

Statement by Deputy Press Secretary Popadiuk on President Bush's Meeting With President Luis Alberto Lacalle of Uruguay
May 21, 1991

President Bush met today with Uruguay's President Luis Alberto Lacalle, who is on a private visit to Washington following his state visit to Canada. The President thanked President Lacalle for Uruguay's strong support for the U.S. and the international coalition in Desert Storm.

The two Presidents reviewed the status of the Enterprise for the Americas legislation and its relation to the Southern Cone Common Market, noting that the two are mutually supportive. They agreed that eco-

nomic integration efforts in the hemisphere enjoy the strong support of both their countries.

They also discussed the status of Fast Track extension. President Lacalle expressed his strong support for Fast Track extension and for a successful conclusion of the Uruguay round of trade talks. They also discussed the upcoming United Nations Conference on the Environment, scheduled to be held in Brazil in 1992, stressing their hopes for a successful conference.

Message to the Senate Transmitting the Convention for the Prohibition of Fishing With Long Driftnets in the South Pacific
May 21, 1991

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, the Convention for the Prohibition of Fishing with Long Driftnets in the South Pacific, done at Wellington on November 24, 1989 (the "Wellington Convention"), and Protocol I, done at Noumea on October 20, 1990, to the Wellington Convention.

The Wellington Convention was negotiated by the South Pacific states and is designed to prohibit driftnet fishing in the South Pacific Ocean. The Convention prohibits the use of driftnets or the transshipment of driftnet catches in waters under the fisheries jurisdiction of the parties within the Convention area, and by vessels and nationals of the parties anywhere within the Convention area. For the United States, these obligations will apply to the United States Exclusive Economic Zone around American Samoa and certain unincorporated U.S. islands and to U.S. nationals and vessels documented under U.S. laws fishing within the Convention area.

Protocol I to the Wellington Convention was adopted by the South Pacific states as the instrument by which distant water fish-

ing nations, whose nationals and vessels fish in the Convention area, agree to prohibit their nationals and vessels from fishing with driftnets in that area.

Public Law 101-627 amends the Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act (MFCMA) to, among other things, prohibit driftnet fishing in waters subject to U.S. fisheries jurisdiction, and by U.S. vessels and nationals anywhere. As a result, no additional legislation will be required for the United States to implement the Convention.

Ratification of the Wellington Convention and Protocol I is consistent with U.S. policy on driftnet fishing. Section 107 of Public Law 101-627 provides that it is the policy of the Congress that the United States should support the Wellington Convention and secure a permanent ban on the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas of the world. Early ratification by the United States will demonstrate U.S. commitment to this policy and encourage similar action by other nations whose participation in the Convention and Protocol I is important.

I recommend that the Senate give early

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and favorable consideration to the Wellington Convention and Protocol I and give its advice and consent to ratification, subject to the understandings described in the ac-

companying report of the Secretary of State.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
May 21, 1991.

Nomination of Robert M. Guttman To Be an Assistant Secretary of Labor

May 21, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert Michael Guttman, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor for Labor Management Standards. He would succeed Mary Sterling.

Mr. Guttman currently serves as a consultant in Washington, DC. Prior to this, Mr. Guttman served as Chief of Staff to the Vice President, 1988–1989; a senior advisor to Senator Dan Quayle, 1981–1988; and as a specialist on social legislation for the Congressional Research Service at the

Library of Congress, 1970–1981. From 1956 to 1970, Mr. Guttman served in various positions at the United States Department of Labor including Associate Solicitor for Legislation and Legal Counsel.

Mr. Guttman graduated from Harvard College (A.B., 1952) and George Washington University (LL.B., 1961). Mr. Guttman was born August 9, 1928, in Munich, Germany. He served in the British Army, 1947–1949. Mr. Guttman is married, has three children, and resides in Washington, DC.

Statement by Deputy Press Secretary Popadiuk on the President's Meeting With General Mikhail Moiseyev, Chief of the General Staff of the Soviet Union

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The President met with Soviet Chief of the General Staff Mikhail Moiseyev in the Oval Office for approximately 15 minutes this afternoon. General Moiseyev was brought to the Oval Office by General Scowcroft after a brief meeting in the General's office. General Moiseyev recounted for the President his view of the progress of the talks of the last 2 days. The President reaffirmed the U.S. and Western position

concerning the CFE treaty. The President took the opportunity to ask General Moiseyev to convey his regards to President Gorbachev.

Note: The statement referred to Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and President Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union.