuable guidance to the administration's efforts to accelerate development and adoption of information technologies that will be vital for American prosperity in the 21st century.

Dr. Kennedy of Houston, Texas, is Director of the center for Research on Parallel Computation at Rice University and Noah Harding Professor of Computer Science. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Association for Computing Machinery, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; a member of the National Academy of Engineering; and in 1995 received the W. Wallace McDowell Award, the highest research award of the IEEE Computer Society. A second co-chair is expected to be announced soon.

The President is announcing the following individuals as members:

Eric A. Benhamou of Santa Clara, California, is President, Chairman, and CEO of 3Com Corporation. Dr. Benhamou chaired the National Information Infrastructure Task Force of the American Electronics Association from 1993-1995.

Vinton Cerf of Reston, Virginia, is Senior Vice President of Internet Architecture and Engineering at MCI Communications. He is a member of the Datamation Hall of Fame and a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Ching-Chih Chen of Boston, Massachusetts, is a Professor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

David Cooper of Livermore, California, is Associate Director of Computation at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He received the 1994 NASA Medal for Outstanding Leadership and Exceptional Service for his pioneering work on high performance computing.

Steven D. Dorfman of Los Angeles, California, is Executive Vice President of Hughes Electronics Corporation, Chairman of Hughes Telecommunications and Space Company, and a member of Hughes Electronics Office of the Chairman. He chaired the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee, and served on the NASA Space Systems Technology Advisory Committee and the USIA TV/Telecom Advisory Council.

Robert Ewald of Eagan, Minnesota, is President of Cray Research and Executive Vice President of Silicon Graphics, Inc. He served on the Supercomputer Performance and Development Committee of the National Academy of Sciences.

David J. Farber of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is Alfred Fitler Moore Professor of Telecommunications at the University of Pennsylvania, where he holds appointments in the Department of Information and Computer Science and the Department of Electrical Engineering. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and received the 1995 Association for Computing Machinery Sigcomm Award for lifetime contributions to computer communications and the John Scott Award for contributions to humanity for his work in computer networking.

Sherrilynn S. Fuller of Seattle, Washington, is Director of the Health Sciences Libraries and Information center at the University of Washington and Director of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest. She is a Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics.

Hector Garcia-Molina of Stanford, California, is Leonard Bosack and Sandra Lerner Professor in the Departments of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering at Stanford University. He is a Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery and received a 1984-1989 NSF Presidential Young Investigator Award.

Susan Graham of Berkeley, California, is Professor of Computer Science in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of California, Berkeley. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Association for Computing Machinery, and a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

James N. Gray of San Francisco, California, is a senior researcher in Microsoft's Scalable Servers Research Group and manager of Microsoft's Bay Area Research center. He is a Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery and a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

W. Daniel Hillis of Los Angeles, California, is a Disney Fellow, Vice President of R&D at Walt Disney Imagineering and was co-founder and Chief Scientist at Thinking Machines Corporation. He is the recipient of the Grace Murray Hopper Award, the Spirit of American Creativity Award, and the Ramanujan Award, and is a Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

David C. Nagel of Menlo Park, California, and Basking Ridge, New Jersey, is President of AT&T Labs. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Human Factors and was Chair of a National Research Council study symposium on keeping the U.S. computer, communications, and entertainment industries competitive.

Raj Reddy of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is Dean of the School of Computer Science and Professor of Computer Science and Robotics at Carnegie Mellon University. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and President of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence.

Edward H. Shortliffe of Palo Alto, California, is Associate Dean for Information Resources and Technology, Professor of Medicine, and Professor of Computer Science at Stanford University School of Medicine. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine at the National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics and the American Association for Artificial Intelligence, and has served on the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board of the National Research Council.

Larry Smarr of Champaign, Illinois, is Director of the National center for Supercomputing Applications and Professor of Physics and Astrophysics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Science and of the American Physical Society and a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

Leslie Vadasz of Santa Clara, California, is Senior Vice President, Director of Corporate Business Development, and a member of the Board of Directors of Intel Corporation.

Andrew J. Viterbi of San Diego, California, is one of the founders of QUALCOMM Incorporated and is Vice-Chairman of its Board of Directors. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and

the National Academy of Sciences and is Professor Emeritus at the University of California, San Diego.

Steven J. Wallach of Richardson, Texas, is Chief Technology Officer of Hewlett-Packard Company's Convex Technology center and was co-founder of Convex Computer Corporation. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and serves on the External Advisory Committee of the center for Research on Parallel Computation headquartered at Rice University.

The Advisory Committee is expected to hold its first meeting in late February. One of the Committee's first tasks will be to provide guidance on the Next Generation Internet Initiative announced by the President in October 1996. It will also examine a wide range of issues in high performance computing, networking and related issues.