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SECRET SERVICE DIRECTOR PRAISES BUSH ADMINISTRATION FOR CREATION OF NEW CABINET AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Thursday, June 6, 2002, United States Secret Service Director Brian L. Stafford issued the following statement on the administration's proposal to create the new Department of Homeland Security:

"The Secret Service wholeheartedly supports President Bush's new plan and is excited to join the ranks of this new agency that will work in a coordinated effort to make America safe. Since 1865, we have had a proud history of serving America as a bureau of the Department of Treasury, and we look forward to building on that legacy with the Department of Homeland Security."

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