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THE LIVINGSTON GROUP WELCOMES FORMER AGRICULTURE UNDER SECRETARY TO ITS TEAM

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Washington, DC – The Livingston Group, LLC (TLG) is pleased to announce that Mark E. Rey, former Under Secretary at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), has joined the firm. For the last eight years, Rey successfully led efforts at USDA on issues related to Natural Resources and the Environment. Rey plans to work within the firm’s practice areas of Defense Technology/Homeland Security, and Energy & Environment.

"Mark’s leadership and expertise on agricultural and natural resource matters has been extremely valuable to our nation," said TLG President Bob Livingston. "Given the current issues affecting our country, such as climate change, water and energy, Mark carries real-time knowledge and understanding of the varied approaches for client solutions to these critical matters."

As the Under Secretary, Rey oversaw the programs for the U.S. Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service. The agencies within this mission area manage the 192 million acre National Forest System as well as conservation projects on 210 million acres of farm and ranch lands. They employ nearly 45,000 full-time personnel and administer a budget of nearly 8 billion dollars. Serving on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Rey was responsible for drafting legislation, organizing over 100 legislative and oversight hearings, coordinating media relations, and counseling Committee members, staff and Executive Branch officials.

In the 1990’s, Rey held the positions of Vice President for the American Forest and Paper Association and the Executive Director for the American Forest Resource Alliance. Responsibilities included program development, legislative and legal advocacy, membership growth, and supervision of a start-up grass roots organization representing forest product industry and non-industrial forest landowners.

"I am delighted at the opportunity to join the bipartisan and problem-solving work environment of The Livingston Group," said Rey. "As a public servant, I found TLG’s work on behalf of their clients extremely effective. It’s an honor to join the team."

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