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NCAR Climate Modeler Named to Clinton's National Science Board

BOULDER—Warren Washington, a climate circulation and climate system modeler for 30 years with the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado, is one of six people whom President Clinton has nominated to the National Science Board for six-year terms until May 10, 2000. Nominations are expected to be approved by the Senate early this fall.

The principal roles of the Board, which consists of 24 people, are to assist the president and Congress in formulating national policies in science, engineering and education and to establish policies for the National Science Foundation, an independent agency of the federal government. The Board approves NSF's budget submittals to the President and Congress, approves new programs and major awards, and oversees the functioning of NSF generally. One-third of the Board is appointed every two years, insuring continuity.

Washington, active in raising awareness of the global environment and keeping U.S. science as competitive as possible, is a pioneer in the development of climate models to investigate the greenhouse problem. He is currently president of the 11,000-member American Meteorological Society.

He is also founder of the Black Environmental Science Trust (BEST), a nonprofit, multidonor foundation working toward increasing the number of black environmental scientists. BEST aims to ensure that informed and

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articulate blacks have a voice and a significant presence in environmental sciences through policymaking, academic, research and industry positions.

Born in Portland, Oregon, Washington earned a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's degree in meteorology at Oregon State University. Upon completion of his doctorate in meteorology at Pennsylvania State University, he joined NCAR, which is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and managed by the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research.

Clinton's other five nominees include

Eve Menger, director of Technology Administration and Services for Corning, Inc., of New York and formerly a professor of chemistry at the University of California and vice-provost and professor at the University of Virginia;

Claudia Mitchell-Kernan, anthropologist and director of the Center for Afro-American Studies at UCLA. She is also dean and vice-chancellor of graduate programs at UCLA;

Diana Natalicio, president of the University of Texas at El Paso and professor of languages and linguistics;

Robert Solow, a world-class economist who was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1987, and an institute professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served on the Council of Economic Advisers in the Kennedy Administration and has worked with the current council on NAFTA and other issues;

John White, dean of the College of Engineering and professor of manufacturing at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is known for his extensive writings on industrial engineering and the manufacturing process.

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