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Washington, DC--Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan announced today that President Bush intends to nominate Frank A. Bracken as Under Secretary of the Interior Department. Currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ball-InCon Glass Packaging Corporation in Muncie, Indiana, Bracken will assume his post at Interior upon confirmation by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

"Frank Bracken is a top-notch business executive and an attorney with experience in government as well as the private sector," said Secretary Lujan. 11 1 am delighted that he has agreed to join my team at Interior."

Prior to chairing the board of the Ball-InCon Corporation, Frank Bracken was Group Vice President of Glass Containers for the Ball Corporation. He has served the company in other capacities as well, such as General and Associate General Counsel.

From 1969 to 1972, Bracken was Legislative Counsel at the U.S. Department of the Interior. He joined Interior following nine years of private law practice.

Mr. Bracken received his J.D. from the University of Michigan School of Law. He has been active on the boards of academic, corporate, and charitable organizations and was politically active in Indiana.