

basis as soon as the 97th Congress returns in September.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Note: This is the text of identical letters addressed to Senate Majority Leader

Howard H. Baker, Jr., Senate Minority Leader Robert C. Byrd, Speaker of the House of Representatives Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., and House Minority Leader Robert H. Michel.

The text of the letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 20.

Nomination of Donald L. Totten To Be a United States Commissioner of the International Joint Commission—United States and Canada

July 20, 1981

The President today announced his intention to nominate Donald L. Totten to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission—United States and Canada.

Since 1980 Mr. Totten has served in the Illinois State Senate after serving 8 years in the Illinois State House of Representatives. He served on the Appropriations, Higher Education, and Elections Committees.

Before his legislative career, Mr. Totten was assistant to the director of the Department of Transportation for the State of Illinois. He spent 15 years in the engineering and business fields.

In addition to his business and legislative experience, he was elected Republican

committeeman of Schaumburg Township in 1966 and reelected in 1970, 1974, and 1978. In 1976 he was State chairman of Illinois Citizens for Reagan and a member of the steering committee of the Illinois President Ford Committee. He served as regional political director for the Reagan for President Committee and State chairman for the Reagan for President Committee in Illinois in 1980.

Mr. Totten graduated from the University of Notre Dame (1955). He is married, has three children, and resides in Hoffman Estates, Ill. He was born February 19, 1933, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Summary of Political Issues by the Chairman of the Ottawa Economic Summit Conference

July 20, 1981

1. Our discussion of international affairs confirmed our unity of view on the main issues that confront us all. We are determined to face them together in a spirit of solidarity, cooperation and responsibility.

2. We all view with concern the continuing threats to international security and stability. Lasting peace can only be built on respect for the freedom and dignity of nations and individuals. We appeal to all governments to exercise restraint and responsi-

bility in international affairs and to refrain from exploiting crises and tensions.

3. In the Middle East, we remain convinced that a solution must be found to the Arab-Israeli dispute. We all deplore the escalation of tension and continuing acts of violence now occurring in the region. We are deeply distressed by the scale of destruction, particularly in Lebanon, and the heavy civilian loss of life on both sides. We call on all states and parties to exercise re-