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STATEMENT

The United States Attorney's Office and Assistant United States Attorney David Schwendiman issue the following statement today:

"It has been common knowledge for some time that I have been a candidate for possible nomination as the United States Attorney for the District of Utah," Mr. Schwendiman said today. "I am honored to have been considered, but I understood from the outset that the choice of nominee is the prerogative of the President, and that the White House would make the final decision. I was notified Wednesday that the White House does not intend to move forward with my nomination.

"I am grateful for the consideration I was given and remain fully committed to serving my country, my state, and the Department of Justice, as I have during the past 30 years of my naval and public service. I look forward to continuing to serve with my colleagues in the U. S. Attorney's Office and with my federal, state and local law enforcement colleagues; people I respect and admire, who share my commitment to the State of Utah and who set a standard of professional excellence that is the equal of any anywhere."

Carlie Christensen, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Utah, announced that Mr. Schwendiman will return to the position of Senior Litigation Counsel, a position he held until he became a war crimes prosecutor in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2006.

“I have known and worked with Mr. Schwendiman for more than 20 years. He has a career of distinguished service in the Department and in the State of Utah. I have the greatest confidence in him and his abilities and character,” Ms. Christensen said. “We are fortunate to have David working with us again to advance the mission of the office. He is an experienced and skilled prosecutor who will significantly contribute to the work of the Department and the U.S. Attorney’s Office as he has done in the past.”

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