



# Tuesday Morning Memo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 2008 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

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- **PRESIDENT- ELECT OBAMA FINALIZES CABINET**

Below is a list of President-Elect Obama's nominees for Cabinet positions:

Secretary of State: Hillary Clinton, former First Lady and current U.S. Senator from New York, Obama's rival in the Democratic Primary;

Secretary of the Treasury: Timothy Geithner, current President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, interesting tidbit: Geithner's father and Obama's mother worked on the micro-businesses in Indonesia;

Secretary of Defense: Robert Gates, holdover from Bush administration, served as CIA Director under President George H. W. Bush;

Attorney General: Eric Holder, current legal advisor for Obama transition, served and legal counsel for Obama campaign, former Superior Court Judge, U.S. Attorney and Deputy U.S. Attorney General;

Secretary of Commerce: Bill Richardson, current Governor of New Mexico, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, former Secretary of Energy, former U.S. Congressman;

Secretary of Health and Human Services: Tom Daschle, former U.S. Senator and Congressman from South Dakota, former Senate Majority Leader;

Secretary of Homeland Security: Janet Napolitano, current Governor of Arizona, interesting tidbit: served as legal counsel for Anita Hill during her testimony against Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas;

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Shaun Donovan, current director of New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, worked at HUD during the Clinton Administration;

Secretary of Energy: Steven Chu, experimental physicist, won the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize for Physics;

Secretary of Education: Arne Duncan, current CEO of Chicago Public Schools (position is appointed by Mayor of Chicago);

Secretary of Veterans Affairs: Eric Shinseki, retired 4-star Army General, Vietnam veteran, interesting tidbit: had well-publicized feud with then Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on the number of troops needed in Iraq and Afghanistan;

Ambassador to the United Nations: Susan Rice, on leave from position as senior foreign policy advisor at the Brookings Institute, served as staff for the National Security Council during Clinton Administration;

\*All nominations to Cabinet positions must be confirmed by the Senate. Developmental disability advocates might want to pay the closest attention to the positions of Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Secretary of Education.

- **SNIPPETS FROM GERALDO RIVERA FEATURE ON THE WAITING LISTS BEGIN TO APPEAR ON "YOU TUBE"**

The recently aired feature on the waiting list included an interview with entertainer Clay Aikin. To see the interview, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dg0jC7REva4>.