

others' strengths. I reiterated my desire to gain renewal of Fast Track trade authority. And we all agreed to work for rapid progress on the Uruguay round.

From the standpoint of the United States of America, this has been a very constructive visit. And I might say parenthetically, and I hope the two Presidents here agree, that the relationship between the EC and the United States is strong and good.

Mr. President, welcome. All yours, sir.

*President Santer.* Ladies and gentlemen, first of all, I want to express my gratitude to President Bush for inviting the President of the European Commission, Mr. Jacques Delors, and myself, in my capacity as President of the European Council, to the White House for a mutual exchange of ideas.

It is the very first time that the President of the United States receives both the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission in the new context created by the Transatlantic Declaration of November 1990.

The talks we had together have been very fertile for both sides and they have taken place in an excellent atmosphere. I would particularly like to point out that both sides have submitted their concerns with considerable fairness and that all items raised have been discussed with utmost frankness.

In my capacity as acting President of the European Council, I am particularly pleased with the fact that the United States of America and the European Community

have many points of convergence, especially in the regard of the reorganization of Europe after the political upheavals in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. This can only have positive repercussions on the restructuring of the European Continent.

It is evident that the date of this visit is opportune, favorable, and well-chosen. The Gulf war, which the United States of America and their partners in Europe have won in a perfect solidarity, is over now. At present, we are facing new challenges which are direct and immediate consequences of this conflict. First, the dramatic situation of the Kurd refugees in Turkey and Iraq. And second, the launching of the peace process in the Near and Middle East, a process that should bring durable and definitive peace in the whole region.

I'm fully convinced that through these talks, we have laid the foundation of an intensification of dialogs between the United States of America and the European Community and, hence also, of a closer cooperation including security.

Thank you very much.

*President Bush.* Thank you, Mr. President. Good to see you all.

*Note: President Bush spoke at 1:29 p.m. at the South Portico of the White House. In his remarks, he referred to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.*

## Exchange With Reporters on Aid to Iraqi Refugees

April 11, 1991

*Q.* Mr. President, do you agree with Prime Minister Major on the enclaves?

*The President.* Yes, total agreement.

*Q.* Iraq said you don't need to mark enclaves.

*Q.* What kind of enclaves?

*The President.* We're going to do what we need for humanitarian relief. And there is no difference between the United Kingdom and the United States, and there's no difference between the EC and the United

States, and there's no difference between the United Nations Secretary-General and the United States on this question. So, I hope that you will understand that. There is no difference on this.

*Q.* What kind of enclave, sir?

*The President.* We're looking forward to give relief to these people where they are. We're going to continue to do that. And I do not expect any interference from the man in Baghdad, and he knows better than

to interfere.

Q. Is the enclave a legal entity?

Q. Mr. President—

*The President.* Charles [Charles Bierbauer, Cable News Network], you're off on the wrong track. If you'd listen to what I said, you'd be right about this. There is no difference between these people. And it takes the United Nations action to do some formalization; that's not what we're doing. We're going to help these refugees, and please don't try to make a difference where there isn't any. If you don't believe me, do what I did yesterday: Talk to John Major, and you will see there are no differences. The United States is taking the leadership role on bringing refugees support, and we're going to continue to do it. And we're doing a magnificent job in conjunction with these allies.

And P.S., I am not going to involve any American troops in a civil war in Iraq. They are not going to be going in there to do

what some of my severest critics early on now seem to want me to do. I want these kids to come home. And that's what's going to happen. And we are going to do what is right by these refugees, and I think the American people expect that, and they want that. But I don't think they want to see us bogged down in a civil war by sending in the 82d Airborne or the 101st or the 7th Cavalry. And so, I want to get that matter cleared up.

But we are together today with our European allies, just as we have been all during this magnificent operation over there.

*Note: The exchange began at 1:36 p.m. at the South Portico of the White House. President Bush referred to Prime Minister John Major of the United Kingdom, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar de la Guerra of the United Nations, and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.*

## Nomination of Preston Moore To Be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Commerce

*April 11, 1991*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Preston Moore, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. This is a new position.

Since 1984 Mr. Moore has served as president of Wilson Industries, Inc., in Houston, TX. Prior to this, Mr. Moore served with Wilson Business Products, Systems & Services, Inc., in Houston, TX, in several capacities: chairman and chief executive officer, 1983–1984; president and

chief operating officer, 1976–1982; and vice president and director, 1961–1976. From 1975 to 1979, Mr. Moore served as president and chief executive officer of the Graham Realty Co., in Houston, TX.

Mr. Moore graduated from the University of Texas (B.A., 1954). He was born August 7, 1931, in Houston, TX. Mr. Moore served in the U.S. Air Force, 1954–1956. Mr. Moore is married, has two children, and resides in Houston, TX.

## Remarks on Signing the Points of Light National Celebration of Community Service Proclamation in Glenarden, Maryland

*April 12, 1991*

Thank you, Van—Mr. Standifer. And may I salute the sponsors and the parents and

the city and county officials that are with us today. Single out the players, some of whom