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### **UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF C. DANNY SPRIGGS TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Secret Service Director Brian L. Stafford has announced the appointment of C. Danny Spriggs to the position of Deputy Director. Mr. Spriggs' career with the Secret Service spans more than twenty-five years. He most recently served as the Assistant Director for the Office of Protective Operations.

A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Spriggs is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, where he earned a bachelor's degree in education/university studies. Prior to joining the Secret Service, he served as an officer with the Albuquerque Police Department.

"Danny Spriggs will be a tremendous asset as Deputy Director," Director Stafford said. "His experience in both the protective and investigative missions of the Secret Service will provide valuable guidance to me and this great agency."

Spriggs began his Secret Service career as a Special Agent with the Albuquerque Field Office in 1976. Of his numerous career accomplishments, Spriggs was recognized for his superior performance during the March 30, 1981 assassination attempt on the life of President Ronald Reagan. As a result of his bravery, he was presented with the Department of Treasury Special Act Award for exercising excellent judgement during the attempted assassination by John W. Hinckley, Jr.

Beginning in 1991, Spriggs joined the agency's managerial ranks, where he served in a number of positions, including Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge of the Presidential Protective Division, Deputy Special Agent in Charge of the Vice Presidential Protective Division, and as Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Field Office.

In March 1999, Spriggs was selected to serve as head of the Office of Protective Operations. As the Assistant Director, he had primary responsibility for supervising all protective matters relating to the President, Vice President, former Presidents, visiting foreign heads of state and events of national significance.

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Under Spriggs' leadership, the Office of Protective Operations successfully coordinated the security activities of a number of National Special Security events, including the NATO 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summit, the largest gathering of world leaders to ever take place in the nation's capital; the 2000 national political conventions in Los Angeles and Philadelphia; the 2000 Presidential and Vice Presidential Debates; the 2001 Presidential Inauguration; Super Bowl XXXVI in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Spriggs is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Mr. Spriggs and his wife, Gloria, have two sons.

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