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GPO PROVIDES PRINTING TO SUPPORT INAUGURAL SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Continuing a long tradition of participation in Inaugural swearing-in ceremonies, the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) has produced a wide variety of materials to support the 1997 Inauguration of President William Jefferson Clinton and Vice President Albert Gore, Jr.

Under the direction of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (Senator John Warner of Virginia, Chairman, and Senator Wendell H. Ford of Kentucky, Vice Chairman), GPO produced or procured from the private sector invitations, tickets, menus, parking passes, signs, and other materials to be used in the carrying out of the swearing-in ceremony at the Capitol on January 20, 1997. All design work was performed by GPO under the direction of the Joint Committee.

Altogether, GPO produced or procured:

- ★ invitation packets, each including an invitation engraved and embossed with the Great Seal of the United States, photographs of the President and Vice President, an Inauguration Ceremonies Program with engraved and embossed cover, and a map and guidelines for the inauguration ceremony
- ★ invitations and programs for the Joint Congressional Luncheon
- ★ 41 varieties of tickets
- ★ 22 different types of parking passes
- ★ 38 varieties of directional signs
- ★ 25 different kinds of envelopes
- ★ a program and song sheet to be given to all swearing-in ceremony attendees

GPO also provided law enforcement and military personnel with electronic databases containing all versions of tickets and parking passes to be used for training purposes.

Public Printer Michael F. DiMario, head of the GPO, said of the effort, “Once again the men and women of the Government Printing Office have displayed their ability to efficiently provide a myriad of products under limited time restraints and with detailed requirements. This type of effort is only an extension of the fine work they do each day in support of our Government.”