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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-

sible access to U.S. and European markets, which we expect will be a major theme of the G-7 summit. President Gonsz expressed his gratitude for U.S. understanding and support. In this context, the two Presidents also agreed on the importance for

the successful conclusion of the Uruguay round.

The two leaders also discussed nationalities conflicts in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as transformations in the Soviet Union.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the Annual Report on Radiation Control for Health and Safety

May 23, 1991

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 360D of the Public Health Service Act (21 U.S.C. 360qq), I am submitting the report of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the administration of the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act of 1968 during calendar year 1990.

The report recommends the repeal of section 360D of the Public Health Service Act that requires the completion of this annual report. All the information found in

this report is available to the Congress on a more immediate basis through Center technical reports, the Radiological Health Bulletin, and other publicly available sources. This annual report serves little useful purpose and diverts Agency resources from more productive activities.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
May 23, 1991.

Remarks to the National Retail Federation

May 23, 1991

Good morning. Thank you very much. Please be seated. It's great to have you all here at the White House. It's good to see Bill Howell behind me here, and Tracy Mullin. And of course, Boyden Gray you heard from—one of our top people in the White House, my friend of long standing, our general counsel who follows the issues that I'm sure you're interested in very, very closely. I'm pleased to see Jack, Jack Schultz here, and delighted to be with you.

The federation, your federation, has supported our administration, as I think you all know, on a wide range of topics. And I wanted at the outset of these remarks just to express my appreciation for that and obviously ask, while I have this much horsepower here, for your continued support. But let me just talk about an issue today that is of importance to every person in

this room, I'd say, transcending importance. And the subject is economic growth. It affects everybody in the country, including and especially perhaps the 16 million workers that you represent.

While there's some disagreement about the length and the depth of the recession, we've got to commit ourselves to policies that are going to promote growth and opportunity that will carry us right into the next century.

Incidentally, on the recession, I'm feeling more confident about the fact that we're—if not have bottomed out, are bottoming out. And I think there's an awful lot of economic forecasters that would agree with what I've just said.

Our growth package can do this. It can guarantee prosperity into the future and it can put us on a long-term path to market-