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## **Advisory Committee - Press Release from White House**

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### **President Clinton names Co-Chairman 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 Bill Joy of Aspen, Colorado, as Co-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet.

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 twenty-first century.

Mr. Joy is a co-founder and current Vice President for Research at Sun Microsystems, a leading manufacturer of powerful computer workstations. He is researching new architectures for human-computer interaction, involving new kinds of interfaces, new system and application software architectures, and new ways of storing information to make information systems more agreeable to use.

Mr. Joy was the principal designer of the University of California, Berkeley, version of the UNIX operating system whose networking protocols and implementations helped spawn the Internet and in the 1980's he spearheaded Sun's evangelism of the "open systems" model of computing which allows different groups to contribute design by making the specifications of its components freely available.

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 the high performance computing, networking and related issues.