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**WILLIAM S. COHEN TO SUCCEED FRANK C. CARLUCCI  
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE US-TAIWAN BUSINESS COUNCIL**

The US-Taiwan Business Council is pleased to announce that William S. Cohen, Chairman of The Cohen Group and former Secretary of Defense in the Clinton Administration, will succeed Frank C. Carlucci as Chairman of the Board. Carlucci, Chairman of The Carlyle Group and former Secretary of Defense in the Reagan Administration, has been Chairman of the Council since September 1999.

Chairman Frank Carlucci said, "I am delighted that Bill Cohen is to assume the Chair of the US-Taiwan Business Council. His expertise and experience in policy and economic matters make him a perfect choice for this position."

Secretary Cohen will assume the Chairmanship effective January 1, 2003. His appointment as Chairman continues the leadership tradition within the Council, an organization that has been chaired in the past by other prominent Americans including David M. Kennedy, Caspar W. Weinberger, Daniel M. Tellep, and William P. Clark.

Secretary Cohen is currently Chairman and CEO of The Cohen Group, a Washington, D.C.-based international strategic business consulting firm. Before founding The Cohen Group in 2001, he served as Secretary of Defense under President Clinton from 1997-2001, as a United States Senator from 1979 to 1997, and as a United States Congressman from 1973 to 1979. Secretary Cohen attained national prominence as a freshman Republican Congressman during the Watergate Hearings, and internationally his reputation took root as he traveled to Thailand to reassure a stalwart ally following the U.S. military withdrawal from Vietnam. In 1978 he entered the Senate, and as a freshman Senator served as chairman of two powerful subcommittees, the Force Projection Subcommittee and the Government Oversight Subcommittee. During his tenure as Senator he served on the "Iran-Contra Committee", as Chairman of the Committee on Aging, and he was a member of the Select Committee on Intelligence for a decade, serving half that time as Vice Chairman.

Secretary Cohen's international expertise has been recognized by his selection to the Board of Directors of the Council on Foreign Relations, and he has chaired and served on numerous other groups and committees at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the School for Advanced International Studies, and the Brookings Institute. He has also established and led U.S. delegations to meetings and conferences throughout Europe and Asia.

**About the US-Taiwan Business Council:** The US-Taiwan Business Council is a membership-based non-profit association, founded in 1976 to foster trade and business relations between the United States and Taiwan. The Council provides its members with access to an extensive network of relationships, and serves as an effective partner in dealing with business, trade, and investment matters.

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