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**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CARL J. TRUSCOTT ANNOUNCES PLANS TO
RETIRE FROM THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE
Named Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**

(Washington, D.C.) – Assistant Director Carl J. Truscott, a veteran of more than 22 years with the United States Secret Service, has announced plans to retire effective April 17, 2004. Mr. Truscott has been named by the Attorney General as the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

“For more than two decades, I have been truly privileged to work with the dedicated men and women of the U.S. Secret Service,” Truscott said. “I am deeply honored by the trust and confidence that President Bush and Attorney General Ashcroft have shown in appointing me to head the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. I look forward to joining the men and women who are globally recognized for their unique responsibilities of protecting the public and reducing violent crime through enforcement of Federal laws and regulations that relate to alcohol, tobacco, firearms, explosives and arson.”

“Carl Truscott has been an invaluable asset to the Secret Service,” said U.S. Secret Service Director W. Ralph Basham. “We will miss having Carl as part of our team, as his experience, judgment and talent have been valued and his contributions have been critical to this agency’s success. However, we look forward to continuing our relationship as he assumes leadership of one of this nation’s key federal law enforcement agencies.”

Carl Truscott was appointed Assistant Director of the Secret Service Office of Protective Research on January 12, 2003, where he was responsible for overseeing the agency’s protective and investigative intelligence, threat assessments, technical security, information technology, emergency preparedness and operational security.

Prior to being named Assistant Director, Mr. Truscott served as Special Agent in Charge of the Presidential Protective Division, and was responsible for the overall security of the President, the First Family and the White House. Mr. Truscott served two tours of

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duty in the Presidential Protective Division at the White House during his career, and protected Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, William J. Clinton and George W. Bush.

Mr. Truscott began his tenure with the Secret Service in 1981 as a Special Agent assigned to the New York Field Office. Subsequent career assignments include several senior-level management tours of duty at the Service's Headquarters in Washington, D.C., in the Office of the Director and the Office of Inspection, as well as an assignment in the Fraud Division. Mr. Truscott also served a tour of duty in the managerial ranks in the Los Angeles Field Office. During this assignment, Mr. Truscott was asked to be the security coordinator of the 1996 Republican National Convention. During his Secret Service tenure, Mr. Truscott also worked as a detailee to the United States Senate as a staff member on the Appropriations Committee during the 105th Congress.

Mr. Truscott is a member of the Senior Executive Service since 1999 and has received numerous achievement and performance awards throughout his distinguished law enforcement career, including: the Director's Lifesaving Award in 1986; Senior Executive Service performance awards in 2001 and 2002; a Special Award for Distinguished Service to the Executive Office of the President in 2002; and the Presidential Rank Award as Meritorious Executive in 2003.

Prior to joining the Secret Service, Mr. Truscott served as an investigator for the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Gaming Enforcement from 1980 to 1981.

Mr. Truscott earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware and a Certificate from the Executive Program for Senior Executives in National and International Security from Harvard University.

A part of the Department of Homeland Security, the United States Secret Service is mandated by statute and executive order to carry out two significant missions: protection and criminal investigations.

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