

Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the President's Meeting With Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama of Japan

March 21, 1991

The President met with Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama for approximately half an hour in the Oval Office. They discussed the success of the coalition efforts over the past several months. The President expressed his appreciation for Japan's contributions to the coalition against Iraq's aggression. The President sent his respects to Prime Minister Kaifu and stated that he

looks forward to meeting with the Prime Minister when a mutually satisfactory date is arranged. The Foreign Minister conveyed to the President the regards of the Prime Minister and congratulations on the President's leadership of the coalition's success.

Note: The statement referred to Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu of Japan.

Presidential Certification of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Committee

March 21, 1991

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 5002(o)(1) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-380, 104 Stat. 552), I hereby certify for the year 1991 the following:

(1) that the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Committee fosters the general goals and purposes of section 5002 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 for the year 1991; and

(2) that the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Committee is

broadly representative of the communities and interests in the vicinity of the terminal facilities and Prince William Sound.

This certification shall be published in the *Federal Register*.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
March 21, 1991.

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Address on the National Days of Thanksgiving

March 22, 1991

Two months ago, with thousands of U.S. troops standing guard against aggression halfway around the world, I called on the Nation to pray and to ask for God's blessing and guidance as we approached a pivotal moment in our history. And Americans filled churches, synagogues, and houses of worship in record numbers. These prayers, and the support of countless Americans of all faiths, creeds, and walks of life, inspired

the hearts and souls of the men and women in the service of our country.

Now the liberation of Kuwait is complete. Offensive operations in the Gulf region have ceased, and American troops are coming home. As they return, and with the hope that a safer, more peaceful world may finally be at hand, it is right that Americans should thank God for the many blessings and guidance.

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And so, I have proclaimed April 5 to 7, 1991, as National Days of Thanksgiving. Once again, I urge Americans to unite in prayer and turn to our greatest power.

We give thanks for the remarkable unity of our people throughout the conflict and especially for the strong support shown for our troops in the field. I am confident that our nation will emerge stronger and more united to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Though we thank God that our prisoners are home and our casualties were fewer than widely predicted, we must not forget all the innocents who have suffered as a

result of the war. We hope for the immediate return of divided families and for the swift recovery from illness and injury.

Finally, let us look to the future and pray for a world marked by peaceful relations between people.

As we mark these National Days of Thanksgiving, may God bless the United States of America.

Note: This address was recorded March 11 at 3:01 p.m. in the Private Dining Room at the White House and was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 22.

Nomination of David T. Kearns To Be Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education

March 22, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate David T. Kearns as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education. He would succeed John Theodore Sanders.

Mr. Kearns, chairman of Xerox Corp., currently serves on the President's Education Policy Advisory Committee. He also serves as a member of the board of trustees of the Ford Foundation, the National Urban League, and the University of Rochester.

Mr. Kearns has written and spoken widely on education issues, including a 1988 volume he coauthored with Denis Doyle, "Winning the Brain Race: A Bold Plan to Make our Schools Competitive."

Mr. Kearns is a Navy veteran and a graduate of the University of Rochester (B.S., 1952). He is married, has six children, and resides in New Canaan, CT.

Nomination of John T. Sanders To Be Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Under Secretary for Planning, Budget and Evaluation at the Department of Education

March 22, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Dr. John Theodore Sanders, of Illinois, to be Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Under Secretary for Planning, Budget and Evaluation. He would succeed Charles Edward Mealey Kolb. The President indicated that he will ask the Congress to combine those roles into one position with the title of Under Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of

Education.

Dr. Sanders, a Texas native, was nominated by President Bush as Under Secretary of Education on March 10, 1989, and was confirmed by the Senate on April 19, 1989. He became Deputy Secretary on November 5, 1990, when President Bush signed legislation elevating his position to that level.

An activist in education, Dr. Sanders formerly served as president of the Council of