

**STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILLIAM J. CLINTON
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The Office of William J. Clinton announced today that Jim Kennedy would join the office as Counselor and Director of Communications to former President William J. Clinton effective August 1, 2002.

Mr. Kennedy has worked as a spokesman for Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, the White House, and Senator Joe Lieberman. He was last in New York in 1997, when he was Director of Issues Management for Standard & Poor's.

He replaces Julia Payne, who has resigned from the office after having served the past year and a half as Director of Communications and spokesperson for the former president. She has previously served as a spokesperson for the Gore-Lieberman campaign, the White House, and Vice President Al Gore.

"Julia Payne did a fine job for me and my work as we made the challenging transition from the White House to private life, set up shop in Harlem, started the library in Arkansas, and began a wide range of public service priorities. She handled all our changes, as well as the predictable incoming fire with wit and strength. I will miss her and wish her well," said President Clinton.

Payne, a native of Falmouth, Virginia, is returning to the commonwealth to spend time with her family and consider the many career options that are being presented.

"Jim Kennedy is an exceptionally able man with a wide range of knowledge in public policy. He served well in my Administration and did a terrific job for Hillary. When he decided to bring his family to New York, I jumped at the chance to get him back on my team and fortunately he accepted," said President Clinton.

Kennedy, a native of Wallingford, Connecticut, received his BA degree from the University of Rochester and his MA from American University. He and his wife, Nancy, and daughter, Ileana, have moved from the Washington area to New York City.