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Message to the Congress Transmitting the Annual Report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting May 23, 1991

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. 396(i)), I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for Fiscal Year 1990 and the Inventory of Federal Funds Distributed to Public Tele-

communications Entities by Federal Departments and Agencies: Fiscal Year 1990.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
May 23, 1991.

Exchange With Reporters Prior to Discussions With President Arpad Goncz of Hungary May 23, 1991

Q. This is for the President.

The President. No, no. I just finished an arduous press conference. And I can't talk anymore about anything because I just finished what I would say was a full and comprehensive press conference. And the President might be glad to take a question, but we've got to get on—

Q. Do you have a message for the Hungarian nation, Mr. President?

The President. Wait a minute, this may be one I want to break the rule for. [*Laughter*] Look, in the first place, it's a pleasure to have President Goncz back here. I hope he feels he's among friends because he is.

And secondly, we have great respect for what Hungary is doing and trying to do in the future. And it is a dramatic story. It is a wonderfully exciting story about democracy and free markets. And yes, there are some economic problems, but we want to be as helpful as we can. We want this new democratic country and regime to be as successful as possible.

Glad you asked. Thanks. Thank you for your understanding.

Note: The exchange began at 10:06 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House.

Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on President Bush's Meeting With President Arpad Goncz of Hungary May 23, 1991

President Bush met for approximately 30 minutes this morning with Hungarian President Arpad Goncz. The President expressed his understanding for the difficulties Hungary faces in transforming the Hungarian economy and pledged America's continuing strong support. He said that Hungary and the United States will work together to assure that Hungarian democracy succeeds.

The two leaders talked about ways to expand U.S. trade and investment in Hungary. Toward that end, a team of U.S. experts is visiting Budapest this week to review with Hungarian officials impediments to expanded trade and possible ways of overcoming them. This is part of our effort to assure the new democracies of Central and Eastern Europe the widest pos-